



## GRACE UNITED CHURCH

### Worship Service

August 27, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Lead Minister: Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin

Lay Presider: Dan Clark

Guest Pianist: Jennifer Smele

#### GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

##### Gathering Music:

Children's Medley Mark Hayes  
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah John Hughes

Prelude: For the Beauty of the Earth Conrad Kocher

Welcome, Announcements & Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Procession: O Holy Lord Don Salfarlie

Lighting the Christ Candle Matthew Mayers

##### Call to Worship:

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Breath of God, give life to the dry bones  
of this exiled age, and make us a living people, holy and free.

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Counsellor, and touch our lips that we  
may proclaim your Word.

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Creator, and renew the face of the earth.  
Amen.

##### Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

##### Praise and Worship 1: Choir

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You Voices United #232

##### Prayer of Confession:

Generous God, you give us so many gifts like Spirit, Truth, Grace,  
and Our Church, but we confess that we have not know how to walk  
with and serve them. Forgive us our closed minds which barricade  
themselves against Christ's thoughts, preferring the past. Forgive our  
closed eyes which fail to see the needs of your world. Forgive our  
closed hands which clutch for our wealth and skills for our own use  
alone. Spirit of new life, forgive us and renew our lives. Amen.

Silent Prayer: I Need Thee Every Hour

Robert S. Lowry

Assurance of Pardon

Affirmation of Faith

Praise and Worship 2: Contemporary  
Shout to the Lord

Darlene Zschech

Time for Youth & Young at Heart:  
This Little Light of Mine  
Led by Jennifer Quigley

Harry D. Loes

Children leave for Sunday School

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

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:3-8; James 4:14-17 Barron Chirisa

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: The Secret to Inner Peace (2)

Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin

#### TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory: Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Offering Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Voices United #541

Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Praise and Worship 3: Choir

Come and Find the Quiet Centre

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

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace

D. Besig & N. Price

Postlude: God Will Take Care of You

Walter S. Martin