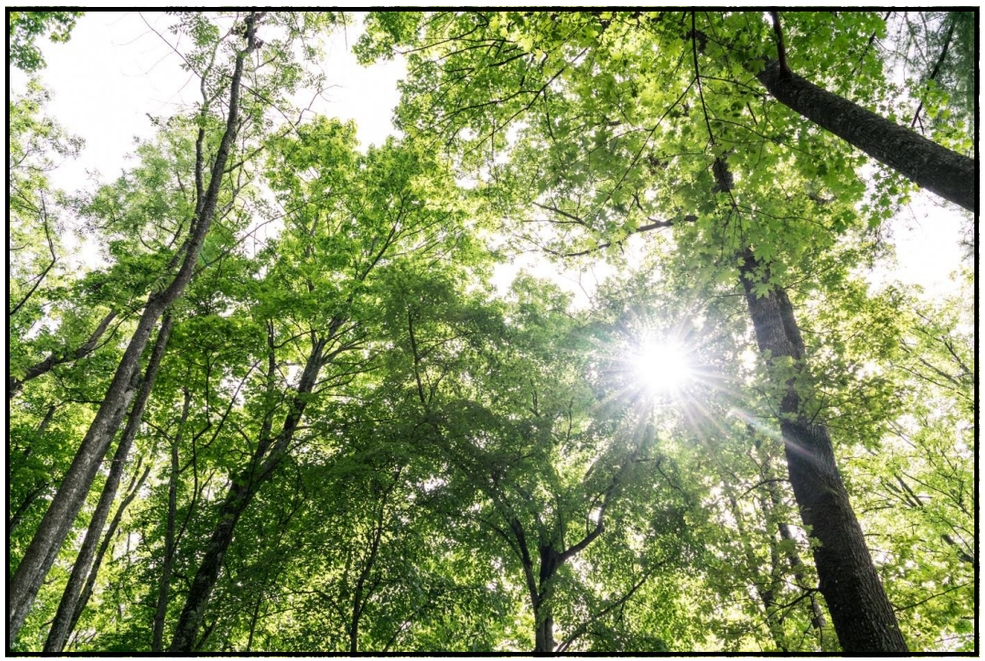
# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2023

SEASON OF CREATION



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## 10:00AM SUNG EUCHARIST – FOREST SUNDAY

**(Book of Alternative Services)**

***The congregation stands when clergy and choir enter.***

**Prelude** *Nazard (from 'Suite Française')* *Jean Langlais*

**Processional Hymn** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* **Blue Book 416**

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Presider* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

### Announcements

*Presider* We wish to honour the ancestral guardians of this land and its waterways: the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Attawandaron, and Wendat peoples. Today many Indigenous peoples continue to call this land home and act as its stewards, and this responsibility extends to all peoples, to share and care for this land for generations to come.

*Invitation to worship on 'Forest Sunday'*

*Presider* Praise and thanks be to You.
Creator of the universe
For the beauty and variety You have given us.
As seasons change
the colours of the woods, countryside and meadows
also change continuously and bring joy to our eyes,
along with new scents even for those who cannot see.

How marvelous the perfect mechanism that
You thought of,
one of an orderly and joyful coexistence,
and with so much responsibility
for the beings You created in Your own image and likeness!

The scent of the flowers, the majesty of the trees,
the song of the birds, the spectacle of the
mushrooms
make of your woods stupendous cathedrals,
where we celebrate in joy
the memorial of creation and our covenant as
brother and sisters.

Everything sings the greatness of God the Creator. (Giovanni Zanaboni)

Let us now continue to worship and honour God.

*Presider* Almighty God,
*People* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Glory to God** **Blue Book 686**

**Collect for Creation**

*Presider* Let us pray.
God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good, to the honour of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*People* **Amen.**

*"Children's Corner" Children are welcome to join Heather at the back of the Cathedral.*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading** *Genesis 2:4b-22*
In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** *139:13-16* **Green Book p. 897**

**Second Reading** *Acts 17:22-28*
Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit

the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

*Reader* The word of the Lord.
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** *Resilience - Be offspring of encouragement* **Tune: Blue Book 349**

Be offspring of encouragement
for hope's the gift that will sustain
when flood and drought and wind exceed
the expectations we maintain.

The truth in love may silence friends
though friendship now to those extends
whose habitats and homelands shake
we read the signs, for Jesus' sake!

And though we may no 'fix the world'
Our life's worthwhile and joy sustains.
Though well-informed we're standing firm
For God's with us, so hope remains.

