



**GRACE UNITED CHURCH**  
Sixth After Pentecost  
July 5th, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Leader: Keith Mayers  
Music Director: Don Salfarlie  
Presider: Portia Mensah-Bonsu

### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Prelude: Praise my Soul the King of Heaven**

**Welcome, Announcement  
& Traditional Land Acknowledgment** Portia Mensah-Bonsu

**Gathering song: Take Time to Be Holy** VU# 672 V.1 only  
Led by Keith Mayers

**Lighting the Christ Candle** Portia Mensah-Bonsu

One: We come blessed Spirit

**All: Oh, come unto us!**

One: Come as the dove and spread Your wings

**All: Aight upon the presence of Your people**

One: Shine forth the door of our hearts

**All: Make it a tabernacle of Your pleasure**

One: Fill us with the oil of gladness

**All: As a lamp burning through the night**

**Opening Prayer** Portia Mensah-Bonsu

Loving God. All good things come from You. God of all comfort, everlasting love, always abiding, always adorning Your beautiful bride, the church. A love that would not let us go. We rest in Your loving care. In the arms of Your bosom, the comfort of Your care. We take the passion of faith and carry it for Your glory. In Christ our groom, we pray. Amen.

**Praise and Worship 1: Led by Grace Choir**  
**The King of Love (Verses 1,2,5,6 only)** VU# 273

**Responsive Reading Psalm 45:10–17 (Refrain sung)** VU# 769

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

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 NIV Yvonne Aldred**  
One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Children's Moment: Heart Compass**

**Song: Jesus Came Bringing us Hope**

Children leave for Sunday School

**MV# 33**

**Led by Andy Keay**

**Sermon: Hark the Bride of Christ**

**Keith Mayers**

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

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory- Piano Medley: Yes, Jesus Loves me /  
O Love that will not let me go**

**Offering Response: We Give You but Your Own**

**VU #542**

**Offertory Prayer**

In all good gifts, no greater gift is given, but the love of God for the world, who sent a Saviour, Christ Jesus. A gift that redeems us, making us free to become children of God, through faith in the finished work of God to reconcile all Creation to Him. Thanks be to God, who gives the Holy Spirit to empower us as followers of Christ, to give and keep giving in all things. **Amen.**

**Prayer Prelude: Led by Grace Choir**

**O God Hear My Prayer (X2)**

**VU# 948**

**Invitation to Confession**

Dear God, we come as a body of faith, trusting in Your mercy. Knowing that a contrite heart and a humble spirit You will receive. We thank You for the land of Canada. A land of varied people. A home rich in vast resources, a creation filled with blessings of nature. We acknowledge our misplaced respect for creation at times, distraction from the concern of others in need, shallow relations with strangers and newcomers. Orient us to the ways of Jesus, who promises to give rest to our souls and peace to our hearts. **Amen**

### **Assurance of God's Love:**

One: We are forgiven people, saved by faith alone in Christ, not in any work we do, lest any should boast. Christ the lamb cleanses us and redeems the world. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People:**

**Portia Mensah-Bonsu**

One: God of love. You have given us our home Canada. We pray for our leaders, intercede for righteousness, peace and justice for all. Pour out Your Spirit. Move Your church to action by faith. To spread the gospel and live the great commission to love God and one another.

#### **All: Merciful God. Hear our prayer**

One: We pray dear God for Your church. To live in the power of the Holy Spirit. To bear much fruit as we go. For an impact on our city, province and nation. May the saints of God live and be justified by faith.

#### **All: Merciful God. Hear our prayer**

One: Bless our city of Brampton. We pray for the many settled here. For love and charity with our neighbours. For those suffering income, food and economic insecurity. For those who fight crime and respond to emergencies. For our doctors, first responders, and many public servants. For Brampton to be for Christ. A beacon of light for the country. Give Your church boldness to declare the works of God, by Your Spirit.

#### **All: Merciful God. Hear our prayer**

One: Remember those of the body of Christ that are ailing, aged, afraid, alone, mourning, overwhelmed, overworked, underpaid, unemployed. We lift families, praying for harmony among parents, children and generations of differences. For marriages and relationships to remain godly. We ask for praying families, to seek Christ and pursue their calling of faith in all that they do. Bless us body, mind and spirit.

#### **All: Merciful God. Hear our prayer**

One: Gracious God, we offer our silent petitions of our hearts...

#### **All: Merciful God. Hear our prayer**

### **The Lord's Prayer (said)**

### **Praise & Worship 2: Led by Grace Choir**

**O Jesus I Have Promised**

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

### **Commissioning**

**Keith Mayers**

One: May Christ the lover of our soul's dwell within us. Make us quick to hear the Shepherd's voice, saying "Follow Me".  
May we have the oil of faith in our lamps, keep it burning.  
Trusting Christ to bear our burdens as we live as the bride for Jesus's pleasure.

### **Blessing (Numbers 6: 24-26)**

**All: May God bless you and keep you.**

**May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.**

**May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.**

### **Postlude: To God be the Glory**

**Traditional**

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