

St. John's United Church
October 18th, 2026
21st 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 as a symbol of Christ's light.

This candle reminds us of Christ's light within and among us.

Our hope in Christ shines on.

The peace of Christ lights our way.

The joy of Christ brightens our lives.

The love of Christ comforts and challenges.

(All) May the light of Christ always guide us. Amen.

The Christ candle is lit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to God a new song!

Let the whole earth rejoice!

We come with songs of gratitude and hearts ready to praise.

From sunrise to sunset, God is present.

We are known by name, loved deeply, and created with a purpose.

We belong to God, and in God we find our hope.

Come with open hearts and willing spirits.

(All) We worship the Holy One, whose image we bear and whose love we share. Let us worship God!

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This Week: October 18th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Sharon Hebert & Patti Skuba

Scripture: Roger Antoniuk

Fellowship: Bim Bowers & Marilyn Thornton

Next Week: October 25th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Millie Highberg & Bev Bowers

Scripture: Michelle Green

Fellowship: Rita Normand & Hélène Severyn

Communion: Kevin & Susan Smith

SERMON Reflection

HYMN VU # 567 Will You Come and Follow Me

COMMISSIONING

We have gathered in God's presence.

Now we go to live as God's people.

We have heard that every person bears God's image.

We will seek that image in ourselves and in everyone we meet.

Our ultimate loyalty lies beyond earthly powers.

We will live with integrity, guided by justice, love, and truth.

Go as people who belong to God.

We go with courage, gratitude, and joy!

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 every people and every place,

Today we come before you with our whole lives.

Open our hearts to show your compassion.

When the world tells us that wealth determines worth,

remind us that every person bears your image.

When fear tells us to build walls,

remind us that your love crosses boundaries.

When the demands of daily life leave us weary,

remind us that your Spirit is already at work among us.

Teach us to live by faith, act with hope, and love as followers of Jesus.

May our worship shape our lives. Amen.

OPENING HYMN VU # 220 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you have created us in your image.

Yet too often we forget who we are and whose we are.

You call us to seek justice and care for the vulnerable.

Yet we sometimes choose silence over truth and convenience over compassion.

We know that all people bear your image.

Yet, we may not recognize it in those we fear, overlook, or misunderstand.

God of forgiveness, meet us in our weakness.

Free us from what diminishes our love.

Help us return to the way of Jesus.

For we are yours, O God.

Shape us again in your love. Amen.

(Silence.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Here is the good news: God, the Creator, continues to create new possibilities.

The God revealed in Jesus Christ does not abandon us.

In God's grace, we are forgiven, renewed, and invited to begin again.

Our mistakes do not have the final word.

Our fears do not define us.

We are called to walk in Christ's way.

We will live with gratitude, courage, and love.

(All) Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN VU # 560 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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 45:1-7 pg. 708

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 pg. 256, 257

Matthew 22:15-22 pg. 32, 33

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 96 VU pg. 816

Refrain: Sing a new song unto God who has done such marvellous things.

Sing to God a new song;

sing your praise, all the earth.

Sing and bless God's holy name, tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations, among all the peoples God's wonderful works.

For great is God and greatly to be praised, to be revered above all the gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but you, O God, made the heavens.

Honour and majesty attend you,

strength and beauty are in your sanctuary.

Refrain: Sing a new song unto God who has done such marvellous things.

Ascribe to God, you families of peoples, ascribe to God glory and strength.

Ascribe glory to God's name, bring an offering and enter God's courts.

Worship God in the beauty of holiness, and let the whole earth stand in awe.

Say among the nations: It is God who reigns!

The world is made firm and cannot be shaken.

God judges the peoples in equity.

Refrain: Sing a new song unto God who has done such marvellous things.