St. John's United Church
November 15th, 2026
25th 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 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 remember that Christ's light is with us.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
When fear urges us to withdraw, Christ calls us to be courageous.
When despair threatens our hope, Christ calls us to love.
May this light remind us of who we are.
We are children of light, called to live with faith, hope, and love.
The Christ candle is lit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We lift our eyes to the Holy One, whose love reaches beyond all we can see.
Our hope is in God, whose mercy never fails.
When the world seems uncertain and the future difficult to imagine,
We turn toward the light of God's presence.
When fear tells us to hold back and hide what we have been given,
God's love invites us to trust, to share, and to serve.
Come, then, with open hearts and willing spirits.
We come to be renewed and to live as children of light.
(All) Let us worship God!

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Next Week: November 15th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Nancy Hite & Gladys Foster
Scripture: Marilyn Thornton
Fellowship: Evelyn Campeau & Doris Ulanicki

Next Week: November 22nd, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Jeanette Poulin
Scripture: Bim Bowers
Fellowship: Bim Bowers & Marilyn Thornton
Communion: Bim Bowers & Marilyn Thornton

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HYMN VU # 600 When I Needed a Neighbour

COMMISSIONING

Now we are called to live our faith.
We go with courage, trusting that God walks with us.
We will listen for God's call and respond with hope.
We will encourage one another and live as children of the light.
May we remember that our gifts bring possibility and responsibility.
We will not allow fear to bury our hope or silence our love.
Go, then, into the world, ready to serve, learn, and love.
(All) With God's help, we will live faithfully, act justly, and love generously. 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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

OPENING PRAYER

God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, meet us wherever we are.
Open our hearts to your presence.
When we fear the future, remind us that we are held in your love,
and give us the courage to live faithfully now.
When we doubt our gifts or our ability to make a difference,
help us see the possibilities within us.
When the world's demands overwhelm us,
remind us that your Spirit works through ordinary people and small acts of kindness.
Loving God, awaken us to your presence and guide us in justice, compassion, and peace.
May worship inspire faithful action. Amen.

OPENING HYMN VU # 701 What Does the Lord Require of You X2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us to hope, yet fear often shapes our choices.
When uncertainty keeps us from taking a step of faith, strengthen our trust in you.
You have entrusted us with gifts and abilities to make a difference.
Recognizing we have kept our gifts to ourselves opens our hearts to generosity.
You call us to be attentive to the needs of our neighbours and the suffering of creation.
When we turn away from difficulty, awaken compassion and a willingness to act.

Merciful God, renew our courage, restore our hope, and open our hearts.
Help us begin again, trusting that you are still at work within and among us. Amen.

(Silence.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Here's the good news: God's grace meets us in our uncertainty, our mistakes, and our desire to begin again.
In Jesus Christ, we find a love that endures our fears and calls us into new life.
God gives us gifts and the courage to use them, and walks with us as we learn faithfulness.
We are forgiven, we are loved, and we are invited into new beginnings. Thanks be to God!

HYMN VU # 307 Touch the Earth Lightly

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

Judges 4:4-7 pg. 237
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 pg. 259
Matthew 25:14-30 pg. 37, 38

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 123 VU pg. 847

Refrain: To you, O God, our eyes we raise until your mercy we may praise.

To you I lift up my eyes,
to you who are enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to their master's hands,
as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O God,
as we wait till you show us your favour.

Refrain: To you, O God, our eyes we raise until your mercy we may praise.

We have had more than enough of contempt.
Too long we have suffered the scorn of the wealthy,
and the contempt of the arrogant.

Refrain: To you, O God, our eyes we raise until your mercy we may praise.

SERMON Reflection