

**St. John's United Church
September 20th, 2026**

17th 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 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

In the beginning, light shone in the darkness.

Through wilderness and uncertainty,

God's presence went with the people.

In Jesus Christ, the light of compassion and grace

continues to meet us on the road.

May this light guide us toward courage, reconciliation, and peace.

The Christ candle is lit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to God; call upon God's name.

We will share stories of God's wonderful deeds.

Remember the God who heard the cries of the hungry in the wilderness.

God provides bread for our journey.

Remember Christ, who welcomes everyone—from the first to the last.

God's generosity is greater than our calculations.

We will stand together in one Spirit,

working side by side in faith.

Come, people of God:

hungry for grace, thirsty for justice, and longing for hope.

(All) Let us worship God.

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Join PAR: Contact Stacy Mercier 780.812.6492

This Week: September 20th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Roger Antoniuk & Nestor Kunec

Scripture: Michelle Green

Fellowship: Rita Normand & Helene Severyn

Next Week: September 27th, 2026

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Gloria Tomm & Gloria Balla

Scripture: Judy Inman

Fellowship: Pat Wood & Rita Goodheart

SERMON Reflection

HYMN VU # 714 Come, We That Love

COMMISSIONING

Go from this place into God's beloved world.
 When the wilderness makes you afraid,
we will look for God's manna.
 When the world tells you there is never enough,
we will practice generosity.
 When comparison tempts you to resentment,
we will remember that grace is a gift.
 When neighbours hunger for food, dignity, justice, or belonging,
we will seek a world where everyone has enough.
 Stand together. Work side by side.
 Receive grace freely. Give generously.
 And rejoice in the goodness of God.

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 meet us in wilderness places,
hearing our prayers and complaints, our fear and faith.
 You provide bread when we are hungry, companions for difficult
 journeys,
and grace we do not deserve.
Bring us into your presence.
 Calm the inner voices that insist there is never enough.
Release us from comparison and competition.
 Help us see the gifts already before us, like manna on the ground.
Through your Spirit, help us listen carefully to your Word,
 be generous to others, and courageously follow Jesus Christ,
whose way we seek to walk.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN VU # 412 This Is the Day

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we often live as if there were not
 enough. When you provide daily bread,
we worry about tomorrow.
 When grace reaches people,
we forget how freely you have given it to us.
 Forgive us for measuring human worth
by usefulness, wealth, or social status.
 Teach us again the economy of your kingdom,
 where daily bread is a gift, where the last are welcomed,
and where every person bears sacred worth.
 Turn us toward Christ and toward one another,
so that we may become people of gratitude, justice, and grace.
Amen. (Silence.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news. The God who heard Israel in the wilderness still hears us. The God whose incredible generosity exceeded the workers' expectations

is graciously giving to us as well.

In Jesus Christ, grace is not a wage we earn but a gift we receive.

We are forgiven. We are loved.

We are invited to begin again.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN MV # 28 God of the Bible

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

DEDICATION SONG VU # 541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Exodus 16:2-5, 13-15 pg. 72, 73

Philippians 1:27-30 pg. 247

Matthew 20:1-16 pg. 29

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 105 VU pg. 828-830

Pt. 1

Refrain: Bless God, my soul. Hallelujah!

Give thanks and call on God's name. Make known to the nations what God has done.

Sing, O sing the songs of praise; tell of all God's wonderful deeds.

Exult in God's holy name;

let those who seek God be joyful in heart.

Refrain: Bless God, my soul. Hallelujah!

Pt. 4

You led Israel out, with spoil of silver and gold. Among the tribes not one fell behind.

The Egyptians were glad when they went, for dread of Israel had fallen upon them.

You spread cloud as a screen,

and fire as light by night.

The people asked, and you sent them quail; you filled them with bread from heaven.

You opened a rock and water gushed out: It flowed like a river through the arid land.

Refrain: Bless God, my soul. Hallelujah!

For you remembered the sacred promise you made to Abraham and Sarah, your servants.

You led out your people rejoicing, your chosen ones with songs of gladness.

You gave them the lands of nations;

they took possession where others had toiled, that they might keep your laws and obey your teachings.

Refrain: Bless God, my soul. Hallelujah!