

St. John's United Church
May 3rd, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Worship Leader – Rev. Sungsoon Park

WELCOME

Greetings, welcoming newcomers, announcements, prayer concerns and celebrations.

We are looking for more choir members and musicians if anyone is interested in joining.

Centering Song VU 180 Refrain + vs 4 + Refrain

Christ is risen, yes, indeed! Hallelujah!

“Seek him not among the dead. Sing a song of joy instead.”

Christ is risen, yes, indeed! Hallelujah!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light the Christ Candle to celebrate the risen Lord, the Light of the World. In this Easter season, the flame reminds us that darkness has been overcome and new life has begun.

Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed.

Christ's light shines through us,

guiding us with hope, love, and unending grace. Amen.

The Christ candle is lit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In times of trouble and in times of hope, we turn to God.

Our times are in God's hands.

When fear threatens to overwhelm us, Christ speaks peace.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

When we feel lost, searching for a way forward—

Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Come, living stones, chosen and precious—

We gather to be built into a spiritual house of love and justice.

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This Week: May 3rd, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Millie Highberg & Bev Bowers

Scripture: Jacki Kunec

Fellowship: Bev Cameron & Nancy Hite

Next Week: May 10th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Roger Antoniuk & Nestor Kunec

Scripture: Roger Antoniuk

Fellowship: Pat Wood & Rita Goodheart

SERMON Reflection

HYMN MV # 37 Each Blade of Grass

COMMISSIONING

Go into the world as people of hope.

We will not let our hearts be troubled.

Follow Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

We will walk in love and courage.

Trust in God, whose hands hold all our days.

Our times are in God's hands.

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**

God of refuge and new life,

You gather us in love.

When we are anxious or uncertain,

You steady our hearts.

When we cannot see the way ahead,

Christ leads us as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Shape us by your Spirit,

into a community of courage, compassion, and hope.

Build us into your living house,

so that we may reflect your light in the world. Amen.

OPENING HYMN VU # 248 When Long Before Time vs 1-4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our shortcomings.

God of steadfast love, we confess that we do not always trust you.

We let our hearts be troubled and cling to fear.

We turn away from your way of love,

choosing comfort over courage, and silence over justice.

We forget that we are called to be living stones,

building communities of welcome and grace.

Forgive us, renew us, and reshape us.

Lead us back to your path of life. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: God's love does not let us go.
 In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called again.
We are no longer defined by fear, but by grace.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN VU # 356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**LORD'S PRAYER****OFFERING**

DEDICATION SONG MV # 27 Creator God You Gave Us Life vs 3

DEDICATION PRAYER**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Acts 7:55-60 pg. 157

1 Peter 2:2-10 pg. 294, 295

John 14:1-14 pg. 137

Responsive Reading Psalm 31 Pt. 1&3 VU p. 758

Refrain: I trust in you, you are my God.

In you, O God, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.
Deliver me in your righteousness; incline your ear; come quickly to my rescue.

Refrain: I trust in you, you are my God.

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to keep me safe.

You are indeed my rock and fortress; lead me and guide me for your own name's sake.

Release me from the net that they hid for me, for you are my protector.
Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.

Refrain: I trust in you, you are my God.

My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.

Let your face shine on your servant, and save me, for your mercy's sake.

Refrain: I trust in you, you are my God.