# St. John's United Church October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship Leader – Jacki Kunec

#### **WELCOME**

Greetings, welcoming newcomers, announcements, prayer concerns and celebrations.

We are looking for more choir members and musicians. If you're interested, please join us.

**CENTERING SONG** VU # 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre vs. 1

#### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We are a people of light.

We are called to bring light into all the shadowed places of living.
We light this candle, remembering that Jesus is the light of the world.

The Christ candle is lit.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, all God's people, come and praise your Maker! **We come to worship God with joy and delight!** Come into God's presence with singing!

We come singing!

Come, ready also to be silent.

We come prepared to listen to God's still, small voice.

Come, ready to offer prayer,

To praise, to pray, to listen. We are here.

Let us worship God!

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

## **Regular Office Hours**

10:00am-12:00pm Tuesday and Thursday Office: 780.826.3003

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Thank you for your continued support and generosity. If you would like to continue with weekly offerings they can be sent in by:

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This Week: October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Worship Leader: Jacki Kunec

Greeters: Nancy Hite & Gladys Foster

Scripture: Bim Bowers

Fellowship: Bim Bowers & Marilyn Thornton

Next Week: November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

Worship Leader: Patti Skuba

Greeters: Sharon Hebert & Patti Skuba

Scripture: Kevin Smith

Fellowship: Bev Cameron & Nancy Hite

## **REFECTION** "Then Sings My Soul"

Amazing Grace
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Church in the Wildwood
How Great Thou Art
On Eagles Wings

**HYMN** VU # 642 Be Thou My Vision

#### COMMISSIONING

Go now into the world in peace.

Have courage; hold on to what is good.

Return no one evil for evil; strengthen those who are faint-hearted; support those who are frail and suffering.

Honour all people. Love and serve the Lord always.

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Amen

### **BENEDICTION HYMN** Go Now in Peace

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

#### **OPENING HYMN** VU # 365 Jesus Loves Me

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, the one who searches for us always, find us this morning, we pray.

Find our fears and hold us in the night.

Find our sorrows and comfort us in the light.

Find our anger and soothe us in your embrace.

Find our joy and dance with us to the drum.

(All) Find our celebration and sing us into harmony. Amen

HYMN VU # 747 The Lord's My Shepherd

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that in answer to your call, we often come up with more excuses than we do actions.

We confess that we often put off answering your call until a "better time".

We confess an unwillingness to place everything in your hands and to live in trust and faithfulness.

(All) Forgive us and call us once again, we ask. Amen

#### It is WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, we know this about our God:
God forgives our shortcomings and opens a new path before us.
Let us dare to follow where God leads us,
knowing that as we do,
we will become whole and holy.

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen.

**HYMN** In The Garden (*Insert*) **VU # 710** Shall We Gather at the River

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### LORD'S PRAYER

#### **OFFERING**

DEDICATION SONG VU # 227 For the Fruit of All Creation, vs 2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

#### **DEDICATION PRAYER**

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 98 vs. 1-7 pg. 597 Psalm 150 vs. 1-5 pg. 628

## **RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 96 pg. 816

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

Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the fields exult, and all that is in them.

Then let all the trees of the forest sing joy, for you come, O God, to judge the earth.

You shall judge the earth in righteousness, its peoples with your truth.

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