

**St. John's United Church**  
**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**26<sup>th</sup> 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 anyone is interested in joining.

**CENTERING SONG MV # 79 Spirit Open My Heart** (*refrain*)

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

We light the Christ candle again today to show hope for everyone. We believe Christ's light is here with us, shining in our lives and our community of faith. 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**

We approach the God of grace and glory,  
**who has called us to worship this day.**

We arrive from the chaos of our world  
**into the clarity of God's presence.**

We leave the struggles of our lives  
**to embrace the power of God's love.**

May this hour bring us courage  
**and a time to strengthen our faith.**

**Regular Office Hours**

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

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**This Week: November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Sharon Hebert & Patti Skuba

Scripture: Marilyn Thornton

Fellowship: Doris Ulanicki & Gina Elock

**Next Week: November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Bob & Gloria Tomm

Scripture: Jacki Kunec

Fellowship: Michelle Green & Gerri Abraham

Communion: Kevin & Susan Smith

**SERMON**

**HYMN VU # 878 My Soul is Filled with Joy**

**COMMISSIONING**

**MV #221 I Am Walking a Path of Peace (X2)**

I am walking a path of peace,  
I am walking a path of peace,  
I am walking a path of peace,  
lead me home, lead me home.

**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 has filled my heart with joy;

**We are happy at all God has done.**

God's love goes beyond imagining;

**God's greatness is beyond understanding.**

God restores life and hope;

**God gives a sense of self-worth to the poor and provides  
community to the lonely.**

God stands in solidarity with the faithful and works to bring light to  
the world's dark places.

**In the coming days, God's purposes will be fulfilled.**

**OPENING HYMN MV # 120 My Soul Cries Out****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, hear the anguish of our hearts.

**Comfort us when our souls feel barren, shrivelled, and lifeless.**

Strengthen us when we feel lost and alone.

**Heal us when we hurt and misuse ourselves and others.**

Guide us into your strong arms of love,

**that we may receive your gracious mercy**

and rest in your powerful love.

**In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

**WORD OF ASSURANCE**

Hold onto hope, for God is faithful and true.

**The promise of love is ours through the grace of Jesus Christ**

And the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN VU # 288 Great Is Thy Faithfulness****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**

1 Samuel 1:4-20 pg. 264, 265

Mark 13:1-8 pg. 65

**RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 16 Pg. 738**

***Refrain: Protect me, God: I trust in you.***

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I have said to God, " You are my God; from you alone comes all my prosperity."

**All my delight is in the faithful who dwell in the land, and in those who excel in virtue.**

But as for those who run after other gods, their troubles shall be multiplied.

**Liberations of blood I will not offer to those gods, nor will I take their names upon my lips.**

***Refrain: Protect me, God: I trust in you.***

You, God, are my allotted portion and my cup;

**You yourself have cast my lot.**

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

**Indeed I have a noble heritage.**

I will thank you, God for giving me counsel;

**At night also you teach my heart.**

I keep you always before me;

**You are on right hand, therefore I shall not fall.**

***Refrain: Protect me, God: I trust in you.***

So my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; for my body shall also rest in safety.

**For you will not surrender me to the Grave, nor suffer your beloved to see the Abyss.**

You will show me the path of life.

**In your presence is fullness of joy; and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.**

***Refrain: Protect me, God: I trust in you.***