



GRACE UNITED CHURCH
Worship Service
August 20, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Lead Minister: Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin
Lay Presider: Robin Roach
Guest Pianist: Jennifer Smele

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Gathering Music:

Christians, We Have Met to Worship William Moore
Brother James Air James L. M. Bain

Prelude: Because He Lives W. & G. Gaither

Welcome, Announcements & Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Procession: O Holy Lord Don Salfarlie

Lighting the Christ Candle David Kuku

Call to Worship:

One: We gather here this day to glorify the living God together.

All: We praise God for the opportunity to gather together.

One: We are sent forth from this place to share God's transforming love.

All: Lord, encourage us and empower us to do your will. Amen.

Opening Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Praise and Worship 1: Choir

Blessed Assurance Voices United #337

Prayer of Confession:

All: God of refuge and salvation, cover us with your grace. Uphold us with your strength, and forgive us with your mercy. As we confess our sins and admit our shortcomings, rescue us from despair and self-condemnation, that we may never feel separated from you and your boundless love. We confess these things and the hidden burdens of our hearts. Help us feel in our most inward parts, that even as we have already been known, so have we already been loved and forgiven. Amen.

Silent Prayer: I Need Thee Every Hour

Robert S. Lowry

Assurance of Pardon

Affirmation of Faith

Praise and Worship 2: Choir, Led by Jennifer Quigley
Cornerstone Mote, Liljero, Myrin, Morgan & Bradbury

Time for Youth & Young at Heart

I've Got Peace Like a River Led by Kay Bingham VU #577

Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:6-7 & John 14:27 Denny Dias

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: The Secret to Inner Peace (1)

Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory: How Great Thou Art

Stuart W. K. Hine

Offering Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Voices United #541

Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Praise and Worship 3: Choir

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Voices United #560

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace

D. Besig & N. Price

Postlude: Benediction Medley

Mark Hayes