



**GRACE UNITED CHURCH
Worship Service**

**February 26, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.
Lent 1**

Minister: Rev. Ken MacDonald
Lay Presider: Joyce Redford

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Gathering Music: Grace Band

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| 1. Lord Listen to Your Children Praying | Ken Medema |
| 2. The Power of Your Love | Geoff Bullock |

Welcome & Announcements

Acknowledgment of the Traditional Land

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

One: God invites us to journey in the way of faithfulness,

All: to walk the Lenten Road with Christ.

One: We journey with confidence, for Christ is with us.

All: Thanks be to God, for everlasting love.

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship 1: Praise Team

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| 1. Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love | VU #574 |
| 2. Spirit Open My Heart | MV #79 |

Prayer of Confession:

In times of temptation, we forget what you have done for us.
You give us everything we need, yet we often remain
unsatisfied; You trust us to care for creation,
yet we often abuse that trust and spoil
what we have been given. You show us the way to follow,
yet we often continue on the path of self-indulgence
and self-centeredness. Forgive us we pray,
and give us direction, patience, and love.

Assurance of Pardon

Time for Youth and Young at Heart

Know That God Is Good **Traditional Song, Congo**
Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 **Jennifer Gibbs Reilly**
One: Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: The First Temptation: Food **Rev. Ken MacDonald**

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory Music: Break Now the Bread of Life **W. F. Sherwin**

Offertory Prayer

Special Music: Jennifer Quigley & Praise Team
Arms of Love **Craig Musseau**

Communion Liturgy

Praise and Worship 2

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| 1. In Christ Alone | Verses 1, 2 & 4 | Getty & Townend |
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THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning and Benediction

God, you are in the desert places as you are in the green
and growing land. Help us to look for you when life is
barren and our spirits ache. Help us to walk with you in the
wilderness, and to be changed by spending time with you.
Amen.

Postlude: You Are My All in All **Dennis Jernigan**

Next Sunday: Lent 2
We welcome our new Minister, Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin.