

St. Paul's United Church

October 25th, 2020 – 21st 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):

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them;

Who keeps faith with us forever.

(Ps. 146:5-6, NRSV)

Opening Prayer

Hymn: Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12 (VS 1-3)

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

God, we echo the prayer of the tax collector in Jesus' parable who went up to the Jerusalem temple to pray: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Whether we have already begun our journey with Jesus or not, we are all in the same boat: in need of your grace. Please hear our unspoken confessions.... Help us to be confident of your readiness to forgive and your eagerness to help us reach higher ground in our walk with you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Today's Scripture: Matthew 24:1-14: 1 John 4:7-11, 19; 5:11,13
This is the Word of our God.

Praise be to you, O Creator.

Message No Need to Let Our Love Grow Cold

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU 232 (VS 1, 3-4)

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Like Gideon in the Book of Judges, O God, we bring our offerings to you. May you "set fire" to them, something like what you did to his offering, so that great things can happen through them. May they serve to help spread your Kingdom blessings here, in our community, and around the world. AMEN

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

Since we have accepted Christ Jesus as Lord,
let us live in union with him.

Let's keep our roots deep in him, build our lives on him, and become stronger in our faith, as we were taught.

And let us be filled with thanksgiving.

Benediction

Postlude

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A large, stylized graphic in blue ink. The word 'GOD' is at the top in a large, bold, serif font. Below it, 'is' is written in a smaller, cursive font. At the bottom, 'SO GOOD!' is written in a large, bold, serif font, with the 'O' in 'GOOD' being significantly larger than the other letters. The entire graphic is set against a white background.