



GRACE UNITED CHURCH

Worship Service

May 14, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Easter 6 & Celebration of Mother's Day

Minister: Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin

Lay Presider: Joyce Redford

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Gathering Music: Grace Band

I Could Sing of Your Love

Martin Smith

Love Divine/What the World Needs Now

R. H. Prichard/Burt Bacharach

Prelude: Morning Has Broken

Joyce Redford on Hammered Dulcimer

Welcome, Announcements & Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Procession: O Holy Lord

Don Salfarlie

Lighting the Christ Candle

Nathan Masih

Call to Worship:

One: Let us celebrate God, who gave birth to the world and made us in God's image.

All: **We give thanks for God's love and life within us.**

One: Let us celebrate the gift of family, especially mothers.

All: **We give thanks for all who surround us with love and nurture.**

One: Let us celebrate the body of Christ and caring community.

All: **We give thanks for the Spirit that links us as one world family**

Opening Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Praise and Worship 1: Choir

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Voices United #264

Prayer of Confession:

Jesus prayed that his followers "may all be one." Aboriginal spirituality speaks of "all my relations." O God, release our need to compare and compete. Teach us what it means to be united with You, with ourselves, with the whole human family and all creation. Bless us with the Spirit we share in common. Amen.

Silent Prayer: Sweet Hour of Prayer

W. Bradbury

Assurance of Pardon

Affirmation of Faith

Praise and Worship 2: Praise Team

The Blessing

Kari Jobe

"In Mother's Love"

Linda Bempong, Miracle and Mirabelle

Video (For All Women): A Mother's Day Blessing

Time for Youth & Young at Heart

Know That God Is Good

Led by Kay Bingham

MV #104

Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 31:25-26

David Kuku

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: "Great Mamas!"

Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory: Bob Phillips

On Eagle's Wings

Voices United #808

Offering Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Voices United #541

Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Praise and Worship 3: Choir

Faith of Our Fathers

Voices United #580

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace

D. Besig & N. Price

Band Postlude: Largo (Xerses)

George Frederick Handel