



GRACE UNITED CHURCH
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
February 1, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.
Worship Leader: Scott Martin
Music Director: Don Salfarlie
Presider: Maria Stevens

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: Sweet, Sweet Spirit Doris Akers

**Welcome, Announcements
& Traditional Land Acknowledgment** Maria Stevens

Lighting the Christ Candle

God is called the “Father of Lights”, indicating that all of his blessing are perfect gifts are from him. Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. He gives us that light to us every time we gather in his name. Amen

Call to Worship

One: Who are you?

All: We are the church.

One: What do you do here?

All: We worship God together.

One: How do you do that?

All: Through song, story, praise and prayer

One: Thanks be to God for your devotion.

**All: Let us worship God together, strong in faith
and as one family.**

Opening Prayer:

Loving and gracious God, we come this morning seeking to abide in your presence. Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as your people. Open our hearts to your spirit of truth, that we may love all your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness and grace. May this time of worship open us to your message this day. Get our attention and show us the way to abundant life for all of creation. for we ask this in Jesus’s name. Amen.

Black National Anthem: Led by the Choir
Lift Every Voice and Sing

Praise and Worship 1: Led by Grace Choir
Blessed Assurance

Voices United #337

TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Choir Anthem /Solo: Pat Russell:
He's Worthy, God's Worthy Sandra Crouch

Prayer for Justice and Belonging United Church of Canada@2025

Children’s Moment: Following Christ
Song: Know that God is Good MV #104 Led by Kay Bingham
(Swahili, English, Swahili)
Children leave for Sunday School

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 NIV Norma Ferguson
One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Hey Jesus! Scott Martin, LLWL

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation:

Offertory Solo by Pat Russell: I Go to the Rock Dottie Rambo

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

Offering Dedication:

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer
Held in God’s Love United Church of Canada @2025

Praise and Worship 2: Led by Grace Choir
Swing Low Sweet Chariot African American Spiritual

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

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

Postlude: Kumbaya African American Spiritual