



GRACE UNITED CHURCH

Worship Service

October 13, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

THANKSGIVING & INVITATION SUNDAY

Lead Minister: Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin

Lay Presider: Sylvia Genders

Thanksgiving Message with Children

Rev. Thomas Shin

Children's Song: Know that God Is Good

MV #104

Led by Kay Bingham

Children leave for Sunday School

Gratitude Testimony Introduction

Rev. Thomas Shin

Song: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

VU# 958

Gratitude 1:

Mike Desroche

Song: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Gratitude 2:

Nitin Bailey

Song: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Gratitude 3:

J. J. Roberts

Song: I Am Thankful

New Member Celebration: Rev. Shin, Rob Reilly & Joyce Redford

- Introduction and Welcome
- 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.

Introduction of New members

Rob Reilly

- Presentation of Welcome Gifts/Certificates Joyce Redford
- Prayer of Blessing and Dedication
- Congregational Response

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Gathering Music: Shout to the Lord Darlene Zschech

Band Prelude: Come You Thankful People, Come G. J. Elvey

Announcements & Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Call to Worship:

One: Bring Joyful noises and songs of praise.

All: Bring gratitude and gladness this day.

One: We come with words of rejoicing and songs of celebration.

All: We come to give thanks for the gifts of God.

One: We remember the things we have learned and blessings we
have received from your grace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Procession: O Holy Lord Don Salfarlie

Lighting the Christ Candle

Song 1: Led by the Choir (*Organ accompaniment*)
We Praise You, O God Voices United #218

Opening Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Worship 2: Led by Kay Bingham
Medley: Alleluia
Give Thanks

Jerry Sinclair
Henry Smith

Question 1:

Do you, as the congregation of Grace United church, promise to support and uplift these new members, standing beside them in times of joy and challenge?

Congregational Vow:

We do. We promise to support, care for, and walk beside our new members in every season of life.

Question 2:

Do you vow to be a source of guidance, providing a listening ear and sharing the wisdom of God's Word when they seek counsel?

Congregational Vow:

We do. We vow to listen, guide, and share God's Word with sincerity and love.

Question 3:

Will you commit to including these new members in our communal life, ensuring they feel a sense of belonging and purpose within our church family?

Congregational Vow:

We will. We commit to embrace and involve our new members, ensuring they find their place in our church community.

Question 4:

Do you promise to pray for these new members, asking God to bless, protect, and use them for His glory in our church and in the world?

Congregational Vow:

We do. We promise to uphold our new members in prayer, seeking God's best for their lives.

New members' response

1. Do you promise to follow Jesus Christ's teachings in your daily life?
2. Do you vow to uphold the teachings and doctrines of this church, seeking understanding and clarity when in doubt?
3. Will you commit to participating in the life and ministries of this church, supporting its mission and vision?
4. Do you promise to foster a spirit of unity, love, and respect among fellow members and the broader community?

5. Will you seek to grow spiritually, availing yourself of the educational and formative resources the church provides?
6. Do you vow to support the church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?
7. Will you strive to be a light in the community, reflecting the love and compassion of Christ in all your interactions?
8. Do you vow to nurture your relationship with God, dedicating time for prayer, Biblical study, and worship?

Closing Remarks

Choir Anthem: Honour the Lord

Greg Davis & Greg Fisher

TO RESPOND IN FAITH AND HOPE

Offering Invitation

Offertory: My Tribute

Andraé Crouch

Offering Response: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Voices United #541

Offertory Prayer

People's Prayer

Norma Ferguson

Song 3: Led by Grace Choir

Now Thank We All Our God

Voices United# 236

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO LIVE ITS FAITH IN THE WORLD

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace

D. Besig & N. Price

Postlude: To God Be the Glory

W. H. Doane