



GRACE UNITED CHURCH
Worship Service – Pentecost 9
August 10, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.
Lead Minister: Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin
Lay Presider: Maria Stevens

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Gathering Music: Blessed Assurance Phoebe Knapp

Prelude: When I Look into Your Holiness C. & W. Perrin

Welcome, Announcements & Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Call to Worship:

One: Come, you who are weary from the week. Come, you who are searching for a quiet space.

All: We come seeking refuge, a shelter from the noise.

One: Our God is a strong foundation, a rock that cannot be moved by the rushing tides of life.

All: We build our hope on the One who is faithful and true.

One: Listen not for a shout, but for the still, small voice that speaks peace to your heart.

All: Our souls are listening for the whisper of grace.

One: Bring the fullness of your lives—the joys that make you sing and the sorrows that leave you speechless.

All: We offer our whole selves, for God holds all things.

One: Let us join our voices with creation's song, with the saints of every time and place.

All: We will worship the God who made us, who loves us, and who makes all things new.

Procession: O Holy Lord Don Salfarlie

Lighting the Christ Candle

Greetings

Opening Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Praise and Worship 1: Led by the Choir

Let Us Build a House

More Voices, v. 1, 2, 4 & 5

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, You invite us to walk in trust, to lay down our burdens, and to rest in your unfailing care. Yet we confess our need to be in control. We build our own plans and trust our own strength. We carry the weight of tomorrow, forgetting that you are already there. We trade the peace you offer for the anxiety of our own making, listening to the loud voices of fear instead of the quiet whisper of your promise. Forgive us, God of grace. Loosen our grip on the things we cannot control. Quiet the anxious voices within us. Teach our stubborn hearts to trust in your goodness, and replace our frantic planning with your deep and abiding peace. In the name of your Son, who trusted you even to the cross, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer: I Need Thee Every Hour

Robert S. Lowry

Words of Assurance

Affirmation of Faith

Praise and Worship 2: Contemporary Worship

Goodness of God

Fielding, Johnson, Cash, Ingram

Led by Kay Bingham

Sophia Han on piano

Time for Youth & Young at Heart

Song: My Life Is in You, Lord

Daniel Gardner

Led by Andy Keay

Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:28-29 & John 18:36 Nancy Moon

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem: Solo – Karen Martin

Seekers of Your Heart B. Darnall, D. & M. Tunney

Sermon: What If the Church ...?

Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Special Music / Offertory Solo: Cindy Tindale

He Will Carry You

Scott W. Brown

Offering Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Voices United #541

Offertory Prayer

People's Prayer

Praise and Worship 3: Led by the Choir

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Voices United #651

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning

Benediction: May the God of Hope Go with Us

VU #424, v. 1

Postlude: Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

W. J. Kirkpatrick
