

St. John's United Church
October 11th, 2026
20th Sunday After Pentecost
Thanksgiving 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 seek God's presence in our lives each day.

We welcome God's Spirit in every moment of worship.

As we journey in faith together, we keep moving forward.

We look back only to give thanks.

And so, we warmly welcome the guiding light of Christ.

The Christ candle is lit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God prepares a feast for all peoples.

We come to the table of grace in thanksgiving.

Beside still waters, the Shepherd restores our souls.

Our cup overflows with God's goodness.

In anxious times, God calls us to gentleness and prayer.

We will seek what is true, just, and worthy of praise.

The invitation has gone out: the feast is ready.

By God's grace, we come.

Let us rejoice in the God who welcomes, nourishes, and renews us.

(All) Let us worship God.

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This Week: October 11th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Ruth Isley

Scripture: Michelle Green

Fellowship: Evelyn Campeau Doris Ulanicki

Next Week: October 18th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Sharon Hebert & Patti Skuba

Scripture: Roger Antoniuk

Fellowship: Bim Bowers & Marilyn Thornton

COMMISSIONING

Go into the world, noticing what is good,
and practise thanksgiving with your whole life.

We will go with gratitude and hope.

When anxiety surrounds you,
we will seek the peace of God.

Rejoice in the Lord always. Give thanks in all things.

We will pursue and practise these things.

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

Loving God, you invite us to gather as people who give thanks, pray and praise, and learn.

Here is a holy place, a community of faith.

We leave behind the worries of our day,
the conflicts that trouble us, and the dreams that haunt us.

We are glad to be with our friends in Christ.

Here, we find support, a shared purpose, and the healing gift of silence.

Bless our time together and renew us.

Loving God, you invited us, and we are glad we came. Amen.

OPENING HYMN VU # 516 Come, You Thankful People, Come

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you set a table, yet we live as if there will never be enough.

Forgive us when fear makes us hold on to what we could share.

You invite all peoples to your feast, yet we still draw boundaries around belonging.

Forgive us when prejudice or indifference shuts out our neighbours.

You lead us beside still waters, yet we rush past creation's needs.

Forgive us for putting convenience ahead of caring for the earth.

You ask us to seek truth and justice, yet we dwell on resentment and despair.

Forgive us for diminishing rather than nurturing life.

You invite us into Christ's life, yet we sometimes want the feast without transformation.

Merciful God, remake us in love. Amen.

(Silence.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news. The Shepherd does not abandon the wandering sheep.

The Host does not cease preparing the feast.

God's mercy is deeper than our failure,

and God's grace opens a future we could not create for ourselves.

In Jesus Christ, we are met with forgiveness, called again into beloved community,

and given a new way to live.

(All) Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN VU # 517 Praise God for the Harvest

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

Isaiah 25:1-9 pg. 688, 689

Philippians 4:4-9 pg. 250

Matthew 22:1-14 pg. 32

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 23 VU pg. 749

Refrain 1: My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

God is my shepherd,

there is nothing I shall lack.

You, God, make me lie down in green pastures,

you lead me beside peaceful waters;

you revive my spirit,

you guide me in right pathways for your name's sake.

Refrain 1: My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you are with me,

your rod and your staff are my comfort.

You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in God's house my whole life long.

Refrain 1: My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

SERMON Reflection

HYMN VU # 520 We Plough the Fields

LET US ALL *Give Thanks*

Be thankful
unto him, and
bless his name.
For the Lord is
good.

—Psalm 100:4-5

