



GRACE UNITED CHURCH
Worship Service
March 12, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.
Lent 3
Minister: Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin
Lay Presider: Dan Clark

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Gathering Music: Grace Band

1. There's Something About That Name **W. Gaither**
2. My Tribute **André Crouch**

Organ Prelude: Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead us

Procession: O Holy Lord **Comp. & Arr. by Don Salfarlie**

Welcome, Announcements & Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

One: Come, Let us worship God!

All: Let's make a joyful noise to our God!

One: Come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

All: Let's make a joyful noise to our God!

One: Make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

All: Let's make a joyful noise to our God!

One: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

Amazing God, you have poured your love into our hearts until it is overflowing. No matter what we have done, you still love us. You sent Jesus into our lives, and we have been transformed. Continue to love us, God, and continue to nudge us ever closer to you. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Praise and Worship 1: Praise Team

1. O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing **VU #326**
2. Here I Am to Worship **Tim Hughes**

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious and loving God, we come before you with heavy hearts, burdened by the weight of our sins. We confess that we have fallen short of your glory, that we have not lived up to the standard of righteousness that you have set before us.

Forgive us, Lord, for the times when we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Forgive us for the times when we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, for the times when we have been selfish, prideful, and unkind. Forgive us for the times when we have neglected the needs of the poor, the oppressed, and the marginalized, when we have turned a blind eye to the suffering around us. We pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit, we may be transformed, that we may become more like Jesus, that we may love as he loved, serve as he served, and bear witness to his truth and his grace.

Silent Prayer: **Sweet Hour of Prayer** **W. W. Walford**

Assurance of Pardon

Affirmation of Faith

Time for Youth & Young at Heart

This Is the Day **Folk Melody** **VU # 412 (Verse 1 only-twice)**
Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22: 34 - 40 & Deuteronomy 6: 5

Norma Ferguson

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Take Up the Cross (1)

Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory: O Jesus, I Have Promised

J. W. Elliott

Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Praise and Worship 2: Praise Team

1. I Give You My Heart **Reuben Morgan**
2. The Heart of Worship (Led by Jenn Quigley) **Matt Redman**

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning and Benediction

Organ Postlude: Go Now in Peace

D. Besig & N. Price

Closing Song: It Is No Secret

Stuart Hamblen