

St. Paul's United Church

September 27th, 2020 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

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: *Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Responsive):

To Abram, God promises protection; a shield.

God's promises are great.

To Abram, God promises descendants to match in number the stars.

God's promises are true.

To all of us, God promises grace, mercy, and love.

God's promises are forever.

Let us worship God and give thanks for God's promises!

Opening Prayer

Hymn: I the Lord of Sea and Sky VU 509

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

We say that Your promises are true, O God, but do we believe that? Life and love everlasting sound too good to be true, and so often we hedge our bets, putting value and trust in things material, things finite. Forgive us for those times where we do not trust in your eternal grace. Forgive us those times when we turn from you, run from you, hide from you. Forgive us, Lord, and remind us that your promises are true. We ask this and all things in the strong name of our brother and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love

Today's Scripture: Genesis 15:1-6

This is the Word of God.

Praise be to you, our Creator!

Message

Four Simple Words

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn:

I am the Dream

MV 106

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

What we have in this life comes from the promises You, O God, have made. All the blessing that we have been afforded spring from Your abundant love. Receive what we offer: our time, talents, and treasures. They are yours as we are. Bless them and us for the work of your kingdom of peace, justice, and love. We ask this and all things in the strong name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

We go from this place to follow our dreams,

to see the limits we set ourselves, and break through them.

We go to be more than successful,

but to build one another up.

We go, following God's call wherever it leads us,

knowing that God's promises are true. That we are not alone. That we have a partner on the way.

Benediction

Postlude

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