

St. John's United Church
January 26th, 2025
Third Sunday After Epiphany
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

In this season of Epiphany, we light the Christ Candle, recognizing the far-reaching power of Christ's light. The healing light of Christ dwells within each of us, reminding us that Christ is with us always.

We are called to be the light of Christ in the world.

May Christ's light shine through us,

bringing hope, healing, and peace to all. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Loving God, we are your people, the Body of Christ.

We are one in your Spirit.

All over the world, we gather—all different, all beloved.

We are all connected; we all are gifted, and we all need each other.

In the unity of your love, we worship

together with those who are different from us,

and with our unseen siblings nearby and around the world.

With one voice, we praise you;

(All) we thank you; we worship you.

Regular Office Hours

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Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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Join PAR: Contact Stacy Mercier 780.812.6492

This Week: January 26th, 2025

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Sharon Hebert & Patti Skuba

Scripture: Kevin Smith

Fellowship: Doris Ulanicki & Bev Bowers

Communion: Patti Skuba & Sharon Hebert

Next Week: February 2nd, 2025

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Jean Antoniuk & Marjorie Matthews

Scripture: Pat Perry

Fellowship: Bev Cameron & Nancy Hite

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SERMON Reflection
(video)

HYMN VU # 509 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

COMMISSIONING

You have signed us with the cross, O God;
May we be signs of Jesus Christ!

**A sign of community to the lonely,
a sign of hope to the disheartened,
a sign of compassion to the weary,
a sign of challenge to the indifferent,
a sign of love to the outcast.**

In the Spirit of Christ, we are enriched in every way!

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

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

God calls us to be builders as well.

God calls us to build our lives:

to restore broken places and continue to grow.

God calls us to build our faith:

to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

God calls us to build our community:

to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:
to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

OPENING HYMN VU # 588 Many Are the Light-beams

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our Restoration,

whenever we come home to you,

we realize how far we have strayed

and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love.

We have not loved you with our whole hearts

or loved our neighbours as ourselves.

Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you;

through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

God's word does not come to condemn us,
but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts.

God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ,
who sets us free to live in accord with God's jubilee.

COMMUNION LITURGY *(insert)***HYMN MV # 154 Deep in our Hearts****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****LORD'S PRAYER****OFFERING****DEDICATION SONG # 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**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 pg. 485

Luke 4:14-21 pg. 78, 79

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 19 Pg. 740

Refrain 2: Glory and praise to God whose word brings life!

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the vault of the sky
 reveals God's handiwork.

**One day speaks to another, and night shares its knowledge with
 night,**

And this without speech or language; their voices are not heard.
**But their sound goes out to all the lands, their words to the
 ends of the earth.**

Refrain 2: Glory and praise to God whose word brings life!

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun which comes out
 like a bridegroom from under the canopy, like an athlete eager to run
 the race.

**Its rising is at one end of the sky, it runs its course to the other,
 and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat.**

Refrain 2: Glory and praise to God whose word brings life!

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul;
God's instruction is sure, giving wisdom to the simple;
 God's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart;
God's commandment is pure giving light to the eyes;
 God's fear is clean, enduring forever;
God's judgements are true, every one of them righteous;
 More desirable than gold, even much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey, pure honey from the comb.

Refrain 2: Glory and praise to God whose word brings life!

By them is your servant warned;
For in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can discern unwitting sins?

O cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the
 better of me.

Then shall I be clean and innocent of great offence.

Refrain 2: Glory and praise to God whose word brings life!

**All: Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be
 acceptable in your sight, O God, my strength and my redeemer.**