



**GRACE UNITED CHURCH**  
**Worship Service – Pentecost 9**  
**July 21 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Lead Minister: Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin**  
**Lay Presider: Maria Stevens**

**GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Prelude: Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven** John Goss

**Welcome, Announcements & Traditional Land Acknowledgment**

**Procession: O Holy Lord** Don Salfarlie

**Lighting the Christ Candle** Mirabelle

**Call to Worship:**

One: Wherever we feel disrespected or overlooked, let down by others,

**All: resting and praying, we affirm that God knows us and loves us.**

One: In those times when we feel lost or unsure, seeking God's presence in our lives,

**All: listening and singing, we remember that God leads us.**

One: As we worship, we share our worries and concerns, craving answers and support.

**All: Praising and reflecting, we recognize that God works through us.**

One: Together we remember that our God is a God of surprises.

**All: working in surprising places through surprising people, loving us in surprising ways. And so, we worship God.**

**Greeting**

**Opening Prayer**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Praise and Worship 1: Choir**

**O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** VU #326, v. 1, 2, 4 & 5

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Forgiving God, we turn to you, aware of our shortcomings and dependent on your mercy. Forgive us when we fail to live as liberated and liberating people. We offer our inner failings and the ways we have ignored your calling.**

**We often feel stormy and furious, noticing only gloom and shadows around us, overlooking you who whisper, invite, and love us. Forgive and transform us as we lay down ourselves, our sins, and our shortcomings. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer: I Need Thee Every Hour**

**Robert S. Lowry**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Praise and Worship 2: Contemporary**  
**Open the Eyes of My Heart**

**Led by Kay Bingham**  
**Paul Baloche**

**Time for Youth & Young at Heart**

**Song: This Is the Day** Led by Kay Bingham VU #412, v. 1  
*Children leave for Sunday School*

**TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY**

**Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:9 and Luke 22:39-46**

**Debra Porter**

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon: Humanity (5)**

**Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin**

**TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE**

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory Solo: Sylvia Genders**

**When It's All Been Said and Done**

**Jim Cowan**

**Offering Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Voices United #541**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Praise and Worship 3: Choir**

**Open My Eyes that I May See**

**Voices United #371**

**THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**May the God of Hope**

**VU #424, v. 1. & chorus**

**Postlude: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

**A. J. Showalter**