



GRACE UNITED CHURCH
Worship Service
November 16, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.
Worship Leader: Scott Martin, LLWL
Music Director: Don Salfarlie
Lay Presider: Maria Stevens

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Band Prelude: Shout to the Lord **Darlene Zschech**

**Welcome, Announcements &
Traditional Land Acknowledgment** **Maria Stevens**

Call to Worship: **Maria Stevens**

One: God welcomes you here

All: Whether we come from around the corner or miles away

One: God rejoices that you are here

All: We come into worship, open to what God might do this hour

One: God celebrates that you are here

All: That we have come to be together again

One: Let us lift up our hearts and voices to God, whose love
knows no bounds

All: Let us Worship God. Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!

Lighting the Christ Candle **Maria Stevens**

We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which cannot
be held back by distance. The truth about God's love is that it is like
a flame. It does not go out when we give it to others but burns
brighter and stronger. Let us be people who share freely the light
and love of God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace: **Scott Martin, LLWL**

All around us, we are gathered:

from the east, from the west, **from the north and** from the south.

Share the steadfast love of God and community as the peace of
Christ is passed. May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray, Gracious God, in the midst of continual change, God
remains steadfast in the love for us. God is creating something new,
a new heaven, and new earth.

Each day offers new ways of hope and faith. Let us open our hearts
and spirits to God's creative word for us, that we may learn to grow
and to serve as effective witness to God's love and power. In
Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Praise and Worship 1: Led by the Choir

10, 000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) **Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman**

Time for Youth & Young at Heart

Song: I've Got Peace Like a River

Jeffrey Rickard
Led by Kay Bingham

Children leave for Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination:

Almighty God, in you are all the treasurers of wisdom and knowledge.
Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your word, give us
the grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose your way
of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: Luke 21: 5-19 NIV **Norma Ferguson**

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: Maria Stevens

Safe Within Your Arms

Mark Hayes

Reflection: The Temple of the Body of Christ **Scott Martin, LLWL**

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation:

God calls us to serve those around us. Our gifts help to serve Grace
United church ministry here in the local community and the United
Church of Canada's ministry around the world. Let us offer our gifts
as part of our service as the church of Jesus Christ. Let us now join
together in our morning offering.

Offertory: Open the Eyes of My Heart Paul Baloché
/Open My Eyes, that I May See Clara H. Scott

Offering Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
VU# 541

Offering Dedication:

O God, we return to you this portion of your loving generosity,
that these gifts may be used with justice in the world, with wisdom
among the people and with compassion and love for all. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer **Scott Martin, LLWL**

Praise and Worship 2 (New Hymn): Led by the Choir
Give Me a Clean Heart Then Let Us Sing #110

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning

May the love of God surround you, the grace of Jesus walk with you, and may the Holy Spirit infuse you till we come together again.

(silence)

Now, May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you every day and night. May the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Go Now in Peace. AMEN.

Benediction: Go Now in Peace **D. Besig & N. Price**

Band Postlude: My Tribute **Andraé Crouch**