

St. John's United Church

November 1st, 2026

23rd Sunday After Pentecost/ All Saints 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 are interested in joining, please contact us.

CENTERING SONG MV #14 Where Two or Three Are Gathered x 2

Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there, I am there.

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle to remind us that Christ is among us.

Christ is our light, our hope, and our companion on our journey.

When the road ahead is unclear,

Christ's wisdom guides our steps.

When we are tempted to seek power or recognition,

Christ calls us to humility and service.

May this light remind us that we do not walk alone.

The Christ candle is lit.

MEMORIAL FOR OUR LOVED ONES

LIGHTING of THE CANDLES

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to God, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever!

When we wander through uncertain places,

God gathers us and leads us home.

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Next Week: November 1st, 2026 Service of Remembrance

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Roger Antoniuk

Scripture: Pat Perry

Fellowship: Bev Cameron & Nancy Hite

Next Week: November 8th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Gloria Balla & Gloria Tomm

Scripture: Diane Wilson

Fellowship: Pat Wood

HYMN VU # 716 My Life Flows On

COMMISSIONING

We have gathered in God's presence.
 Now we go to live out God's love.
 When we are tempted by pride,
 We will remember Christ's call to humility and service.
 When we encounter those who are struggling,
 We will respond with compassion and generosity.
 Go now, as people of faith, hope, and love.
 We go together, trusting that God journeys with us. 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

When rivers rise before us, and the way seems impossible,
God invites us to trust and take the next faithful step.
 When the world honours power and prestige,
Jesus calls us to choose humility, compassion, and service.
 We come trusting in the God who journeys with us.
Let us worship God!

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, you have guided your people through wilderness,
 uncertain crossings, and new beginnings.
Be present with us as we worship today.
 When fear holds us back, give us courage.
When pride leads us astray, teach us humility.
 When we are weary, renew our strength.
When we are divided, draw us together in love.
 Open our ears to your living Word, our hearts to your transforming
 Spirit, and our hands to the work of compassion and justice.
May this time of worship deepen our faith, strengthen our hope,
and inspire us to serve.
(All) Through Jesus Christ, who walks with us. Amen.

OPENING HYMN VU # 705 For All the Saints

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and new beginnings, you call us to walk in faith, yet we
 sometimes hesitate at the water's edge.
In God's grace, we find the courage to move forward.
 When pride blocks love, Christ teaches us humility.
In God's forgiveness, we are renewed to love and serve.
 When our actions fall short of our words, the Holy Spirit guides us
 back to the path of justice, kindness, and truth.

With God's help, we will live our faith with courage and integrity.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and offered new beginnings.

We will walk humbly, love generously, and follow Christ with hope and joy. (Silence.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Here's the good news: The God who led the people across the Jordan is the same God who guides us through uncertain times and change.

God loves us steadfastly and never leaves us when we stumble.

Through Jesus Christ, we receive mercy, are welcomed into grace, **and we are invited to begin anew.**

We are forgiven, renewed, and called to walk in love.

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN VU # 337 Blessed Assurance

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

DEDICATION SONG VU # 541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures high and low, give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

DEDICATION PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joshua 3:7-17 pg. 210

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 pg. 257

Matthew 23:1-12 pg. 33. 34

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 107 Part 1&4 VU pp. 831-832

Refrain: O give thanks to God for steadfast love.

Pt. 1

O give thanks, for God is gracious;

God's steadfast love endures for ever.

Let the redeemed of God say so, those redeemed from trouble,

whom God gathered in from the lands,

from the east and the west,

from the north and the south.

Refrain: O give thanks to God for steadfast love.

Pt. 4

You turn rivers into desert, springs of water into thirsty ground.

A fruitful land you make a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.

But you turn desert into standing pools, dry land into springs of water,

to give the hungry a home, a place where they can settle.

They sow fields and plant vineyards that yield a fruitful harvest.

You bless them and their numbers increase. You do not let their herds diminish.

Whoever is wise, ponder these things.

Consider God's unfailing love.

Refrain: O give thanks to God for steadfast love.

SERMON Reflection

I AM THE *light* OF
THE *world*.

Whoever follows me won't walk
in darkness but will
have the *light of life*.

JOHN 8:12 (CEB)

