



GRACE UNITED CHURCH

1st in Lent

February 22, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest Worship Leader: Rev. Doug McLeod

Presider: Joyce Redford

Music Director: Don Salfarlie

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: Band and Jemma Boodram

How Great Thou Art

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

Welcome, Announcements

& Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Joyce Redford

Call to Worship

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Lighting the Christ Candle

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One: We light this Christ candle to remind us that Christ the Light of the world goes before us, gives us strength, and walks with us in every season of life.

All: May this light shine in our hearts as we begin our Lenten journey, leading us from darkness into your marvellous light, O Lord.

Black National Anthem (Led by the Choir):

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Opening Prayer

God, you invite us to follow your Son into the wilderness. As the Holy Spirit led him into testing, open our eyes to see the deserts of our hearts where temptation draws us away from you. Help us to pray with sincerity, to hunger for all that is good, and to overcome our temptations. May we learn from Jesus to believe in your Good News and to live out your kingdom of truth, justice, and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Praise and Worship 1:

How Great is Our God

C. Tomlin/E. Cash/J. Reeves

How Great Thou Art (Chorus)

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

Children's Moment:

Song: Behold, I Make all Things New

(2x) MV #115

Led by Kay Bingham

Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4: 1-11

NIV

Nancy Wilson

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem: Walk Worthy of the Lord

J. P. Williams / J. M. Martin

Sermon: Character is Who You are When No One's Looking

Rev. Doug McLeod

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory (Grace Band & Jemma Boodram):

Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

MV #18

Offering Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU #541

Offertory Prayer

Communion (*Liturgy on Screen*)

Communion Hymn: Break, Now the Bread of Life

VU #501

Prayers of the People

Praise and Worship 2:

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

VU #344

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace

D. Besig & N. Price

Postlude: Jemma Boodram & Rob Reilly

Rivers of Babylon