



GRACE UNITED CHURCH
Worship Service – 7th after Epiphany
Black History Month
February 23, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.
Lead Minister: Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin
Lay Presider: Latoya Small

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Gathering Music: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High **Rick Founds**

Band Prelude: Precious Lord, Take My Hand **George N. Allen**

Welcome, Announcements & Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Call to Worship:

One: Come, one and all, to worship the God of justice, the God of freedom, the God who lifts the lowly and sets the captives free.

All: We come to worship the God who has been our help in ages past and our hope for years to come!

One: From the chains of slavery to the fight for equality, from voices silenced to songs of liberation, God has been present with His people.

All: We remember, we celebrate, and we give thanks for God's faithfulness in the journey!

One: Today, we gather as one people, united in Christ, to honour the legacy of those who have gone before us and to commit ourselves to the work of justice and love.

All: We will worship with joy, pray with faith, and walk in the light of God's truth!

One: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord! Amen!

Procession: African Drumming by Amadou Kienou

Lighting the Christ Candle: **Miracle Habakkuk**

Black National Anthem: Led by Rev Shin and the Choir
Lift Every Voice and Sing **J. R. & J. W. Johnson**

Greetings

Opening Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Praise and Worship 1: Led by Choir & accompanied Band
Holy, Holy, Holy (Praise Him and Lift Him Up) **Gary Oliver**

Time for Youth & Young at Heart

Video: Carter G. Woodson

Message: What Truly Defines Us (4)

Song: Alleluia (Uruguay) Led by Camilla Mayers

VU #52

Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

African Poem: We Wear the Mask

Paul Laurence Dunbar

Read by Myrna Adams-Falujo

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3: 7-10 NIV

Job Amankwah-Nkansah (Twi)

Anita Sadique (English)

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem: Oh, My Lord

Roger Emerson

Reflection: Positive Peace for Humanity

Keith Mayers

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory/Special Music: Cindy Ciarallo

My God Is Real

Kenneth Morris

Offering Response: We Give You but Your Own

VU #542

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of People

Praise and Worship 2: Led by Keith Mayers and Choir

Go Down Moses

African-American Spiritual

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning and Benediction

May the God of Hope Go with Us

VU #424, v. 1 & chorus

Postlude: Sweet Jesus

Cyril McLellan & Paul Goodwin