



**GRACE UNITED CHURCH**  
Worship Service – Children’s Sunday  
November 17, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.  
Lead Minister: Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin  
Lay Presider: Jennifer Gibbs-Reilly

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

**Gathering Music: My Favourite Things** R. Rogers

**Prelude: I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord** J. H. Fillmore

**Welcome, Announcements & Traditional Land Acknowledgment**  
Jennifer Gibbs-Reilly

**Call to Worship:** Samuel Wamaitha

One: Beloved of God, we are called here today.

**All: We are called at every age, from every corner, to gather.**

One: Children of God, let us playfully worship together,

**All: worshipping God who made each of us and loves all of us.**

One: God be with you. And also, with you.

**Procession: O Holy Lord** Don Salfarlie

**Lighting the Christ Candle** Miracle Habakkuk

**Greeting**

**Opening Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer** Louise Shin

**Praise and Worship 1:**

**Tell Me the Stories of Jesus** VU #357, v. 1 – 4

**Words of Assurance:**

In the story of Genesis, when God created humankind – they were created in God’s image! And indeed, God blessed them so they might grow and flourish along with creation. As children of God, we are blessed again and again with the love of God, and we are welcomed into relationship with Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**The Moments of Blessing: The Blessing (video)**

**Special Music: (Medley)** Jennifer Gibbs-Reilly  
**The Greatest Love of All / Jesus Loves Me**  
L. Creed & M. Masser / A. Warner & W. Bradbury

**Affirmation of Faith**

**We are not alone; we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God’s presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Praise and Worship 2: Contemporary**

**The Blessing** Kari Jobe and Cody Carnes  
Led by Kay Bingham & Jennifer Gibbs-Reilly

**Time for Youth & Young at Heart**

**Song: What Can I Do?** More Voices #191  
Led by Jennifer Gibbs Reilly

Children leave for Sunday School

## **TO DISCOVER THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY**

**Scripture Reading: James 2:15-17 & Matthew 19:13-14**

**Tyrell Campbell**

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon: Hungry Beloved?**

**Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin**

## **TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE**

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory (Band): He's Everything to Me**

**Ralph Carmichael**

**Offering Response: We Give You but Your Own**

**VU #542**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayer of People**

**Ruth Wicks**

**Praise and Worship 3:**

**I Have Called You by Your Name**

**More Voices #161**

## **THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**May the God of Hope Go with You**

**VU #424, v. 1. & chorus**

**Postlude: Sweet Jesus**

**Cyril McLellan & Paul Goodwin**

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