



GRACE UNITED CHURCH

19th after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Cheri Butt

Music Director: Don Salfarlie

Presider: Maria Stevens

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: Sheep May Safely Grace

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements
& Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Maria Stevens

Call to Worship:

Maria Stevens

One: Jesus is Here.

All: The Spirit of God is among us.

One: Be still, and know that God is

All: Before creation began, God was.

One: And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

All: From everlasting to everlasting,

God is God, who alone is worthy to be worshipped.

One: Let us sing praise to our God.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Maria Stevens

You assure us, Jesus, that wherever two or three are gathered in your name, you are there. We light this candle to remind ourselves and to celebrate your constant presence. May we always seek your guiding light in our lives.

Opening Prayer

Maria Stevens

God, you touch our lives with mystery and hope.

We come to this place today, ready to see your power

working through us. Help us to be open to your Word,

and to answer your call among us. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Praise and Worship 1: Led by Grace Choir

Unto the Hills

Voices United #842

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: Psalm 121 and Philippians 4:4-9 Norma Ferguson

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Children's Moment: What is Doubt?

Cheri Butt

Children's Song: I've Got Peace Like a River

VU #577

Children leave for Sunday School

Led by Andy Keay

Sermon: Without A Doubt

Cheri Butt

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory/Special Music: Madriaga Family

Amazing Grace (My Chains are gone)

Chris Tomlin

Offering Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU #541

Offertory Prayer

COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: Break Now the Bread of Life

VU #501

Communion:

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also, with you.

One: Lift up your hearts;

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give God thanks, and praise,

All: For it is right so to do.

One: It is equally right that, as we come to this table,
we declare what we believe:

**All: We believe in God who has come in Jesus, the Word made
flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and
others by the Spirit. We trust in God.**

One: With thanksgiving in our heart, we gather around this table
remembering the story: On the night when Jesus accepted the
path leading to death, he came to the table with his friends.
During the meal, Jesus took bread lifted it to the heavens,
and gave thanks, then broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

**All: Take, eat, all of you. This is my body; my whole being given
for you. Each time you share this bread, remember me.**

One: After the meal, Jesus also took the cup, filled it, lifted it to heavens,
and gave thanks, then passed the cup around the table saying:

**All: Drink this cup, all of you. This is my blood, the essence
of whom I am, poured out for you. Each time you share this cup,
remember me.**

One: As we remember our Lord, let us declare the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has come among us. Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

Two: Embracing the mystery of our faith, Let us name our purpose:

**All: We are called to be the church, to celebrate God's presence, to
live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek
justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our
judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is
with us. We are not alone.**

One: Come, O God, in whom we trust. Let this meal nourish us, body,
mind, and spirit, that we may be your presence in this world, bringing
hope and love. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread of Life & Cup of Salvation:

Prayer After Communion:

**Thank you, God, for this great feast. We are fed by your love; we
are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into the world to
live into the visions God has laid on our hearts. We are now
commissioned to: feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have
been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Amen.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (said)

Praise and Worship 2: Led by Grace Choir

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Voices United #344

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning

& Benediction: May the God of Hope Go with You

VU #424

(Verse 1 & Chorus)

Postlude: Be Still My Soul

Cindy Berry
