

St. John's United Church
May 4th, 2025
Third 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 MV # 14 Where Two or Three are Gathered X 2

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.

And Christ's light shines through us,
guiding us with hope, love, and unending grace. Amen.

The Christ candle is lit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the presence of God, who breathes life into all creation.

We sing God's praises, breathing in God's glory.

All are welcome in the presence of the Most High.

We come seeking goodness in the hands of God.

We gather as God's beloved people, leaving no one outside.

Together, we reflect the fullness of God's love;

We bring God's love into the world.

(All) Let us worship the Living God, whose breath gives us life.

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Thank you for your continued support and generosity.
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This Week: May 4th, 2025

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Ed & Judy Inman

Scripture: Judy Inman

Fellowship: Rita Normand & Helene Severyn

Next Week: May 11th, 2025

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Nancy Hite & Gladys Foster

Scripture: Kevin Smith

Fellowship: Olive Martin & Nancy Hite

HYMN VU # VU 563 Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore**COMMISSIONING**

Holy One calls us by name and invites us into a life of abundant love.

We go into the world as God's beloved, sharing holy love with everyone we meet.

Jesus teaches us to love as freely and wastefully as God loves us.

We will embody Christ by breaking barriers and welcoming all.

The Holy Spirit fills us with life and calls us to imagine new ways of being Church.

We will breathe deeply, move forward in hope, and be the Church for a broken world.

Go Now In Peace

Go now in Peace, never be afraid;

God will go with you, each hour of everyday.

**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 OF THE PEACE *(Please rise if you are able)*

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME**OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, we are so grateful to be here in your sanctuary.

**Please receive our worship and praise,
and fill us with your peace and joy.**

Empower us with your gentle power and the Holy Spirit
**so that we can walk together with our sisters and brothers,
who are yearning for your justice and peace.**

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN VU # 266 Amazing Grace**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, we seek your forgiveness.

**While Jesus instructed us to love our neighbours,
our selfishness and greed have obscured that truth.**

Instead of demonstrating Christ's love,

We have judged and overlooked the suffering of others.

**Although Jesus urged us to forgive without limit,
our stubbornness has fostered anger and resentment,
damaging our unity and harming your creation.**

Please forgive us, O God,

and revitalize us through your Holy Spirit.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Dear friends, do not be discouraged.

Whoever trusts in Christ and confesses their sins to God

is surrounded by God's steadfast grace and love.

Today is a new day in the Risen Christ!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN VU # 508 Just As I Am**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****LORD'S PRAYER****OFFERING****DEDICATION SONG MV # 182 Grateful – Refrain**

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all. O God of Love.**

**Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy
Word, joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

DEDICATION PRAYER**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Acts 9:1-9 pg. 159

John 21:1-19 pg. 145, 146

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 30 pg. 757

Refrain: Though tears flow for a night, the morning brings new joy.

I will extol you, O God, for you have lifted me up;

You have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O God, my God, I cried to you for help, and you restored my health.

**You brought me back from the dead; you saved my life as I was
going down to the grave.**

Let all your servants sing praises to you, and give thanks to your
holy name.

**Your anger is but for a moment, but your kindness is life
eternal.**

Refrain: Though tears flow for a night, the morning brings new joy.

In my prosperity I said,

**“ I shall never be shaken; your favour, O God, has made me as
firm as any strong mountain.”**

You turned your face away from me, and I was greatly dismayed. I
called to you; I made my appeal:

**“What profit is there in my death, in my going down to the
grave?**

Will the dust give you praise? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

Hear, O god, and be gracious to me; O God, be my helper.”

Refrain: Though tears flow for a night, the morning brings new joy.

You turned my mourning into dancing;

You stripped off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

So that my heart will sing your praise without ceasing.

O God, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Refrain: Though tears flow for a night, the morning brings new joy.

SERMON Reflection