

**St. John's United Church**  
**May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
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 # 15 Holy Sacred Spirit (X2)**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

We light this Christ Candle here and now to celebrate the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit sent by the Risen Christ, the embodied Creator. When we follow the Way of liberating wisdom, peace and joy shine even in our times of wandering and suffering. There once was a wonderful man who did amazing things. So, often, people asked him, “**Who are you?**” And sometimes, he said, “**I’m the light of the world.**”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

**The earth is full of your creation.**

We will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

**We will sing praise to my God while we have to be.**

May our meditation be pleasing to you, O God, for I rejoice in the Lord.

**Bless the Lord, O our soul. Praise the Lord!**

**(All) Let us worship God!**

**Regular Office Hours**

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

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Thank you for your continued support and generosity.  
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**This Week: May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Bob & Gloria Tomm

Scripture: Marilyn Thornton

Fellowship: Michelle Green & Gerri Abraham

**Next Week: May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Jeanette Poulin & Marjorie Matthews

Scripture: Pat Perry

Fellowship: Bev Cameron & Olive Martin

Communion: Bob McRae & Les Parsons

**SERMON**

**HYMN VU # 716 My Life Flows On**

**COMMISSIONING****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)**

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

**CHILDREN'S TIME****OPENING PRAYER**

Soaring, flowing, questing, dancing,  
**the Holy Spirit leads us to praise.**  
 Searching, finding, changing, challenging,  
**the Holy Spirit calls us to faithfulness.**  
 Gently, calmly, simply, persistently,  
**the Holy Spirit invites us to reflection.**  
 With perseverance, with encouragement, with joy, and urgency,  
**the Holy Spirit moves us to action.**  
**(All) Come, Holy Spirit, and be with us, now and always! Amen.**

**HYMN VU # 202 O Breath of Life****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

“A sound like the rush of a violent wind...”  
**Do we doubt the power of God's Spirit to move us and our faith  
 community for good?**  
 “Divided tongues as of fire...”  
**Could the power of God's Spirit set us on fire with enthusiasm  
 for worship and work in our church and our neighbourhood?**  
 “And how is it that we hear... in our own native language...”  
**Have we realized that the Word of God has universal truth and  
 universal potential to empower the rejected and oppressed?**  
 Peter quotes the prophet Joel:” I will pour out my Spirit upon all  
 flesh...”

Are there no limits to the loving influence of God? Is it possible that saints and sinners, rich and poor, can all be touched and changed by God?

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

##### The Celebration of Baptism

Hymn: VU # 444 Child of Blessing v 1 & 2

Baptism – (Nancy Hite)

HYMN VU # 382 Breathe On Me, Breath of God

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

##### LORD'S PRAYER

##### OFFERING

##### DEDICATION SONG # 540 (X2)

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free, that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

##### DEDICATION PRAYER

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:1–21 pg. 149

John 16:4–15 pg. 139

#### RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 104 pt. 2 Pg. 827

**Refrain 1: Bless, O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation.**

O God, how manifold are your works!

**With Wisdom at your side you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

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There lies the great and mighty Sea, teeming with living things both great and small.

**Upon it sail the ships, and there is Leviathan, the monster you made to play in it.**

All these look to you, to give them their food in due season.

**What you give them they gather up. When you open your hand, you fill them with good things.**

But when you hide your face they despair. When you take away their breath, they die, and return to dust.

**But when you send out your spirit, they live again, and you renew the face of the earth.**

**Refrain 1: Bless, O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation.**

May your glory, O God, endure forever.

**May you rejoice, O God, in your works.**

When you look at the earth it trembles,

**When you touch the mountains they smoke.**

I will praise my God while I have being.

**Refrain 1: Bless, O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation.**