GRACE UNITED CHURCH
25th after Pentecost
November 15, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Worship Leader: Jennifer Franczek
Presider: Maria Stevens
Music Director: Don Salfarlie

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Band Prelude: Air **J. S. Bach /**
Glorify They Name **Donna Adkins**

Welcome, Announcements
& Traditional Land Acknowledgment **Maria Stevens**

Call to Worship **Maria Stevens**

One: Come, people of God, just as you are, with all your gifts, your questions, and your possibilities.
All: We come knowing that God welcomes us and calls us by name.
One: Some of us have talents that are easy to see, while others have gifts quietly waiting to be discovered.
All: Every gift has value, and every person has a purpose.
One: God invites us to live with courage rather than fear, with generosity rather than hesitation.
All: We are called to share what we have and trust that God can make it grow.
One: We don't have to be perfect, extraordinary, or have everything figured out.
All: We simply need willing hearts and the courage to begin.
One: Come, let us celebrate the gifts of God and the opportunities before us.
All: Let us worship with joy, gratitude, and hope!

Lighting the Christ Candle **Maria Stevens**

We light this candle as a reminder that Christ's light shines within us and among us. A light that encourages us when we're afraid, guides us when we're uncertain, and reminds us that even the smallest act of love can make a difference. Jesus calls us not to hide our light, our gifts, or our potential, but to share them generously with the world. May this flame remind us that God's love is not something to keep to ourselves, but something to carry into the lives of others.

(The Christ Candle is lit.)

Thanks be to God for the light of Christ, a light that continues to shine through each of us. Amen.

Opening Prayer **Jennifer Franczek**

The Lord's Prayer: **VU# 960**

Praise and Worship 1: Led by the Choir
Jesus Bids Us Shine **VU# 585**

Children's Moment: You've Got Talent! (Even If You Don't Know It Yet!)
Jennifer Franczek
Song: What Can I Do (2x) MV# 191 **Led by Andy Keay**
Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 25:14–30 NIV** **Ross Redford**
One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Don't Bury What God Has Given You **Jennifer Franczek**

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory/Special Music: Kay Bingham
The Heart of Worship **Matt Redman**

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

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Praise and Worship 2:
I, the Lord of Sea and Sky **VU#509**

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning and Benediction
May the God of Hope Go with You **VU #424 (Vs. 1 & Chorus)**

Band Postlude: Shine Jesus Shine **Graham Kendrick**