



**GRACE UNITED CHURCH**  
**Worship Service – Pentecost 7**  
**July 27, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Lead Minister: Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin**  
**Lay Presider: Maria Stevens**

## **GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Prelude: He Shall Feed His Flock** **G. F. Handel**

**Welcome, Announcements & Traditional Land Acknowledgment**

**Call to Worship:**

**One:** Come, people of God, gather in the Spirit's presence.

**All:** We come, seeking the breath of life and the fire of love.

**One:** The Lord who made heaven and earth is here, breathing hope into weary hearts.

**All:** We lift our eyes to the One who never sleeps nor slumbers.

**One:** Though the world speaks with noise, God speaks in wind and whisper.

**All:** We tune our hearts to hear the voice that brings peace.

**One:** Let us bring our burdens, our questions, and our praise.

**All:** For God is faithful, and His Spirit is among us.

**One:** Come, let us worship the Lord who renews and revives.

**All:** We will worship in spirit and in truth—together as one.

**Procession: O Holy Lord** **Don Salfarlie**

**Lighting the Christ Candle** **Louise Shin**

**Greetings**

**Opening Prayer**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Praise and Worship 1: Led by the Choir**  
**Seek Ye First**

**Voices United #356**

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God,

You poured out your Spirit to give us courage, compassion, and clarity— yet we confess how easily we resist your movement.

We hold tightly to what is safe, cling to comfort over calling, and silence the stirrings of your voice within.

We confess the times we have spoken words without love, kept quiet when justice called, and relied more on ourselves than on your Spirit. Renew our hearts, O God.

Break what is hardened, heal what is wounded, and breathe into us again the breath of life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Silent Prayer: I Need Thee Every Hour**

**Robert S. Lowry**

**Words of Assurance**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Time for Youth & Young at Heart**

**Song: You Are My All in All**

**Led by Andy Keay**

**Dennis Jernigan**

Children leave for Sunday School

## **TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY**

**Scripture Reading: John 15:11, Hebrews 12:2**

**Barron Chirisa**

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

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**Sermon: Why Christian Faith Still Matters (4)** **Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin**

## **TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE**

Offering Invitation

Special Music / Offertory Solo: Maria Stevens

Brother James Air

Psalm 23 from the Scottish Psalter  
arranged by Malcolm Archer

Offering Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Voices United #541

Offertory Prayer

People's Prayer

Praise and Worship 2: Led by the Choir

Love Us into Fullness

More Voices #81

## **THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD**

Commissioning

Benediction: May the God of Hope Go with Us

VU #424, v. 1

Postlude: As The Deer

Dennis Jernigan

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