**Holy Gospel** *John 3:1-16*

*Reader* The Lord be with you.
*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily** *Please be seated*

**The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand*

*Presider* Let us confess our faith, as we say,
*All* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**

*Leader* Inspire us Lord,
*People* **To love the whole of Creation.**

**Confession and Absolution**

*Presider* Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider* We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation. God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
*All* **forgive us and help us.**

*Presider* We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have give them to us. Father, in your mercy:
*All* **forgive us and help us.**

*Presider* We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:
*All* **forgive us and help us.**

*Presider* We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father in your mercy:
*All* **forgive us and help us.**

*Presider* We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy:
*All* **forgive us and help us.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*People* **Amen.**

**The Peace** *Please stand*

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
*People* **And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn** *O God, Beyond All Face and Form* **Blue Book 412**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**The Prayer over the Gifts**

*Presider* Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
*People* **Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.
*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* God of power and might, you spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this fragile earth, and us amongst its inhabitants.

As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life.

So with all creation, we raise our voices to proclaim your great and glorious name:

**Sanctus & Benedictus** Darke in e minor

*Presider* In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks and broke it to speak to us of the breaking of his body upon the cross. He gave the bread to his friends and said: Take and eat, for this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Jesus then took the wine, gave thanks and poured it out to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood. He gave the wine to his friends saying: This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith

*All* **Christ has died**
**Christ is risen**
**Christ will come again.**

*Presider* Therefore, remembering the reconciliation of all creation achieved by the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer you this bread and this wine. Let his perfect sacrifice reconcile us with you, with one another and with all of creation. In the power of your grace make us ministers of your reconciling love.

In Christ, life once broken, spilt and buried, sprang to life again. Now, as we wait with confidence for his coming again, keep alive in us the new life and reconciliation he won for us. Make one what is broken, restore what is spilled and renew all creation in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Send upon this bread and wine, upon us and all creation, the life giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep. Stir up in us what is creative, redeem what is destructive. Unite us with you in the body of your Son by whom, with whom and in whom, in the unity of your Creative Spirit, with all that has been, is, and will be in your universe, we stand before you and worship you, God of all, in songs of everlasting praise,

*All* **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Today's Eucharistic Prayer (Eucharistic Prayer for Creation) is taken from the Anglican Church in Southern Africa.

**The Lord's Prayer** **Blue Book 744**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider* Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

*All* **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**The Communion**

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

***Gluten-free communion wafers*** *are available. Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.*

**Agnus Dei** *Darke in e minor*

**Communion Motet** *The Song of the Tree of Life* R. Vaughan Williams

**Prayer after Communion** *Please stand*

*Presider* Let us pray.
Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

**Doxology**

*Presider* Glory to God,
*All* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Post Communion Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* **Blue Book 425**

**Blessing and Dismissal**

*The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Allegro Risoluto (from 'Symphony No. 2 in e minor')* L. Vierne

**Coffee Hour – After the service please come for coffee and cold drinks in Cronyn Hall.**

**The Flowers** at the **Chancel Steps** are to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Dorothy Papple, dear parents of Marilyn Papple and grand parents of Crystal and Chantal.

**Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer** – Today we pray for the parishes of Christ Church, Oxford Centre; St. Paul's, Princeton; and the Parish of the Thames: St. John's, Thamesford; and St. Georges-on-the-Wye, Thorndale.

**Intercessions** – Bill, Christina, Ann & Ellis, Marg, Phillip, Judy, Finn, Donna, Carol, Roland, Linda.

*This service is being live-streamed and recorded.*

*Presider* – **The Right Reverend Robert Bennett**
*Preacher* – **The Reverend Michael DeKay**
*Deacon* – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**
*Organist* – **Ian Sadler**
*Server* – **Benjamin Vazquez, Stephanie Allen, Doug Campbell**
*Lay Administrants* – **Hazil Malone, Florence Perkes, John Fooks**
*Reader* – **Ann Tonkin**
*Greeters* – **Gord & Joan Rolleston**
*Children's Ministry* – **Heather Clark**
*Wardens* – **Greg Childs, John Fooks**
*Coffee Hour* – **Benjamin Vazquez**
*Bell Ringer* – **Jean Willadsen**
*Live Stream* – **Jade Vajna** / *Sound Technician* – **Jade Vajna**

