

**St. John's United Church
May 24th, 2025**

Pentecost Sunday

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

The light of Jesus Christ
inspires our prayers.

The light of Jesus Christ
brings joy to our singing.

The light of Jesus Christ
finds purpose in God's word.

The light of Jesus Christ
illuminates the needs of the world.

So we will

(sing) **let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Amen.**

The Christ candle is lit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

On the day of Pentecost, people gathered from many places, speaking many languages, and carrying many stories.

The Spirit came among them with power and grace.

The wind of God blew through fear and uncertainty.

The fire of God kindled courage and joy.

The breath of Christ brought peace to troubled hearts.

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This Week: May 24th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Ruth Isley & Rita Goodheart

Scripture: Diane Wilson

Fellowship: Millie Highberg & Bev Bowers

Communion: Nancy Hite & Gladys Foster

Next Week: May 31st, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Gloria Tomm & Gloria Balla

Scripture: Marilyn Thornton

Fellowship: Helene Severyn & Rita Normand

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SERMON Reflection

HYMN VU # 207 Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth

COMMISSIONING

Go now into the world: filled with the breath of God,
kindled by the fire of Christ,
and strengthened by the Spirit's gifts.

Speak words of peace.

Practice acts of justice.

Build communities of compassion.

For the Spirit is still moving.

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

We come seeking renewal.

The Spirit gathers us into one body.

We come to worship God, the Creator, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME**OPENING PRAYER**

Holy One, Breath of life, Spirit of compassion,
You move through creation with wisdom and delight.

You stir dry bones into life.

You speak peace into fearful hearts.

You call communities into justice, healing, and hope.

Open us this day. Set our hearts aflame with your love.

Open our mouths for honesty and praise.

Gather us into deeper belonging with one another and with you.

Through Christ, who breathes peace among us. Amen.

OPENING HYMN VU # 198 Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of God, You call us to live with courage and compassion, but
we often cling to fear.

**You invite us into community, but we build walls between one
another.**

You give gifts for the good of all, but we compare, compete, or hold
back.

**You breathe peace among us, but we nurture resentment and
division.**

Forgive us when we resist your movement.

Renew our hearts. Restore our hope.

Kindle your love within us again.

Come, Holy Spirit, and make us new. Amen.

(silent ...)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: The Spirit of God is not withheld from us.

In Christ, we are offered peace.

In grace, we are forgiven.

In the Spirit, we are made one body.

God's mercy is wider than our fear, and God's love is stronger than our failure.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION *(insert)*

HYMN MV # 173 Put Peace into Each Other's Hands

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

Acts 2:1-21 pg. 149

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 pg. 216

John 20:19-23 pg. 145

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 104 pt. 2 VU pg. 827

Refrain 1: Bless, O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

O God, how manifold are your works!

**With Wisdom at your side you made them all; the earth is full of
your creatures.**

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There lies the great and mighty Sea, teeming with living things both
great and small.

**Upon it sail the ships, and there is Leviathan, the monster you
made to play in it.**

All these look at you, to give them their food in due season.

**What you give them they gather up. When you open your hand,
you fill them with good things.**

But when you hide your face they despair. When you take away their
breath, they die, and return to dust.

**But when you send out your spirit, they live again, and you renew
the face of the earth.**

Refrain 1: Bless, O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

May your glory, O God, endure forever.

May you rejoice, O God, in your works.

When you look at the earth it trembles.

When you touch the mountains they smoke.

I will sing to God as long as I live.

I will praise my God while I have being

Refrain 1: Bless, O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation.