



GRACE UNITED CHURCH

15th after Pentecost

September 6, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Worship Committee

Presider: Jewel Naismith

Music Director: Don Salfarlie

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: I will Sing of the Mercies of The Lord Forever

J. H. Fillmore

**Welcome, Announcements
& Traditional Land Acknowledgment**

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Call to Worship

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One: God calls us.

All: We gather in response to the invitation.

One: Christ leads us.

All: We follow, united in love and purpose.

One: The Holy Spirit empowers us.

**All: We grow in faith, made ready to answer God's call
with boldness.**

One: As we worship together this morning,

All: God is here! Let us give thanks!

Lori Van Santvoort-Jansekovich, Broadway U.C. Thunder Bay, Ont.

Lighting the Christ Candle

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Long ago Jesus called some unlikely fisher folk and an ostracized tax collector to follow him. In the same manner, Jesus called a surprised woman to draw water for him and then become a disciple. Today, Jesus is calling us to be light in a shadowed world. We light this candle as a reminder that we are people of the Way of Jesus!

Opening Prayer

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Creator God, open our hearts today to feel your presence, to receive your words, to sing your praises, to trust in your promises, and to find the grace and peace that you are offering to every one of us as we respond to you.

On this holy day, we remember that you have invited us into a covenant and a calling, and that you have invited us to live in the ways of your precious kingdom, even as you remind us that we are part of everything that you do. On this holy day, we will answer your call to a life of faith. We will answer your call to be attentive to people we meet along the way. We will answer your call to recognize the blessings you provide. We will answer your call to care for the whole earth and everyone in it. We will answer your call. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Julie Hutton, Minnedosa U. C., Minnedosa, Man.

Praise and Worship 1:

Dance with the Spirit (2X)

MV #156

Choir Anthem (Solo by Bobby Hughes): The Blessing

Brown/Carnes/Jobe/Furtick

Children's Moment: Blessing of the Backpacks Nicky Gibbs-Reilly

Song: Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

VU #570

Led by Choir

Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 12:1-9 God calls Abraham and Sarah

Nancy Wilson

Matthew 9:9-13 The call of Matthew

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: God is Calling

Catherine Marlin

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory/Special Music: Simple Gifts

Elder Joseph Brackett

Joyce Redford playing the Hammered Dulcimer

Offering Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU #541

Offertory Prayer

Ourselves, our actions, our words, our mission, and our souls
we dedicate them all to you, O God, as we answer your call.

Bless us and our gifts for your service that we may declare our
faith by our cheerful giving back. Amen.

Gord Dunbar, Kincardine, Ont.

Prayers of the People

Yvonne Aldred

Lord's Prayer

Praise and Worship 2:

I have Called You by Your Name

MV #161

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning and Benediction

May we leave this place open to God's call on our lives that each of us
might be a source of healing and of kindness in this world. May we go
in faith ready to love and to serve in Jesus' name.

Cindy Randall, Humbervale U.C., Etobicoke, Ont.

Praise & Worship 3:

Postlude: Go Make a Difference (Sung)

MV #209

Postlude: Postlude: Go Make a Difference (Instrumental)

MV #209
