

St. John's United Church
April 28th, 2024
5th 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

Jesus is the true vine, and God is the vine grower.

We are the branches.

It is God’s word that makes the branches strong.

and the Word bears fruit.

The Word gives rise to action;

and action proves our discipleship.

God celebrates when we act faithfully;

and we give back praise and glory to God.

Regular Office Hours

10:00am-12:00pm Tuesday and Thursday

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Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

If you would like to continue with weekly offerings they can be

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Join PAR: Contact Stacy Mercier 780.812.6492

This 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

Next Week: May 5th 2024

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Roger Antoniuk & Nestor Kunec

Scripture: Kevin Smith

Fellowship: Rita Normand & Helene Severyn

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

Where do we see you, O God?

We see you in the most helpless baby, as creator and caregiver.

When do we know you, O God?

We know you in the laughter and play of growing children, as the spirit of carefree joy.

How do we experience you, O God?

We experience you in mature men and women, as the renewer of confidence and strength for a new day.

In whom do we know you, O God?

We know you in later years, as the provider of unforeseen opportunities and the eternal sign of hope. Amen.

HYMN MV # 1 Let Us Build a House vs. 1,2,3,5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We look for your acceptance and forgiveness, Loving God.

We have been slow to trust, yet quick to criticize.

We have been reluctant to give, yet ready to take advantage.

We have known the words to say, but have kept them to ourselves.

We have been challenged to bring change, but have failed to get started.

We have been aware of the opportunity to witness to our faith, but have let the moment pass.

And we are conscious of those times, O God, when we have denied the way of integrity and compassion shown to us by Jesus Christ.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE**COMMUNION LITURGY** *(insert)***HYMN VU # 326 O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing****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 8:26-40 pg. 158, 159

John 15:1-8 pg. 138

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 22 pt. 3 & 4 Pg. 746

Refrain: In the presence of your people I will praise your name.

Give praise, all you who fear God! Proclaim God's greatness, all you children of Jacob;

Stand in awe, all you children of Israel!

For God has neither despised nor scorned the poor in their distress.

You, O God, have not hidden your face from them. You heard them when they called to you.

Refrain: In the presence of your people I will praise your name.

You are the theme of my praise in the great assembly.

I will keep my promise in the presence of those who fear you.

Let the poor eat to satisfaction; let those who seek you praise you.

May they be in good heart forever!

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to you, O God.

Let all the families of the nations bow down before you.

For yours is the dominion, O God, you rule over the nations.

Refrain: In the presence of your people I will praise your name.

Even all who sleep in the grave shall worship you; those who go down into the dust shall bow before you.

I too shall live for you.

Our children shall serve you, and tell generations yet to come about you.

To a people yet unborn, they shall make known the saving deeds you have done.

Refrain: In the presence of your people I will praise your name.

SERMON**HYMN VU # 232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You**



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