



GRACE UNITED CHURCH
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.
Worship Leader: Worship Committee
Presider: Myrna Adams-Falujo
Music: Don Salfarlie
Guest Violinist: Amani Sloley

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: Sweet Hour of Prayer **W. B. Bradbury**
(Piano & Violin accompaniment)

Meditation: "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." **Martin Luther**

Gathering Music: Holy Spirit Hear Us **VU# 377**

Welcome, Announcements & Traditional Land Acknowledgment
Myrna Adams-Falujo

Call to Worship: **Myrna Adams-Falujo**

One: People of God, why are you here?

All: We hope for a glimpse of the goodness of God, expressed in word and deed in this place.

One: Followers of Jesus, what is your greatest fear?

All: That our prayers do not rise but fall to earth unheard.

One: Children of God, what does your heart desire?

All: We want to know that we are not alone, that God is with us.

One: God has sent the Spirit of Truth, the Advocate, to assure us of all of these things and more.

All: God is seen. We are heard. God is with us!

Thanks be to God.

Lighting the Christ Candle: **Myrna Adams-Falujo**

We light this candle as a symbol of our intention to be open and attentive to God's presence and guidance during our time of worship.

The Lord's Prayer: Sung by Don Pelvin **Albert Hay Malotte**
(Piano & Violin accompaniment)

Opening Prayer:

God, when the 12 asked Jesus to "Teach us how to Pray", he did.

Would you teach us how to listen?

Would you teach us how to live?

Would you teach us how to love?

Would you teach us how to be the people you created us to be?

Because we really need your help. Amen

Children's Moment: The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us **Catherine Marlin**
Song: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying **VU #400**

Led by Kay Bingham

Children leave for Sunday School

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Scripture Reading: Psalm 63:1-8 and Luke 11:1-10 **NIV**

Job Amankwah-Nkansah

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Meditation/Discussion: Reframing the Lord's Prayer **Joyce Redford**
VU #914 & #916

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory/Special Music: Karen Martin (Piano & Violin accompaniment)
The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

Theme from the 'Vicar of Dibley' by Howard Goodall

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

Offertory Prayer:

All: In response to your call to give of ourselves, we bring these offerings to you. Where it truly represents us and our gifts, accept and multiply them in your love and grace.

Prayers of the People: The Lord's Prayer Meets Psalm 23

Claire Cooper

God is my shepherd, who is in heaven.

There is nothing I shall lack, as you give us today our daily bread.

You, God, make me lie down in green pastures, you lead me beside peaceful waters, as your will is done on earth.

And you revive my spirit, as your will is also done in heaven.

You guide me in right pathways for your name's sake,
because your name is holy.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for it is you who delivers me from evil.

You are with me, your rod and your staff are my comfort,
for it is you who forgives me.

You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies,
as I have forgiven them.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Save me from the temptation of boasting,
as it is surely your goodness and mercy
that shall follow me all the days of my life,
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
and I will dwell in God's house my whole life long,
now and forever. Amen.

Wanda Winfield, 2019 (The Gathering)

Praise and Worship: Take Time to be Holy

VU #672

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning:

So, I say to you: Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Blessing: (Numbers 6: 24-26)

May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you
And be gracious unto you.
May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

Postlude: The Power of Your Love

Geoff Bullock
