



**GRACE UNITED CHURCH**  
3<sup>rd</sup> in Lent  
(International Women's Day)  
March 8, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Leader: Worship Committee  
Presider: Sylvia Genders  
Music Director: Don Salfarlie

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: If With all Your Hearts     F. Mendelssohn / Lani Smith

Welcome, Announcements  
& Traditional Land Acknowledgment     Sylvia Genders

Call to Worship     Sylvia Genders

One: Today we gather with gratitude and hope.

**All: We celebrate the strength and spirit of women everywhere.**

One: For women who lead and teach, who care and create,  
who resist injustice and build community.

**All: We give thanks.**

One: For voices long silenced, for stories still unfolding,  
for courage rising in every generation—

**All: We honour and remember.**

One: God calls us into a world where all are valued, where gifts are  
Welcomed, and where justice is more than a dream.

**All: We come to worship the Holy One, who empowers us to  
love boldly and live justly.**

Lighting the Christ Candle     Sylvia Genders

One: We light this 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 continue our  
Lenten journey, leading us from darkness into your  
marvellous light, O Lord.**

Lenten Prayer (All)     Sylvia Genders

Loving Jesus, we travel the Lenten journey, The body of Christ  
never alone. Walking the path of sacred story, trodding the path  
of God unknown. Lead us in the call of faith each day.

Walking as stewards o'er the way. Rendering ourselves in  
sacrifice to Christ a reasonable service one for the other. Amen.

### Praise and Worship 1:

Come O Fount of Every Blessing

Voices United #559

Children's Moment: Step Forward

Joyce Redford

Song: I've Got Peace Like a River     VU #577     Led by Andy Keay

Children leave for Sunday School

### TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: John 4:5-26

MacLeod Nichols

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem: Think About His Love

Walt Harrah

Sermon: A Woman Speaks Up

Joyce Redford

### TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory/Special Music: Solo by Don Pelvin

Fill my Cup Lord

Richard Blanchard

Offering Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU #541

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Catherine Marlin

### Praise and Worship 2:

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

VU#626

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

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace

D. Besig & N. Price

Postlude (organ & flute): Allegro Maestoso

G. F. Handel