



**GRACE UNITED CHURCH**  
16<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost  
September 13, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Leader: Scott Martin, LLWL  
Presider: Joyce Redford  
Music Director: Don Salfarlie

### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Band Prelude: Agnus Dei** Michael W. Smith

**Welcome, Announcements  
& Traditional Land Acknowledgment** Joyce Redford

**Call to Worship** Joyce Redford

One: We come from all walks of life, students, teachers, professionals,  
workers, retiree's, the struggling and the secure

**All: And God calls us all**

One: We bring our hearts to this time and place, hearts holding our joys  
and sorrows, our questions and wondering.

**All: And God knows us.**

One: We offer what we have to give with our talents, our imperfections,  
our faith, our doubts and our hopes and dreams

**All: God loves us, Let us worship God!**

**Lighting the Christ Candle** Joyce Redford

The light of Christ is steady and true. As this flame burns, it  
reminds us that receiving the light is only the beginning. Jesus  
challenges us not to just sit in the warmth of the glow, but to let  
the light change how we live. We are called to be doers of the  
Word—putting our faith into action by speaking with kindness,  
caring for those who are hurting, and living with pure hearts.

**Opening Prayer**

Let us pray, we reach out to you even as you reach out to us  
O God and pray that in this hour of worship and beyond, we  
may know the touch of your hand, shaping us, molding us  
into the human creatures you intended us to be. Fill our  
hearts with the Good News, unlock our mind with your  
revelations, and gift us with your presence, we offer this  
prayer in Jesus' Name AMEN.

**Praise and Worship 1: Led by the Choir**  
Spirit Open My Heart

MV #79

**Children's Moment:**

Scott Martin, LLWL

**Song: I'm Gonna Shout out my love for Jesus (2X)** MV #183

Led by Andy Keay

Children leave for Sunday School

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

**Scripture Reading: James 1:17-27 NIV** Ross Redford

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Reflection: Mirror, Mirror on the wall, who is the fairest one of All?**  
Scott Martin, LLWL

### **TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE**

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory / Special Music: Spirit Song** John Wimber

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

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

**Praise and Worship 2: Led by the Choir**  
Though I may Speak VU #372

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

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

**Postlude: Give Me a Clean Heart (instrumental)** TLUS #110

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