



GRACE UNITED CHURCH

14th after Pentecost

August 30, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Connie denBok

Presider: Nancy Moon

Music Director: Don Salfarlie

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: Change my heart, O God Eddie Espinosa

Welcome, Announcements
& Traditional Land Acknowledgment Nancy Moon

Call to Worship: Nancy Moon

One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of
witnesses, let us lay aside everything that weighs us down.

**All: We come to release what hinders us and receive
the grace that strengthens us.**

One: Let us run with perseverance the race that God
has set before us.

**All: We come to seek courage for the journey and
Faithfulness for the road ahead.**

One: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and
perfecter of our faith.

All: We turn our hearts toward Christ. Let us worship God.

Lighting the Christ Candle: Nancy Moon

We light this candle as a sign of the presence of Christ,
the One who goes before us, walks beside us and calls us to follow.
Jesus is our light, our way and our hope.

Opening Prayer: Nancy Moon

Faithful God, you have called us into a life of faith, not only for a
moment, but for the long journey. We come carrying many things:
responsibilities and worries, old hurts and new fears, unfinished
work and restless thoughts. Quiet the noise within us. Help us lay
aside what weighs us down and give our full attention to you.
Through our worship, renew our strength, clarify our direction and
fix our eyes once more upon Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Praise and Worship 1: Led by the Choir

Creator God, You Gave Us Life

MV #27

Children's Moment and Baptism: Rev. Dr. Connie denBok

We welcome today through the sacrament of baptism:

Aiden Anthony Valenzeola

Shakira Ali

Children's Song: My Life is in You Lord (2X) Daniel Gardner
Led by Kay Bingham

Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV Sylvia Genders

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Faith for the Long-Haul Rev. Dr. Connie denBok

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory/Special Music: Kay Bingham

I'm Coming Back to the Heart of Worship Matt Redmann

Offering Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU #541

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Praise and Worship 2: Led by the Choir

Give Me a Name

TLUS #12

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning & Benediction:

May the God of Hope Go with You

VU #424. (Vs. 1 & chorus)

Band Postlude: My Tribute

Andrae Crouch