



GRACE UNITED CHURCH

Ninth After Pentecost

July 26th, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Keith Mayers LLWL

Guest Musician: Edwin Baah Gyabeng

Presider: Maria Stevens

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude (Edwin Baah Gyabeng): In the Bulb There is a Flower

Welcome, Announcements

& Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Maria Stevens

Gathering song: Psalm 91 On Eagle's Wings (V1. Only)

Lighting the Christ Candle

Maria Stevens

One: Oh, love that will not let us go

All: We rest ourselves in You!

One: The light of the world, brightly beaming

All: Beacon of our hearts' lighthouse

One: Where the Spirit of God abides

All: Making each heart a light along the world's shore

Opening Prayer

Maria Stevens

Loving God. Blessed be Your name. You are worthy of all praise! Create a clean heart in us and renew our spirits within. Hear the voice of our petitions, accept the thanksgiving we offer. Be pleased to speak, inspire, mold and shape us for Your glory. Lead us by the inspiration of Your Spirit. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Praise and Worship 1:

Like a Healing Stream

MV #144

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Responsive Reading Psalm 105-Part One (Refrain sung) VU #828

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

Barron Chirisa

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Children's Moment: Field Treasure

Song: Halle, Halle, Halle

Children leave for Sunday School

VU #958

Led by Andy Keay

Reflection: The Great Garage Sale

Keith Mayers

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory (Edwin Baah Gyabeng): This is the Day

VU #412

Offering Response: We Give You But Your Own

VU #542

Offertory Prayer

One: Bountiful God, giver of all things bright and good, all things lovely, all things worthy, all things of good report, receive our offering. Prune our dead leaves. Trim our barren branches that we may bear much fruit. Equip us as vessels of giving; all ourselves to You. That in so offering we become treasured saints of the glorious kingdom. **Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith- The Apostles' Creed

VU #918

Taizé Prelude: Lord Have Mercy

VU #946

Invitation to Confession

All: Loving God, we come in earnest, seeking Your grace and mercy. In leaning on our own understanding, misguided acts that quench Your Spirit, in not resisting evil and pursuit of things displeasing to You. We lament over things we have done as opposed to those we ought to do. We acknowledge the power of Your Spirit working among us as the Counsellor and Comforter. Lead us in Your way, revive us for Your glory and anoint us to be apostles for You. Through Christ our Redeemer. 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.

All: Amen.

Prayers of the People

Maria Stevens

One: God of love. Remember the world and regions of conflict. Threats of new wars and ongoing battles that continue to slay innocent civilians. We pray for peacemakers, leaders and believers in Christ to spread the message of the gospel of peace, for Your Advent is at hand.

All: Merciful God. Hear our prayer

One: We intercede for Canada. A land of plenty, vast resources and flowing goods. We lament over the state of the environmental disasters with raging wildfires and polluted air across the land. Lack of clean water in some regions and skyrocketing inflation that threatens basic living standards. Heal our land as we cry out to You.

All: Merciful God. Hear our prayer

One: We pray for the churches of Brampton. We offer up our friends worshiping today from Heart Lake United Church. For discussions for the future and prospects to remain a force in the community. We turn our strategies to You, that it may please You God to unite churches as one mind in Christ. That this bride, the church may be prepared for Your pleasure.

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 and Worship 2:

Will Your Anchor Hold

VU #675

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning

Keith Mayers

One: Firmly anchor your spirits in Christ. Knowing your full worth as God authors and completes the story of our lives. Stories of faithfulness, surrender, holiness and godliness. May God continue to refine us to pure and precious treasure unto eternity as we live daily in Him.

Blessing (Numbers 6: 24-26)

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 (Edwin Baah Gyabeng): I am the light of the World VU #87
