



GRACE UNITED CHURCH
Worship Service
January 22, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Minister: Rev. Ken MacDonald
Lay Presider: Dan Clark

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Gathering Music: Grace Band

1. As The Deer Martin Nystrom
2. I Need Thee Every Hour Robert Lowry

Welcome & Announcements - *Presider*
Acknowledgment of the Traditional Land – *Presider*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Praise and Worship 1: Praise Team

1. We Praise You O God VU #218
2. Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord (led by Jenn Quigley)
Paul Baloche

Prayer of Confession

One: O God, none of us are the same.
We have different gifts and abilities.

All: Yet, you love each of us
And want us to love one another.

One: You, O Christ, pray, 'that all might be one.

All: Yet, we are divided and separated from one another.

One: You, O Spirit, call us to be one body.

All: Yet, we are fractured and splintered as a church.

One: O God, in your love unite us.

All: O Christ, make us one in love.

One: O Spirit, may the whole world know our faith
And forgive our conflict and divisions. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Time for Youth and Young at Heart

Children are dismissed for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 Debra Porter
One: Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Living in Unity Rev. Ken MacDonald

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory Music: Precious Lord, Take my Hand George N. Allen

Offertory Prayer

Bless these gifts we offer, O God, that they may teach us to be disciples: creating peace, not war, building bridges, not destroying, learning understanding, not division. Bless us with your Spirit's guidance that we may be a living offering for your work in the world. Amen.

by Rev. Gord Dunbar, Kincardine

Pastoral Prayer

Praise and Worship 2: Praise Team

1. Faithful One Brian Doerksen
2. Make Me a Channel of Your Peace VU #684

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning and Benediction

Everlasting God, look upon the faces gathered in worship and send them anywhere you would have them go. Encourage them to tell their stories, to do good, and seek justice for the sake of your creation. Sustain them that they may be one, so the world may believe in your love and your peace. Amen.

Postlude: Spirit Song

John Wimber

Next Sunday: The Beatitudes