

St. John's United Church
April 21st, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter
Worship Leader – Rev. Sungsoon Park

WELCOME

Greetings, welcoming newcomers, announcements, prayer concerns and celebrations.

We are looking for more choir members and musicians if anyone is interested in joining.

CENTERING SONG MV # 14 Where Two or Three Are Gathered (X2)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The light of the Christ candle reflects the luminance that illuminates our northern regions during this season. It is a light signifying presence, insight, and aspiration. The light of Christ always surrounds us. There once was a wonderful man who did amazing things. So, often, people asked him, **“Who are you?”** And sometimes, he said, **“I’m the light of the world.”**

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The Lord leads me beside still waters.

You spread a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup is running over.

Surely, your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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Thank you for your continued support and generosity.
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Join PAR: Contact Stacy Mercier 780.812.6492

This Week: April 21st, 2024

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Sophie Harasimiuk & Shirley Highberg

Scripture: Roger Antoniuk

Fellowship: Pat Wood & Rita Goodheart

Next Week: April 28th, 2024

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Sharon Hebert & Patti Skuba

Scripture: Judy Inman

Fellowship: Bim Bowers & Marilyn Thornton

Communion: Kevin & Susan Smith

COMMISSIONING

Go Now In Peace

Go now in Peace, never be afraid;
 God will go with you, each hour of everyday.
 Go now in Faith, steadfast, strong and true,
 know he will guide you in all you do.
 Go now in Love, and show you believe,
 reach out to others, so all the world can see.
 God will be there watching from above.
 Go now, in Peace, in Faith and in Love.
 Amen, Amen, Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please rise)

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

OPENING PRAYER

As we gather, we are thankful for your Creation:
 for light and darkness;

for air, wind, and sky; for earth and sea;

for seeds, harvests, and plant life;

for sunlight, moonlight, and starlight;

for every living creature, swarming, flying, creeping, and grazing; for our lives.

In our actions, meditations, and prayers,

may we honour and celebrate your very good Creation,

as we seek wisdom on how to share our gratitude and love in good and healing ways. Amen.

HYMN VU # 520 We Plough the Fields and Scatter

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we feel useless and despairing,

you lead us from the dark valley, O God, and you give us our confidence back.

When we have no wish to join in, but try to go it alone,

you lead us back to the community, O God, and you show us the joy and the satisfaction of working with others.

When we refuse to meet a challenge or to get involved in a just cause,

you lead us from the place of denial, O God, and you give us the courage to stand with the oppressed.

When we neglect our life of faith and cannot find time for worship, prayer, or your Word,
you lead us back into faithfulness, O God, and you enable us to see our priorities as disciples of Jesus Christ.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN VU # 238 O Lord My God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

DEDICATION SONG # 541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

DEDICATION PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 4:5-12 pg. 152

John 10:11-18 pg. 131

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 23 Pg. 749

Refrain: My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want

God is my shepherd,

There is nothing I shall lack.

You, God, make me lie down in green pastures,

You lead me beside peaceful waters;

You revive my spirit,

You guide me in the right pathways for your name's sake.

Refrain: My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you are with me,

Your road and your staff are my comfort.

You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in God's house my whole life long.

Refrain: My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want

CHOIR ANTHEM

SERMON

HYMN MV # 126 Are you a Shepherd?