

**St. John's United Church
June 28th, 2025**

Fifth 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 # 202 Breath of God vs 3
O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle to signify Christ's presence among us.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

As this flame burns before us,
may God's love illuminate our path,
may Christ's grace welcome us,
and may the Spirit's courage guide us. Amen.

The Christ candle is lit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

When life feels uncertain and the path ahead is unclear,
God calls us to trust.
When our prayers seem unanswered, and our hearts grow weary,
God remains faithful.
When fear urges us toward self-protection,
Christ calls us toward generosity and welcome.
When we wonder how to live as disciples,
The Spirit leads us in the way of life.
Come, let us worship God.
We come with open hearts and willing spirits. Amen.

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This Week: June 28th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Roger Antoniuk & Nestor Kunec

Scripture: Donna Worden

Fellowship: Evelyn Campeau & Doris Ulanicki

Next Week: July 5th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Ruth Isley & Rita Goodheart

Scripture: Kevin Smith

Fellowship:

HYMN VU # 642 Be Thou My Vision

COMMISSIONING

Go into the world, trusting in God's presence.

We will walk in faith.

Go into the world, choosing the way of life.

We will seek justice and practice compassion.

Go into the world welcoming Christ in friend and stranger alike.

We will offer kindness, hospitality, and hope.

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

When self-serving leaders' words and actions shake our world with fear,

Living God, you provide good people and a better path.

During our church's uncertain times about the future,

you call us to reflect on our faithful history and inspire us with incredible possibilities ahead.

When family difficulties arise and friendships end,

you grant us the time and skills to mend and rebuild relationships.

As our confidence diminishes and others' judgments affect us,

Loving God, you remind us of our worth in your eyes and our capacity to serve others with glory. Amen.

OPENING HYMN MV # 1 Let Us Build A House

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you call us to lives shaped by love and justice,

Yet we often choose easier paths.

We confess that we sometimes cling to fear rather than to trust.

We hold tightly to what we have instead of sharing generously.

We forget the needs of neighbours and strangers.

We allow habits that diminish life to guide our choices.

Forgive us, renew us,

and lead us again into the freedom of Christ. Amen.

(silent ...)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The good news is this: God's love does not depend on our perfection.

In Christ, we are continually invited into new life.

The Spirit strengthens us to begin again, to grow in grace,
and to walk in the way of love.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

HYMN VU # 453 Out of Deep, Unordered Water

BAPTISM - *Meadow Danielle Lapratt*

HYMN VU # 672 Take Time to be Holy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

DEDICATION SONG VU # 518 As Those of Old Their ... vs 3

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to you,
not just to serve your cause, but share your love with neighbours
too.

O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

DEDICATION PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 22:1-14 pg. 21, 22

Romans 6:12-14, 20-23 pg. 193, 194

Matthew 10:40-42 pg. 16

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 13 VU pg. 734, 735

Refrain: Be still, my soul, for God is on your side.

How long, O God, will you utterly forget me?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I suffer anguish in my soul, and be so grieved in my
heart day and night?

How long shall my enemy triumph over me?

Refrain: Be still, my soul, for God is on your side.

Look at me, and answer me, O God my God;

Give light to my eyes, lest I fall asleep in death,

lest my enemies claim to have prevailed against me,

lest my foes rejoice at my downfall.

But my trust is in your mercy.

Let my heart be joyful in your salvation.

I will sing to you, O God,

**because you have dealt so lovingly with me. I will praise your
name, O God most high.**

Refrain: Be still, my soul, for God is on your side.

SERMON Reflection

"I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER,
BUT HE WILL BAPTIZE
YOU WITH THE
Holy Spirit."

MARK 1:8, NIV

