

St. John's United Church
April 27th, 2025
Second Sunday of Easter
Worship Leader – Rev. Sungsoon Park

WELCOME

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

We are looking for more choir members and musicians if anyone is interested in joining.

CENTERING SONG MV # 14 Where Two or Three are Gathered X 2

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light the Christ Candle to celebrate the risen Lord, the Light of the World. In this Easter season, the flame reminds us that darkness has been overcome and new life has begun.

Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed.

And Christ's light shines through us,
guiding us with hope, love, and unending grace. Amen.

The Christ candle is lit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

God of Love, you have passed through our sin and sorrow,
died of our wounds, and lain in our graves.

And you have risen, full of life.

You have entered our darkness,
and you have made the darkness one with the light.

Now, even the darkness shines with your glory.

All of life is raised, new, and we are with it,
praising you with new voices, new hearts, and new lives.
Alleluia!

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This Week: April 27th, 2025

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Jeanette Poulin & Eileen Schmidt

Scripture: Pat Perry

Fellowship: Pat Wood & Millie Highberg

Communion: Kevin Smith & Susan Smith

Next Week: May 4th, 2025

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Ed & Judy Inman

Scripture: Judy Inman

Fellowship: Rita Normand & Helene Severyn

HYMN VU # VU 158 Christ is alive!

COMMISSIONING

Doubts cannot hold us.

Fear cannot bind us.

Apathy cannot subdue us.

Death cannot defeat us.

Love cannot reject us.

Time cannot capture us.

Christ is for us.

God will eternally secure us.

Go Now In Peace

Go now in Peace, never be afraid;

God will go with you, each hour of everyday.

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 OF THE PEACE *(Please rise if you are able)*

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, we praise you!

Risen Christ, we greet you!

Holy Spirit, we are one body by your grace.

We have seen the Risen Christ! Alleluia!

You alone are holy, O God, and so we worship you.

You have brought Christ up out of the grave.

You have brought life out of death, hope out of despair.

We have seen your victory in our lives;

We have beheld your Risen Christ among us.

For what we have seen, we give thanks.

For what is yet to come, we give you our hearts.

We worship you and give you ourselves. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN VU # 412 This is the Day

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,
when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world,

forgive us and help us to find our voice.

When we are afraid to forgive and to love again,

forgive us and give us the power to forgive.

When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority,

join with the weak to make us all strong.

When we are confined by our hurts,

touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.

When we are locked behind our doubts and fears,

pass through our barricades, open our hearts,

and give us peace. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Christ comes with healing light
 into our locked places and shadowy hurts,
resurrecting our spirits and breathing new life into us.
 As God's own forgiven people,
go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world
in the name of Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION LITURGY *(insert)*

HYMN VU # 166 Joy Come with the Dawn

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**LORD'S PRAYER****OFFERING**

DEDICATION SONG MV # 182 Grateful – Refrain
Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all. O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy
Word, joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

DEDICATION PRAYER**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Acts 5:27-32 pg. 154
 Revelation 1:4-8 pg. 312
 John 20:19-31 pg. 145

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 150 pg. 874

Refrain: Praise to the Lord, hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.

Praise God in the holy temple!
Praise God for mighty deeds!
 Praise God for bountiful mercies,
Praise God who meets all our needs!

Refrain: Praise to the Lord, hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.

Praise God with sound of trumpets!
Praise God with lute and harp!
 Praise God with timbrel and dancing!
Praise God wherever you are!

Refrain: Praise to the Lord, hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.

Praise God with holy cymbals!
Praise God with strings and with pipes!
 Praise God with clash of cymbals!
Praise God with all your might!

Refrain: Praise to the Lord, hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.

SERMON Reflection