GRACE UNITED CHURCH
Anniversary Sunday
October 18, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.
Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdown
Presider: Jewel Naismith
Music Director: Don Salfarlie

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: Great is Thy Faithfulness **William M. Runyan**

Welcome, Announcements
& Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Call to Worship

One: We gather in a room that others built,
All: and sit in pews that others sat in before us.
One: Some planted, some watered, many we will never know by name,
All: and God gave the growth.
One: A great cloud of witnesses surrounds us today:
All: settlers and singers, builders and bakers, teachers, children, and elders.
One: No one can lay any foundation, but the one already laid,
All: Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of this house and every house of faith.
One: So let us lay aside what weighs us down,
All: and come with open hearts to worship the God of grace.

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle for Jesus Christ, the foundation no one can replace. Before the first walls rose at Grace, before the log meeting house, before any of us, this light was already shining. Jesus, pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
All: you went ahead of us, and you wait for us at the finish.
One: Others carried this flame before us; we carry it now,
All: and we will hand it on to those who come after.
One: Let this light keep our eyes on Christ,
All: the one who began the good work and will bring it to completion.

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship 1: Led by the Choir
Be Thou My Vision **VU #642 (vs. 1,2,4 &5 only)**

Children's Moment:
Alleluia (Uruguay) **Led by Andy Keay** **MV #52**
Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-2 **MacLeod Nichols**
1 Corinthians 3:6-11:
One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
All: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem (Medley): May Jesus Christ be Praised / Declare His Glory J. Peterson

Sermon: **Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdown**

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation:

Offertory/Special Music Solo: Cindy Tindale
Teach Us to Pray **D. McGuire & R. Rambo**

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

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

One: God of Grace:
All: Hear our prayer.

Praise and Worship 2: Led by the Choir
Go to the World **VU #420**

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning and Benediction

One: We have been named, remembered, and fed. Now the race is set before us.

All: We will run with perseverance, with the witnesses behind us and Christ ahead.

One: Some of us will plant,

All: some of us will water,

One: all of us will trust that God gives the growth.

All: We will build on the foundation that is Christ, carefully and generously, as people who know we are building for others.

One: Lay down what weighs you down: the fear of being too few, the habit of looking back more than forward, the old hurts.

All: We lay them down and run on.

One: Carry this church's story out of the doors and into Brampton. Tell it with your hands, your welcome, and your kindness.

All: We go as God's co-workers, God's field, God's building. Thanks be to God!

Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace — **D. Besig & N. Price**

Postlude Medley: How Great is our God — **Chris Tomlin**
/ How Great Thou Art — **Stuart Wesley Keene Hine**