

St. John's United Church

January 18th, 2025

Second Sunday after Epiphany
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 # 12 Come Touch Our Hearts vs. 1

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

In the beginning was light, and God said, "Let there be light."

And the light shone in the darkness.

In this Epiphany season, we remember the light revealed to the nations.

The light of Christ shines for all people.

As the star guided the Magi, this flame reminds us of Christ among us.

We welcome the light of Christ—light for our journey, hope for the world. Amen.

The Christ candle is lit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are called by God, even before we knew it.

We come, trusting the One who knows our names.

God calls us from many places, from quiet waiting and from restless longing.

We come, ready to listen and follow.

Christ stands among us and says, "Come and see."

We come to encounter grace and truth.

Let us worship the God who calls, gathers, and sends.

With open hearts, we worship God. Amen.

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This Week: January 18th, 2025

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Nancy Hite & Gladys Foster

Scripture: Donna Worden

Fellowship: Rita Normand & Hélène Severyn

Next Week: January 25th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Sharon Hebert & Patti Skuba

Scripture: Kevin Smith

Fellowship: Millie Highberg & Bev Bowers

Communion: Kevin & Susan Smith

SERMON Reflection

HYMN VU # 595 We Are Pilgrims

COMMISSIONING

Go now, knowing we are called by name.

We go, trusting in God's faithfulness.

Follow Christ, who invites us to come and see.

We will walk in the way of love and truth.

Share the grace we have received, and bear witness to hope in the world.

We go to serve, guided by the Spirit.

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Faithful God, you formed us, called us, and claim us as your own.
From before our beginning, you have known us in love.

You lift us from places of waiting and set our feet on solid ground.

You put a new song in our mouths, a song of praise and hope.

In Jesus, you invite us to come and see, to discover your grace made flesh.

Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may follow where Christ leads.

Receive our worship, O God.

Shape us for your purposes of love and justice. Amen.

OPENING HYMN VU # 415 God, We Praise You for the Morning

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and calling, you invite us into lives of purpose and grace, yet we confess that we often hesitate.

We doubt our worth and resist your call.

You ask us to trust your faithfulness, but we cling to fear and self-reliance.

We forget the promises you have already given us.

You call us to follow Christ, yet we turn aside when the path feels uncertain.

Forgive us for failing to listen and for holding back from love and service.

Hear our confession, O God.

Renew us by your grace. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: God is faithful to all God's promises.
In Jesus Christ, we are called and held in grace.
 Christ takes away the world's brokenness and restores us to new life.
We are forgiven, renewed, and strengthened.
 God will sustain you to the end.
Thanks be to God! We live in hope and gratitude. Amen.

HYMN MV # 28 God of the Bible

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

DEDICATION SONG VU # 537 Your Work, O God
 Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,
 and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:
 be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

DEDICATION PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 49:1-7 pg. 712, 713
 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 pg. 205
 John 1:29-42 pg. 117

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 40 VU pg. 764, 765

Refrain: You put a new song in my mouth, your name to glorify.

I waited patiently for you, O God; you bent down and heard my cry.
You lifted me out of the horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
 You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many shall see and wonder, and will put their trust in you.

Refrain: You put a new song in my mouth, your name to glorify.

Blessed are those whose trust is in God,
who have not turned to the proud, nor to those who follow a lie.
 O God, my God, you have multiplied your wonderous deeds
and your thoughts towards us; none can compare with you!
 I would proclaim and tell of them,
but they are more than can be numbered.
 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required.
 But you have opened my ears to hear, and I said: "Hear I am, ready to
 do what is written in the scroll of the book."
I delight to do your will, O my God, your law is in my heart.

Refrain: You put a new song in my mouth, your name to glorify.

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; I
 did not restrain my lips, as you well know.
I have not kept your goodness hidden in my heart, but have spoken of your faithfulness and your saving help.
 I have not concealed your steadfast love, nor your truth from the great
 congregation.
Do not withhold from me your tender care, O God; may your love and truth ever preserve me.

Refrain: You put a new song in my mouth, your name to glorify.