

Sunday September 15, 2019
14th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service



Prelude Amber Dayton, piano

Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgements

Announcements

Time of Silence

Words to Consider: "I looked in temples, churches and mosques. But I found the Divine within my heart."
Rumi

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Come among us God.

You, who cast the planets into space and cradle the sparrow in her nest. Come and meet us here.

Come among us God

You, who bless the poor and the broken and stand by the sad and the strong. We meet you here, and in every corner of Victoria, of our country, of our world...

Thank you for coming among us God

You, who dance in the silence and shine in the darkness. Awaken us to your presence.

Hymn MV27

Creator God You Gave Us Life

J. Snowdon

Gathering Prayer: **Loving God, You call us to walk with you, to seek justice, to love kindness. This morning we come to this place – a place of safety and love**

for so many of us – and we seek to follow where you call. As we hear your Word for us today, as we learn about ways in which we can put Your love into action – inspire our hearts and fill us with a desire to be Spirit's hands and feet in the world. Bless what we do here. Bless those who will teach the Sunday School programme and all who lead us, and help each of us to be a blessing to others. Amen

Time with the Children

Children's song *One Light One Sun*

Scripture

Luke 15: 1-10

David Bray

This is part of our story. **Thanks be to God!**

Musical Gift

Amber Dayton, piano

Hospitality: God's Love
Made Visible

Appreciation to Moira Nasim, on behalf of the congregation, for her years of service heading up the hospitality team.

Reflection

Hymn VU361

Small Things Count

Murray

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication **We give thanks Holy One, for you have blessed us with all we need to do your work. Empower and embolden us to use our gifts in your service. May our sharing with others be a sign of your kingdom come on**

earth; source of healing and hope to a world in need. We pray this in the name of the One who sends us out, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU296

This Is God's Wondrous World

Babcock/Oliver

Blessing

Postlude

Today we welcome Amber Dayton, pianist (and our alto Choral Scholar) who will be playing the service today. Thank you, Amber!

Services

9:00 a.m. Communion in the Chapel

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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work and worship on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations.