

# Martin Grove United Church

where worship leads to service



**“Grace Alone”**

**Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas**  
**August 20, 2023**

## **Welcome to Worship!**

*VU refers to Voices United, MV refers to More Voices*

**\*Indicates an invitation to stand - in body, or in spirit**

**Prelude: “In the garden”** *By C. Austin Miles, Arr by Martha Mier*  
(Elaine Weimer)

**Minister’s Welcome**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**\*Opening Hymn: MV 154 “Deep in our hearts”** *Words by John Oldham, Music by Ron Klusmeier*

**Announcements** (Marilyn Coombs)

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer of Approach**

**Time of Personal Prayer: “Psalm 42 (Freu Dich Sehr)”**  
*By J.S. Bach*

**Words of Assurance**

**Choir Anthem: “Count your blessings”** *Words by Rev. J. Oatman Jr., Music by E.O. Excell*

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 133** (Tina Klein)

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 15:21-28** (Tina Klein)

**Song of Reflection: “I’ve got peace like a river”** *Arr by Phillip Keveren, Music: Traditional*

**Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:1-15** (Rev. Rick)

**Reflection: “Grace Alone”** (Rev. Rick)

**Invitation to Offering**

**\*Offering Hymn: MV 191 “What can I do?”** *By Paul Rumboldt & Michele McCarthy, Arr by Alan C. Whitmore*

**\*Offering Prayer**

**Lighting of the Prayer Candle**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn: VU 242 “Let all things now living”**  
*Words by Katherine K. Davis, Music: Welsh Folk Melody*

**\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**\*Sung Blessing: MV 214 “May God’s sheltering wings”**  
*By Judith Snowdon*

**Postlude: “All hail the power of Jesus’ name”** *By Oliver Holden, Arr by Victor Labenske* (Elaine Weimer)

"We acknowledge that our sacred space is found on the indigenous territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinabe, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Huron -Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Metis. With gratitude and respect for their stewardship of creation, we seek to live into right relations with all."

**Upcoming Events & Reminders**

**September 10 – New Member Sunday – 10:30am**

**September 12 – Red Cup Challenge Return Date**

**September 17 – VISTA Card Orders Due**

**September 17 – Talent Show – 3:00pm**

**October 1 – World Communion Sunday – 10:30am**

**October 14 – Euchre Card Party – 1:00pm**

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