

# St. Paul's United

September 13th, 2020 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Back Sunday

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.

*Mission Statement: To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.*

**Centering Passage:** *And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'*  
-Luke 11:4

## GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Greeting:

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Call to Worship (Responsive):**

We believe God still creates—

**we want to see more clearly.**

We believe God still speaks—

**we want to listen more carefully.**

We believe God still guides—

**we want to walk more faithfully.**

May this be a time of seeing, hearing, walking.

**May this be a time of true worship.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn: This is God's Wondrous World

VU 296

**Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

**Creator God, As we are made in Your image, we give You thanks for the seed of creativity You planted within each person. Forgive us we pray, for those times we have wasted our capacity to create, and for those times we have used that gift as a force for destruction rather than reparation. Help us truly to live in awe of the creative spirit that you have planted within us. Give us the patience and courage to nourish that seed, and the strength and persistence to express it. In Your name we pray. AMEN**

**Assurance of God's Love**

**Today's Scripture:** Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8

This is the Word of our Creator.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message

On That Day, You Shall Die

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

Hymn:

God of the Bible

MV 25

**Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

**All that we have and all that we are, O Lord, is given by and belongs to you. We offer ourselves and our lives as living testament to your goodness, and seek to live out your love on this earth which we inhabit. Accept the gifts we bring, an offering of ourselves to the one without whom we could not be. AMEN**

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

## SENDING FORTH

**Commissioning (Responsive):**

You have been shaped by loving hands-

**we go to reflect God's image and see it reflected in others.**

You have been moulded by a creative will-

**we go to be God's hands and feet to help and to heal.**

You have been filled with Holy Breath-

**we go to share God's Grace and build God's kingdom together.**

Benediction

Postlude

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