



GRACE UNITED CHURCH
17th after Pentecost
September 20, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.
Worship Leader: Scott Martin, LLWL
Presider: Portia Mensah-Bonsu
Music Director: Don Salfarlie

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Band Prelude: The Power of Your Love Geoff Bullock

**Welcome, Announcements
& Traditional Land Acknowledgment** Portia Mensah-Bonsu

Lighting the Christ Candle Portia Mensah-Bonsu
Let the light of the Christ candle remind us of our caring of people
and of all creation and to open our hearts to the faith of Christ
and to acknowledge God's presence with us today and every day,
guiding us on life's paths and spiritual journeys. AMEN.

Call to Worship Portia Mensah-Bonsu
One: The Lord has heard your voice and the cries of your heart.
All: Lord, bring us peace and bring us healing.
One: Rejoice and call upon the name of the Lord today and every day.
All: Lord, bring us peace and bring us healing.
One: Bring praise and your songs to the table of the Lord
All: Lord, bring us peace and bring us healing.
One: We gather to be the people of God
All: Who calls us to follow in love, in faith and in service.
Praise the Lord, Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer Portia Mensah-Bonsu
Let us pray, Gracious one, as we worship this morning, you are
beyond our knowing, yet you are closer to us than our every breath.
You are before us and behind us, surrounding us with your love, and
fashioning all of creation in the secret depths of your heart. With
every thought, with every song, and with every prayer, turn these
fragile vessels of our lives, into the Spirit-filled body of Christ. May
we find your words filled with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and
give us the courage for the journey ahead. We pray this in Jesus's
name. Amen.

Praise and Worship 1: Led by the Choir
Let All Things Now Living

VU #242

Children's Moment:
Song: Hokey Pokey

Scott Martin, LLWL
Traditional

Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Led by Andy Keay

Unknown

Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: Luke 14: 25-33 NRSV The Cost of Discipleship
Sheila Hill

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
All: Thanks be to God!

Reflection: Are You Ready to Sign on the Dotted Line?
Scott Martin, LLWL

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory: On Eagle's Wings Michael Joncas

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

Offering Dedication

Pastoral Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Praise and Worship 2: Led by the Choir
Let There Be Light

F. Davis & R. Fleming

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

**Commissioning &
Benediction: Go Now in Peace**

D. Besig & N. Price

Postlude: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Henry Smith