



GRACE UNITED CHURCH

Worship Service

September 11, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Minister: Rev. Ken MacDonald

Lay Presider: Dan Clark

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Gathering Music

Grace Band

Shout to the Lord

Darlene Zschech

Welcome & Announcements

Acknowledgment of the Traditional Land

Lighting the Christ Candle:

We light this candle to remind us that Jesus is present in this worship and Jesus is the light of the world. Look to this candle from time to time to focus attention on our worship.

Call to Worship:

As God's people, we are part of Christ's church:
we learn about Jesus, and study the bible;
we learn about the church and our faith;
we learn about good and evil;
we learn to work for justice and peace.
We are shaped by the love of God and one another,
In every stage of life and faith.

Praise and Worship 1

1. **Praise Team: Blessed Assurance** VU #337 Crosby/Knapp

2. **Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold** VU #605
Farquharson/ Klusmeier

Liturgy for the Return to School - after the challenging Covid pandemic.

O God, bless our students. May they have curiosity, attention, patience, and insight. Keep them safe in health and relationships.

God, help us to walk in your light.

O God, bless our teachers and school support staff. May they hear their calling to offer understanding and guidance and feel supported by the community. They build up our society.

God, help us to walk in your light.

O God, bless our parents and community. May they encourage and understand students, and support education for the good of the whole community.

God, help us to walk in your light.

O God, bless our Sunday school students and teachers, and all in our education programs, that all may come to know your love.

God, help us to walk in your light.

O God, bless the backpacks. They hold the tools for education and are a part of the student's identity - they are their backpacks.

God, help us to walk in your light.

The Lord's Prayer

(Children leave for Sunday School)

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 1:1-7, Acts 17:16-21 Miracle H.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Message: The Church's Role in Education Rev. Ken MacDonald

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory Music: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty VU #315

Heber/Dykes

Offertory Prayer:

Gracious God, accept and bless our gifts as we begin a new year of programs and activities. Help us to recognize and support the presence of Christ among us. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Praise and Worship 2

1. **Go Make a Difference** MV #209 Angrisano/Tomaszek

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE IT'S FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning and Benediction

Closing Song: Go Make a Difference

MV #209

Next Sunday: September 18, 2022, Pentecost 15

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