



GRACE UNITED CHURCH

8th after Pentecost

July 19, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Guest Worship Leader: Jennifer Franczek

Presider: Nancy Moon

Guest Musician: Edwin Baah Gyabeng

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: Morning Has Broken

**Welcome, Announcements
& Traditional Land Acknowledgment**

Nancy Moon

Call to Worship:

Nancy Moon

One: We gather from busy weeks and busy lives.

All: God welcomes us.

One: We come carrying joys, worries, questions and hopes.

All: God welcomes us.

One: Sometimes we know exactly where we are headed.

All: Sometimes we feel completely lost.

One: Yet wherever life takes us...

All: God is already there.

One: This place becomes holy not because of the building,

All: but because God meets us here.

One: Come, let us worship the God who never leaves our side.

All: Let us worship together!

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Nancy Moon

Jacob thought he was alone.

He was running from his past and uncertain about his future.

Yet in the middle of nowhere, God met him.

As we light this candle,

we remember that Christ is the light that finds us,

whether we are standing on holy ground,

walking unfamiliar paths,

or simply trying to make it through another week.

May this light remind us: God is here. God has always been here.

And God will continue to walk with us.

Opening Prayer:

Jennifer Franczek

Holy and Loving God, Jacob expected an ordinary night, a hard stone for a pillow, and another long day of travelling ahead. Instead, You surprised him.

Thank You for being the God who meets us in unexpected places— at church, around the dinner table, while walking the dog, driving to work, or sitting quietly with a cup of coffee. Open our eyes today to recognize Your presence among us. Help us to hear Your promises, trust Your guidance, and leave this place knowing that wherever we go, You go with us. May our worship draw us closer to You and to one another. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

VU #960

Praise and Worship 1:

God is here

Fred Pratt Green/ William P.

Children's Moment:

Jennifer Franczek

Song: Like A Rock

MV #92

Led by Kay Bingham

Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: Genesis 28:10-19b NIV

Sheila Hill

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: When Heaven Meets Earth

Jennifer Franczek

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory/Special Music: Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary MV #18

Offering Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU #541

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Praise and Worship 2:

God Reveal Your Presence

VU #391

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)

Postlude: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse/Scriven