

St. John's United Church
August 10th, 2025
9th Sunday after Pentecost
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 # 381 Spirit of Life

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light the Christ Candle; it flames and reveals

Christ's presence is here, but there's more that we feel.

We are grateful and happy; this day is for hope,

knowing Christ is among us, so now we can cope.

We begin a time of worship, a time for forgiving.

The renewing spirit of Jesus Christ is with us as we worship.

The Christ candle is lit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of faith, come into the presence of the living God.

God calls not for hollow rituals, but for lives of justice and mercy.

We turn our hearts to the Lord,

seeking to walk in faith, not just in form.

By faith, the saints of old journeyed into the unknown,

trusting in a better homeland prepared by God.

We too walk by faith, looking forward with hope,

living each day as citizens of God's kingdom.

Do not be afraid, little flock,

for it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Keep your lamps burning; be ready for the Master's return.

We are watchful and faithful,

offering our lives in worship and obedience.

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Join PAR: Contact Stacy Mercier 780.812.6492

This Week: August 10th, 2025

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Jeannette Poulin & Eileen Schmidt

Scripture: Pat Perry

Fellowship:

Next Week: August 17th, 2025

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeter: Ed Inman & Judy Inman

Scripture: Judy Inman

Fellowship:

COMMISSIONING

Go now in faith, trusting not in what you see,
but in the One who has promised.

**Walk in hope like Abraham,
seeking the city not built by hands, but prepared by God.**

Go now in readiness,
with your lamps burning and your hearts awake,
for it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Go now in grace,
**to do good, to seek justice, to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God. Amen.**

BENEDICTION HYMN Go Now in Peace

**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

All parts of creation, animate and inanimate, are related.

All creation is good.

We sing of the Creator, who made humans to live and move and
have their being in God.

**In and with God, we can direct our lives toward right
relationship with each other and with God.**

We can discover our place as one strand in the web of life.

We can grow in wisdom and compassion.

We can recognize all people as kin.

**We can accept our mortality and finitude, not as a curse,
but as a challenge to make our lives and choices matter.**

OPENING HYMN VU # 686 God of Grace and God of Glory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us come before God in a spirit of humility and truth,
confessing our sins and trusting in God's mercy.

**We confess that we have often drawn near to You with our words,
but our hearts have wandered.**

We have gone through the motions of faith,
but failed to live with justice, mercy, and love.

**We have hoarded what we should have shared,
and we have hesitated when You called us to act.**

Forgive us, O God.

Wash us clean from all that stains our witness.

**Create in us the faith of Abraham and Sarah—
trusting, obedient, and open to Your future.**

Clothe us with readiness,
and teach us to live as citizens of Your coming kingdom.

Through Christ, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

It is WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news:

Though your sins are like scarlet,

they shall be as white as snow.

Though they are red like crimson,

they shall become like wool.

It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Our faith is not in vain. Our hope is secure.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN VU # 314 Come Now Almighty King

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

DEDICATION SONG VU # 581 When We Are Living, vs. 2

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.

Good works of service are for offering.

**When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God,
we belong to God.**

DEDICATION PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 pg. 669, 670

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 pg. 284, 285

Luke 12:32-40 pg. 95

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 50 pg. 775

***Refrain: The mighty one, God the Sovereign, speaks and
summons the earth.***

God, the Almighty, has spoken;

and summoned the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.

God shines out of Zion, a city perfect in beauty.

Our God appears, and will not keep silence.

***Refrain: The mighty one, God the Sovereign, speaks and
summons the earth.***

Before you, God, runs a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest rages
about you.

**You call on the heavens above, and on the earth below, to
witness the judgment of your people:**

"Gather my people before me, the people who made covenant with me
by sacrifice."

The heavens proclaim your justice, for you yourself are judge.

***Refrain: The mighty one, God the Sovereign, speaks and
summons the earth.***

SERMON Reflection

HYMN VU # 580 Faith of Our Father's