

**St. John's United Church
August 9th, 2026**

11th 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 MV 14 # Where Two or Three Are Gathered x 2
Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there, I am there.

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle because

Christ is the light that darkness cannot overcome.

When fear surrounds us, **Christ comes.**

When the winds rise, **Christ comes.**

When we wonder if hope is enough, **Christ comes.**

May this light remind us that **God's love is among us.**

The Christ candle is lit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who seek God.

We come with thankful hearts.

Come, all who have known calm waters—

and all who have weathered storms.

Come, remembering Joseph,

whose suffering became a path toward life.

We come, trusting that God is still at work.

Come, listening for the voice of Christ,

who says, "Take heart. It is I. Do not be afraid."

We come to worship God.

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This Week: August 9th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Roger Antoniuk & Nestor Kunec

Scripture: Diane Wilson

Fellowship:

Next Week: August 16th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Ruth Isley & Rita Goodheart

Scripture: Marilyn Thornton

Fellowship:

SERMON Reflection

HYMN VU # 660 How Firm a Foundation

COMMISSIONING

Go into the world remembering:

When life is calm, give thanks.

When storms arise, take courage.

When fear whispers, listen instead for Christ's voice.

When others struggle, be the hand that reaches out.

Walk in hope. Serve in love.

Trust in God's abiding presence.

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 One, you meet us in familiar places

and in unexpected moments.

You find us when life is peaceful

and when everything feels uncertain.

Open our hearts today. Strengthen our faith.

Help us to trust your presence,

to recognize Christ among us,

and to become people of courage, compassion, and hope. Amen.

OPENING HYMN VU # 409 Morning Has Broken

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, sometimes we become afraid.

We cling to certainty instead of trusting your Spirit.

We judge before listening.

We wound those closest to us.

We ignore cries for help.

We doubt your presence

when life becomes difficult.

Forgive us. Lift us from fear.

Call us again into lives of courage,

justice, generosity, and love. Amen.

(Silence...)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news. Christ comes to frightened disciples,
to doubting believers, and to ordinary people.

Christ does not wait for our faith to be perfect.

Christ reaches out, takes hold of us,

and says, "Do not be afraid."

In God's love we are forgiven,

renewed, and invited to begin again.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU # 657 He Leadeth Me

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

DEDICATION SONG VU # 541 Praise God from Whom All
Blessings Flow

**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

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 pg. 40, 41

Matthew 14:22-33 pg. 22

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 105 VU p. 828, 829

Refrain: Bless God, my soul. Hallelujah!

Give thanks and call on God's name. Make known to the nations what
God has done.

**Sing, O sing the songs of praise; tell of all God's wonderful
deeds.**

Exult in God's holy name;

let those who seek God be joyful in heart.

Refrain: Bless God, my soul. Hallelujah!

Turn for help to the One who is your strength; seek God's presence
continually.

**Remember the marvels the Most High has done, the wonders and
judgements God has given,**

O children of Abraham and Sarah, God's servants,

O offspring of Israel, chosen of God.

Refrain: Bless God, my soul. Hallelujah!

You called down famine on the land, and cut off the supply of bread.
**But you sent one ahead of them, Joseph, whom they had sold as
a slave.**

His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck collared with iron;
until his predictions came true, your word tested him.

Then the king sent and released him, the ruler of nations set him free.

**He made Joseph master of his house, ruler of all his
possessions,**

to correct his officials at will,

to teach his counsellors wisdom.

Refrain: Bless God, my soul. Hallelujah!