

St. John's United Church
April 12th, 2025
Second 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 you're interested, please join us.

CENTERING SONG VU # 180 Refrain + vs. 4 + Refrain
Christ is risen, yes, indeed! Hallelujah!
Seek him not among the dead. Sing a song of joy instead.
Christ is risen, yes, indeed! Hallelujah!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light the Christ Candle to celebrate the risen Lord, the Light of the World. In this Easter season, the flame reminds us that darkness has been overcome and new life has begun.

Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed.

Christ's light shines through us,

guiding us with hope, love, and unending grace. Amen.

The Christ candle is lit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of the living God, called into hope beyond fear.

We come seeking peace for troubled hearts.

Come, you who carry questions and doubts.

We come longing for assurance and grace.

Christ stands among us and says, "Peace be with you."

We open our hearts to receive Christ's presence.

Let us worship God, the source of life, the breath of peace, and risen hope.

We worship with wonder, trust, and joy.

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Join PAR: Contact Stacy Mercier 780.812.6492

This Week: April 12th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Gloria Tomm & Gloria Balla

Scripture: Kevin Smith

Fellowship: Evelyn Campeau & Doris Ulanicki

Next Week: April 19th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Jeannette Poulin & Eileen Schmidt

Scripture: Bim Bowers

Fellowship: Bim Bowers & Marilyn Thornton

SERMON Reflection

HYMN VU # 173 Thine Is the Glory

COMMISSIONING

Go now as people of resurrection—not free from doubt, but alive in hope.

We go with questions, trusting in God’s presence.

Go into the world with peace—sharing love, seeking justice, and building community.

We go as witnesses of Christ’s living grace.

BENEDICTION HYMN

Go now in Peace, never be afraid;

God will go with you, each hour of every day.

**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 THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

CHILDREN’S TIME**OPENING PRAYER**

Holy and living God, you raised Jesus from the grave and opened the way of life that cannot be silenced.

**You meet us wherever we are—whether in joy or uncertainty,
confidence or doubt.**

Breathe your Spirit upon us today.

**Calm our fears, steady our hearts, and open us to the gift of your
peace.**

Help us to recognize Christ in our midst and to live as witnesses of your love and justice in the world.

We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

OPENING HYMN VU # 158 Christ is Alive**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of mercy, you call us to live as Easter people, yet we often stay behind closed doors.

We confess that fear can hold us back.

You offer us peace, yet we cling to anxiety and suspicion.

We confess that trust does not come easily.

You invite us to believe, yet we demand certainty before we act.

We confess that doubt can overwhelm us.

Forgive us, O God. Meet us again with grace.

Breathe your Spirit into us, and renew our faith, hope, and love.

(Silence...)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ comes not to condemn but to restore.

Christ meets us in our fear and speaks peace.

Christ welcomes our questions and offers life.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and sent forth.

(All) Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

HOLY COMMUNION (insert)

HYMN VU # 164 The Day of Resurrection

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**LORD'S PRAYER****OFFERING****DEDICATION SONG MV # 27 Creator God You Gave Us Life vs 3**

When with our hearts, our hands, our minds, we share our gifts with all the worlds, our spirits soar beyond the veil, to touch the very face of God. Through hands that paint majestic skies, and voices chanting melody, with words that reach beyond the page, we comprehend your mystery.

DEDICATION PRAYER**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Acts 2:22-32 pg. 149, 150

1 Peter 1:3-9 pg. 293, 294

John 20:19-31 pg. 145

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 16 VU p. 738

Refrain: Protect me, God: I trust in you.

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I have said to God, "You are my God; from you alone comes all my prosperity."

All my delight is in the faithful who dwells in the land, and in those who excel in virtue.

But as for those who run after other gods, their troubles shall be multiplied.

Liberations of blood I will not offer to those gods, nor will I take their names upon my lips. Let those who fear God say:

Refrain: Protect me, God: I trust in you.

You, God, are my allotted portion and my cup;

you yourself have cast my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

indeed I have a noble heritage.

I will thank you, God, for giving me counsel;

at night also you teach my heart.

I keep you always before me;

you are on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Refrain: Protect me, God: I trust in you.

So my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; for my body shall also rest in safety.

For you will not surrender me to the Grave, nor suffer your beloved to see the Abyss.

You will show me the path of life.

In your presence is fullness of joy; and from your right hand flow delight for evermore.

Refrain: Protect me, God: I trust in you.