

# St. Paul's United

September 6th, 2020 - 14th 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.*

## 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):

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
**Christ walks beside us.**

In our trials and in our triumphs,  
**Christ supports us.**

From sin to grace,  
**Christ guides us.**

Where two or more are gathered in his name,  
**Christ is present.**

### Opening Prayer

Hymn: Christ is made the Sure Foundation VU 325

### Prayer of Confession (Unison):

**"Where two or more are gathered in your name," are words that are meant to encourage us when we gather in faith to worship. We have forgotten that this promise of Christ's presence is not only meant to guide our prayers, but our actions, our relationships with one another. Forgive us, O Christ, when we allow rifts to come between ourselves and our kindred in you. Forgive us when grudges are more important to us than our bond with one another and with creation. Forgive us when we ignore your uniting Spirit. Guide us. Support us. Befriend us again, O Christ. AMEN**

### Assurance of God's Love

**Today's Scripture:** Matthew 18:15-20

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## Message

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### Hymn:

Deep in our Hearts

MV 154

### Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

**Bless, O God, the gifts of our hands, our hearts, our very lives. May they be used to bring reconciliation to a world torn apart by conflict; to bring healing to a community divided by this pandemic. May we reflect your compassionate care on all we meet in this world. We ask this and all things in the name of our brother and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN**

## Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

## SENDING FORTH

### Commissioning (Responsive):

Christ is with us,

**as we go from this place.**

Christ will guide us,

**to deeper relationships with one another.**

Christ will support us,

**in the building of God's Kingdom of peace, justice, and love.**

Christ walks beside us.

**Christ walks beside us!**

## Benediction

## Postlude

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