



GRACE UNITED CHURCH
Worship Service
September 3, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Lead Minister: Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin
Lay Presider: Dan Clark

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Gathering Music: Lord I Lift Your Name on High Rick Founds
Air / This Is My Father's World
G. F. Handel / F. L. Sheppard

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

Welcome, Announcements & Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Procession: O Holy Lord Don Salfarlie

Lighting the Christ Candle Louise Shin

Call to Worship

One: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

All: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

One: The Holy One knows us and sustains us, even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

All: Who can count the thoughts of God? They are more than all the sands of the desert.

One: Like clay in the hand of the potter, we are shaped into vessels of divine will.

All: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Opening Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Praise and Worship 1: Choir

God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness Voices United #260

Holy Communion

• **The Great Thanksgiving**

One: Holy are you and blessed is your holy name.

In the fulness of time, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ to reveal your powerful love for the world.

All: Healing and teaching, proclaiming, and prophesying, welcoming any and all,

One: Christ continues to reveal your presence, renewing our souls even now.

All: Through Christ's powerful love and endless grace, we are invited into your presence, rescued from our sins, and led onto your path of justice and righteousness.

One: In Christ's grace, you renew and reclaim us as your holy people, children of mercy and truth.

All: As children of your covenant of love, sealed by water and the Spirit, we come to you now with joy and gratitude, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, his closest friends, his most faithful disciples, even as they faced their deepest fears and their greatest sins.

One: So, in remembrance of these your life-giving acts of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as children of your covenant, renewed and redeemed by your grace.

All: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Amen.

- **Silent Prayer**
- **Distribution**
- **Communion Prayer**
- **Receiving the Bread and Cup**
- **Closing Prayer**

Praise and Worship 2: Contemporary

The Blessing

Brown, Carnes, Jobe & Furtick

Backpack Blessing

Recovenanting with the Sunday School

Students:

WE THANK GOD FOR OUR CHURCH SCHOOL
FOR THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS,
AND THE VISION OF CHRIST'S WAY.
WE WILL COME TO CHURCH SCHOOL
AS OFTEN AS WE CAN
AND DO OUR BEST
SO THAT WE MAY LEARN ABOUT GOD
AND BE WITH THE FAMILY THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US.

Congregation members:

WE LOVE OUR CHILDREN.
WE WILL ENCOURAGE THEM TO LIVE
IN THE WAY OF CHRIST.
WE WILL JOIN WITH THEM
IN STUDYING GOD'S WORD.
WE WILL TRY OUR BEST
TO GROW WITH THEM IN FAITH AND JUSTICE..
AND WE WILL SUPPORT THE WORK
OF OUR CHURCH SCHOOL
WITH OUR TIME, OUR TALENT
OUR TREASURE, AND OUR PRAYERS.

Teachers:

WE WILL WALK WITH GOD
AND WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH
OF OUR CONGREGATION
WE WILL WORK TOGETHER
AND WITH GOD'S HELP
WE WILL DO OUR BEST
TO LEARN, TO LIVE, AND TO TEACH
THE WAY OF CHRIST

LET US PRAY:

Loving God, as we have promised before each other
and before you, so let it be. Pour out your power and
your grace upon us.

Help us be your family and to seek together to live your
way; to learn together to do your will; to work together
to help one another; and to share with each other the
joys and concerns you place upon our hearts.
We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

My Life Is in You Lord Led by Kay Bingham Daniel Gardner
Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: **Philippians 2:12-16 & Romans 8:28** Daniel Kuku
One: Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **Re-Bounce (1)** Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory: **O Lord You're Beautiful / Fairest Lord Jesus**
Keith Green / Silesian Folk Melody

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

Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Praise and Worship 3: Choir
Go to the World Voices United #420

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning and Benediction
Choral Blessing: **Go Now in Peace** D. Besig & N. Price

Postlude: **May the God of Hope** Voices United #424