

**September 6, 2020
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Forest Sunday in the Season of Creation**

Welcome

Gathering *MV 14 Where Two or Three Are Gathered*

Lighting the Candle

Behold the light of Christ, shining before us in the words we speak and the actions we live out. Amen

Call to worship

On Forest Sunday, we stand in the company of giants – the trees who have lived longer than we have, housing a myriad of creatures, and given us our holy breath. **Let us breathe, and pray, and sing today, and worship God with the emerald forests.**

Opening Prayer: Together

God, we seek your wisdom today from your mysterious giants and their neighbours, the trees and other beings who make up the forests. All are fearfully and wonderfully made. The trees and their forest companions were our first neighbours and teachers, and they are our teachers today. Help us to seek their wisdom anew. Amen

Hymn *MV 30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker*

**Prayers for Grace and Transformation/
Words of affirmation**

Scripture Genesis 2:4-22 (NRSV)
Matthew 18:15-20 (NRSV)

Reflection

Offering

Music leading into Holy Communion

Holy Communion (insert)

**Prayers of the People/
Lord's Prayer**

Extinguishing the Candle

Benediction

Hymn *VU 245 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet*