

St. Paul's United Church

October 18th, 2020 - 20th 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: *And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.*

-Luke 1:46-48a

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 worship, we come to offer all that we are

to God who is the giver of all that we are.

In praise, we recognize that the road we have walked has been in partnership

with Christ, our companion and our guide.

In prayer, we seek a deeper wisdom than our own

from the Holy Spirit, which follows us, surrounds us, and goes before us.

Let us worship. Let us offer praise. Let us bring our prayers.

Into this moment, we bring our very selves.

Opening Prayer

Hymn:

Praise to the Lord

VU 220

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

In the scripture reading we approach, there is a deep faith at work, a crying out, a promise, a hope. In our own lives we have often cried out to you in our times of trial, making promises, if only you would remove the burden from our shoulders, remove us from the path of strife. How many of us have lived into promises made in those most difficult times of our lives? Forgive us when we have promised one thing, and done another. Inspire in us a willingness to turn to you, to truly turn to you in service and praise. We ask this and all things in the strong name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Assurance of God's Love

Today's Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:9-20, 2:1, 9-10

This is the Word of our God.

Praise be to you, O Creator.

Message

Drunk on the Spirit

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn:

Abide with me

VU 436

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Our whole lives are a gift from you, O God, and so we offer them to you freely. Bless what we do in our lives as we strive to follow in your way. Bless what we give of our own abundance for the building up of your kingdom of peace, love, and justice. 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 worship to service

as an extension of God's hands and feel in the world.

We go from praise to practice

having heard Christ's invitation to reach out.

We go to make prayers offered, action taken in the world

led by, inspired by, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Benediction

Postlude

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