**Season of Creation** – This seems to be a year unlike any other: unprecedented heat domes, forest fires, earthquakes, storms, floods, tornados. Climate scientists have been warning of a changing global climate and it seems to be coming to fruition. In response to what is arguably the greatest threat ever, Christians around the world are invited to give particular attention to praying and caring for God's creation as part of the global Season of Creation. The hope is that this emphasis will help lead to significant awareness and lifestyle change. Here at St. Paul's, we are going to honour the Season of Creation over five early-fall Sundays beginning September 10 and ending with Thanksgiving, October 8. Each Sunday will have a particular worship theme to help us focus on the Glory of God's Creation and our responsibilities relating to its ongoing health and well-being. Today is Forest Sunday and the season continues:

September 17: Land Sunday
September 24: Rivers and Lakes Sunday
October 1: All Creatures Great and Small Sunday (St. Francis)
October 8: Harvest Sunday

The Season of Creation challenges us renew our relationship with creation, with the Creator, with Christ, and with the Holy Spirit. Please join us as we face the ecological crisis together and strive for the healing of creation.

**Hymn Marathon in support of PWRDF In-Canada Emergency Response Grant**
Our organist, Ian Sadler will play every hymn in our Anglican Common Praise Hymnal - one verse of each. You are welcome to come out to cheer Ian on Saturday, September 9 (8:00am-5:30pm), sing some of the hymns and also sponsor Ian for the 665 hymns; for example, 1c per hymn = $6.65. All funds raised will go to the **Primate's In-Canada Emergency Fund** for victims of Canada's wild fires currently raging. Sponsor sheets will be available after worship each Sunday - back of the Cathedral and in Cronyn Hall. During the week, sponsor sheets will be available in the Cathedral's Office. Tax receipts will be issued for amounts over $10.00. Thank you for your support to our fellow Canadians at this frightening time.

**Drivers needed for Flower Ministry** – if you can help, please speak to Virginia.
**New Photo Directory for the Parish – Smile!** We are pleased to announce that we are preparing a new photo directory for the parish. We have not had one done since 2014 and it is painfully out of date. And with the impending arrival of a new Dean of Huron and Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, you can appreciate that the directory will be helpful for that person to be able to get to know all of YOU quickly and for that matter for you to get to recognize some of our newer members. So please take the time to get your photo taken and in return you will receive a FREE copy of the directory and an opportunity to purchase additional photos for your family and friends if you choose.
We are taking appointments for the next two weeks. Sittings will start at 8:30am each day and end at 4:30pm. Immediately after the service, please see Deacon Pat Henderson in Cronyn Hall or Bette Ferguson at the Great West Doors to sign up.

**St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral – Vacancies for Voices**
The St. Paul's Cathedral Choir has openings for volunteer singers in all voice parts - soprano, alto, tenor and bass. The choir's weekly duties include a Thursday rehearsal (6:30-8:00pm) beginning on September 7th and Sunday morning Service (10:00am) beginning on September 10th. A Choral Evensong is presented once a month on the final Sunday of the month (2:30pm, rehearsal for 4:00pm Service). The choir is lead by a strong core of paid section leads.
There currently remains one paid lead position in the tenor section of the choir.
If you are interested in joining the choir as a volunteer or interested in auditioning for the paid tenor section lead position, please contact Director of Music, Ian Sadler sadlermusic57@gmail.com.

**Family Movie Night:**
Charlie Chaplin "The Circus"
with live music

St. Paul's Cathedral presents a Family Movie Night on Saturday, September 30th at 7:00pm. The 1928 Comedy black & white Silent Movie 'The Circus' starring Charlie Chaplin will be accompanied by live organ music improvised by Ian Sadler on the Cathedral's mighty Casavant pipe organ.

Admission is free; donations are welcome.
Doors open @ 6:30 pm. Movie length is 75 minutes.

All are welcome!

**Celebrity Organ Recital - David Enlow**

David Enlow, Organist and Choir Master at the Church of the Resurrection in New York City, will be giving a recital of music by Bach, Dvorak, Mozart, Vierne and Whitlock at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

Mr. Enlow has been described as a "commanding" organist (The New Yorker), and his "performances [are] full of color, passion, invention, and power" (The American Record Guide).

All are welcome to join us on Friday, October 20 @ 7:30 pm for this fabulous event.

Admission by Donation. Save the date and please do join us for what's sure to be a spectacular organ recital!

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# Volunteers Needed!

## Support newcomers in the community through our Canada Connects Match Program

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**505 Dundas Street**
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**Scan this code to get started!**

Volunteers help newcomers with practicing English, learning about London, and making new connections.

**For more information, contact: ibagnas@lcclc.org**

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**Wireless Hearing Assistance Devices** are available at the back of the Cathedral.

**New to the Cathedral?** Please fill out a welcome card, available in the pews and hand to one of the clergy following the service.

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