

**St. John's United Church**  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**  
**18<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 # 88 Over My Head**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

We light the Christ candle as a reminder that we are not alone. May its flame warm our hearts and inspire us to live and follow Jesus Christ. 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**

Happy are those who follow paths of righteousness.

**We take delight in the wisdom of God.**

Happy are those who reach out to those in need.

**We find delight in the love of God.**

Happy are those who set aside envy.

**We draw delight in the selflessness of 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: September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Roger Antoniuk & Nestor Kunec

Scripture: Bim Bowers

Fellowship: Bim Bowers & Marilyn Thornton

**Next Week: September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Worship Leader: Rev. Sungsoon Park

Greeters: Rita Goodheart & Olive Martin

Scripture: Bob McRae

Fellowship: Doris Ulanicki & Gina Elock

**PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please rise)**

The peace of Christ be with you

**And also with you.**

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

Where envy and selfish ambition arise,

**disorder and wickedness of every kind will follow.**

But the wisdom from above is first pure—then peaceable, gentle,

**willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits,**

**without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.**

Holy Stream of Righteousness, as we embrace the dawn of a new week;

**and the reemergence of hope in our lives,**

**we lift our voices in praise.**

As we face the path ahead,

**we seek your wisdom and your strength.**

Fill our hearts with the refreshing streams of your peace.

**For a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace**

**by those who bring peace.**

**HYMN VU # 395 Come in, Come in and Sit Down****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Divine Source of Understanding: discord rages in the airwaves around us,

**leading us to challenge your holy wisdom.**

Confusion swirls within our daily lives,

**contributing to the discord in our world.**

Our selfish desires consume our attention,

**blocking Your voice and the needs of others from our view.**

May your peace still be the whirlwind in our minds

**and help us hear your holy wisdom as we walk our faith journey.**

And may kindness spring forth from our tongues

**each and every day. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE****COMMUNION LITURGY** *(insert)***HYMN MV # 117** By the Well, a Thirsty Woman**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****LORD'S PRAYER****OFFERING****DEDICATION SONG # 540**

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**

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a pg. 291, 292

Mark 9:30-37 pg. 58, 59

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 1 Pg. 724

*Refrain: Blessed are those who follow the law of God.*

Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked, or  
linger in the way of sinners, or sit down among those who mock.

**But their delight is in the law of God, and on that law they  
meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted beside streams of water, yielding their  
fruit in due season.

Their leaves do not wither, and whatever they produce shall  
prosper.

*Refrain: Blessed are those who follow the law of God.*

As for the wicked, it is not so with them,

**But they are like chaff, driven away by the wind.**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand when judgment  
comes, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**For God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of  
the wicked will perish.**

*Refrain: Blessed are those who follow the law of God.*

**SERMON****HYMN VU # 580** Faith of Our Fathers**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.**