



Grace United Church

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July 24, 2022, Order of Worship

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader – Barb DeJeet



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Air from Suite in D – J.S. Bach*

Welcome – Colleen Harding

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Centering Music: *We Center our Hearts for Worship.*

Spiritual Focus:

If we, who are merely human, give our children the food they need,
how much more will the Holy Spirit give to those
who are beloved by God? (Luke 11)

Call to Worship (Responsive) Luke 10:27–28

One: We gather to hear what the Holy One will speak.

All: God will speak peace to the faithful, those who turn to love in their hearts.

One: Surely wholeness is at hand for those who stand in awe.

All: Show us your steadfast love, Holy One, and grant us your wholeness and peace.

One: Let steadfast love and faithfulness meet us today.

All: Let us worship the God who calls us.

Opening Prayer (All):

Holy Mystery, in ancient day, you spoke to your prophet Hosea, telling him to give his children names that warned of hard times to come. Even though the people heard. “You are not my people,” you insisted that they remained your beloved children.

When his disciples asked him how to pray, Jesus called then beloved children of God, telling them to ask only for each day’s bread. Today, we stand in awe, waiting to hear your word, yearning to know that we, too, are your beloved children.

Give us the bread that we need today, so that we might feed a world that hungers for wholeness. AMEN

(Please stand as able)

Song of Praise: Voices United # 377

“Holy Spirit, Hear Us”

1. Holy Spirit, hear us; help us while we sing;
breathe into the music of the praise we bring.
2. Holy Spirit, shine now on the book we read;
light its holy pages with the truth we need.
3. Holy Spirit, prompt us when we bow to pray;
speak within and teach us what we ought to say.

4. Holy Spirit, help us daily by your might,
what is wrong to conquer, and to choose the right.

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(Please be seated)

WE SEEK WISDOM

PASSING OF THE PEACE: (all)

As forgiven and loved children of God, as those who are filled with the Holy Spirit, let us share the signs of peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you always.

Prayer of Illumination (All):

Hear the good news: If you are merely human, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Holy Spirit come to those who ask? In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. AMEN

Scripture Reader: Cheryl O'Leary

Luke 11: 1 – 13 "Jesus teaches the disciples to pray"

The Lord's Prayer

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

Perseverance in Prayer

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of

mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Special Music: A Medley of Gospel Favourites

Reflection "Prayer"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Responding Hymn Voices United # 232

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"

1. Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays;
stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.

3. You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest;
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

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Music: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824, adapt. Edward Hodges 1864
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(Please be seated)

PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR PRAYER: Voices United # 400

"Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Repeat

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Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer that Jesus Taught His followers: Voices United # 960

(All – Sung):

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

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Your Generosity Matters: Every Child has a Right to Learn: Meshack's Story
Barb Dejeet

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

We give for the Mission of God to Make Miracles Evident.

OFFERING INVITATION/DOXOLOGY Voices United # 541

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love make known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Words: Thomas Ken ca 1674
Music: Genevan Psalter 1551
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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

Generous Giver, having received so much from you, we offer our tithes and offerings into your hands, that they may bring hope and gladness to a hurting world. AMEN



**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD
TO BE THE CHURCH**

(Please stand as able)

Closing Hymn: Voice United #333

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley 1747
Music: Rowland Huw Prichard ca. 1831
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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

(Please be seated)

Postlude: *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (from 'Solomon')* - G.F. Handel

Welcome

as we gather for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or newcomer to this Community of Faith, we extend a warm greeting. Thank you for joining us virtually.



Celebration Candle

Today we send Blessings of Joy to all who are celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Special Events in the coming week.

May Joy abound and Love Multiply.

Happy Birthday to Shannon Tompkins and Brad Curtis.

Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary added to our announcements? Please contact Laurie at the church Office and give her the details. Birthdays or Anniversaries can only be added with your written consent.

Prayers for the people



Remember in your prayers all those who are in hospital, recovering at home and those who may need our comfort, guidance, and support.

****Please notify the church office if there is someone you know who is ill, in hospital or in need of pastoral care. ****

Offerings – July 17, 2022 - Attendance: 36

General	\$ 916.00
Mission & Service	\$ 222.00

Thank you for your offerings

(PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR ENVELOPE)

Special Guest Musicians

Next Sunday, July 31st Alison Palmer and on Sunday, August 7th – David Talbot. Both are currently performing in the production of "The Music Man" at the Thousand Islands Playhouse. More details about both Actors will be in next week's order of Service. Spread the word and bring a friend to service.

There are many ways you can partner up with God's Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference.

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Sign-up for PAR Forms

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by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/>

Pies for Sale

A select variety of Pies will be available to purchase during regular Church Office hours through the summer.

Please call ahead to place an order. 613-382-2161



Laurie will be on holiday from August 1st to the 14th. If you have any notices you would like in the bulletin for these weeks, send them to the Office as soon as possible. Marg Worth will be covering phone lines and checking the mail. If others are out and about, please check on the church and water the flowers during this time.

This Community of Faith acknowledges all traditional territories, all ceded and unceded lands that we live upon - and give thanks for all the generations of people who have taken care of these lands before us and still do with us today. May we be open to historical truths and may we continue to learn from the past, shape our present time and build a better world with All People.



(Picture: Credit to Indigenous Ministries and Justice – The United Church of Canada)

Thank you to Lay Minister, Barb Dejeet for leading our worship service this morning while Rev. Takouhi is participating in the General Conference.

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The 2022 Directory will be available soon

Sunday, July 17th – 10:30 am Worship Service – Rev. Takouhi

Sunday, July 24 – 10:30 am Worship Service – Barb DeJeet
(Rev. Takouhi at General Council Conference)

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Special Guest Musician – Alison Palmer

Sunday, August 7th – 10:30 am Worship – Barb DeJeet
Special Guest Musician – David Talbot
(Rev. Takouhi at General Council Conference)

Sunday, August 14 – 10:30 am Worship – Rev. Takouhi

Sunday, August 21st – 10:30 am Service – Rev. Takouhi

Sunday, August 28th – 10:30 am Service – Rev. Takouhi

Important Information

Service will also be shown live on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>

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The service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.