

St. John's United Church
September 14th, 2025
14th 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're interested, please join us.

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

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ's light.

We light this candle to remind ourselves of the light of Christ that it is within and among us.

Our hope in Christ shines on.

The peace of Christ lights our way.

The joy of Christ brings brightness to our lives.

The love of Christ comforts and challenges.

(All) And the darkness has not overcome it.

The Christ candle is lit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bountiful Creator, Lover of all, we greet you.

God of love, we belong to you.

Jesus Christ, gentle shepherd, you call to us.

Shepherd of love, we belong to you.

Holy Spirit, breath of God in us, you sing, you cry out, you call in us.

Spirit of love, we belong to you.

With joy and gratitude, we come home to you.

Receive us, bless us, change us, and give us gifts to serve you.

Amen.

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This Week: September 14th, 2025

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Roger Antoniuk & Nestor Kunec

Scripture: Jacki Kunec

Fellowship: Doris Ulanicki & Bev Bowers

Next Week: September 14th, 2025

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Bob & Gloria Tomm

Scripture: Bob McRae

Fellowship: Rita Normand & Hélène Severyn

HYMN VU # 641 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

COMMISSIONING

Like a lost sheep, you are found by the Good Shepherd.

Like a lost coin, you are gathered up by God.

Be a good shepherd to those who are lonely.

Be a good home for those longing to belong.

Go in the untiring goodness of God, the unending patience of Christ,
and the infinite peace of the Holy Spirit.

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, you have searched for us in love.

You have found us and brought us home, and we thank you.

You have sought others in the lost places,
in the lonely places, the grimy places,

and brought them also to be with us here.

You have brought us together, and we rejoice.

All of us are lost and found; none of us made our own way here.

We worship you together in humility and gratitude.

Deepen our gratitude, our humility, and our togetherness,
in the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

OPENING HYMN VU # 266 Amazing Grace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that at times we are your lost sheep,

wandering and in need of you to guide us back to our place in
you.

And we confess sometimes we think we are the insiders, the saved,

and we resent those who are lost, who are outside our fold,
and we look down on your grace towards them.

Open our hearts to your grace for us and for all your children.

In humility and gratitude, we ask for your forgiveness,
your healing and your grace. Amen.

It is WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning.
 In the name of the Lord,
 who is our portion and our hope,
 In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
May our mouths be filled with praise.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN MV # 83 Let My Spirit Always Sing

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

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 pg. 734, 735
 1 Timothy 1:12-17 pg. 263
 Luke 15:1-10 pg. 99

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 14 pg. 735

Refrain: Dear God, who loves all humankind, forgive our foolish ways.

The foolish have spoken in their heart, and said "There is no God."
They are corrupt; they do abominable things; there is no one who
does what is good.

God looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if any are wise and
 seek after God.

But all have gone astray; all alike are corrupted; there is no one
who does good; no, not one.

Refrain: Dear God, who loves all humankind, forgive our foolish ways.

Have they no knowledge, all those who do evil?

They devour my people like so much bread, and do not pray to
God.

But see, they will tremble with fear, for God is on the side of the
 righteous.

Do not mock the hope of the poor, for God is their refuge.

O that deliverance for God's people would come forth from Zion!

When God restores the fortunes of the people, then shall Jacob
rejoice and Israel be glad.

Refrain: Dear God, who loves all humankind, forgive our foolish ways.

SERMON Reflection