

**St. John's United Church**  
**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
11<sup>th</sup> 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**

God of life, our breath is your praise.

**God of love, our joy is your name, and we honour you.**

Brother Christ, our healing is your passion.

**Maestro of love, our wholeness is your doing, and we thank you.**

Holy Spirit, you breathe in us and give us beauty.

**Spirit of Love, our life is your glory,**

**and we worship you. Alleluia!**

**Regular Office Hours**

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**This Week: August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Jean Antoniuk & Marjorie Matthews

Scripture: Diane Wilson

Fellowship:

Communion : Kevin & Susan Smith

**Next Week: August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Sharon Hebert & Patti Skuba

Scripture: Marilyn Thornton

Fellowship: Pat Wood & Millie Highberg

**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**

Before we drew our first breath, God knew us.  
**Before we took our first steps, God called us.**  
 God sends us with words of truth and seeds of hope.  
**God sets us in a world that is shaken and shaking.**  
 Yet, God's kingdom cannot be moved.  
**God's love cannot be broken.**  
 Come, let us worship with reverence and awe—  
**For our God is a consuming fire and a fountain of mercy!**

**OPENING HYMN** VU # 264 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have often bent low  
 under the weight of fear, doubt, and sin.  
**You call us to stand tall in your freedom,**  
**Yet we cling to what is familiar.**  
 You invite us to bring healing and justice,  
**Yet we hesitate or remain silent.**  
 Forgive us, O Lord.  
 Lift our eyes to see as you see.  
**Straighten our hearts to walk in your ways.**  
**Make us whole by your grace.**

### It is WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news:

Christ sees us and says, *"You are set free."*

**We are released from our burdens.**

**We are forgiven.**

God has given us a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

**Thanks be to God, whose love makes us whole!**

### HOLY COMMUNION *(insert)*

HYMN VU # 570 Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

### 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

Jeremiah 1:4-10 pg. 730

Hebrews 12:25-29 pg. 287

Luke 13:10-17 pg. 97

### RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 71 pt. 1 pg. 789

***Refrain: A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.***

In you, O God, I seek refuge; may I never be disappointed.

**In your righteousness, save and rescue me; incline your ear and deliver me.**

Be a sheltering rock for me, a fortress where I may find safety;

**for you are my rock and my stronghold.**

Rescue me, O God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

**For you are my hope, my trust from my youth; from the time of my birth I have leaned on you.**

***Refrain: A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.***

### SERMON Reflection

HYMN VU # 714 Come, We That Love

### COMMISSIONING

Go now, called from the womb, chosen for this day.

**We go in the strength of God's sending.**

Go now, standing tall in Christ's freedom.

**We go, set free to heal and to love.**

Go now, rooted in the kingdom that cannot be shaken.

**We go with grateful hearts and steady faith.**

And may the blessing of God—Creator, Christ, and Spirit—

**Go with you and remain with you always. Amen.**