



## Grace United Church

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### August 7, 2022, Order of Worship

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Worship Leader: Barb DeJeet**

## WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

**Prelude:** *"Sheep May Safely Graze"* J.S. Bach

**Welcome – Susan Barwell**

**Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Acknowledging the Traditional Territory.**

**Introit: Voices United 660**

*"How firm a foundation" (vs. 3 & 5)*

3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

5. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not – I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never – no, never – no, never forsake.

Words: "K" in John Rippon's *A Selection of Hymns* 1787, alt. Music: Welsh folk melody, arr. John Roberts (Henllan) in *Caniadau y Cyssegrt* 1819. Public Domain

### Lighting of the Christ Candle Reading:

**All: In Your presence within this, your house, O God,  
we light this candle because you are here with us.**



### Call to Worship:

One: Here is worship, here is peace. Here is company, here is love. Here is prophesy, here is faith.

**All: We come here to worship; our lives given to your Life this hour.**

### Opening Hymn: Voices United # 556

*"Would You Bless Our Homes and Families"*

1. Would you bless our homes and families  
Source of life who calls us here;  
in our world of stress and tension  
teach us love that conquers fear.  
Help us learn to love each other  
with a love that constant stays;  
teach us when we face our troubles,  
love's expressed in many ways.
2. When our way is undemanding,  
let us use the time that's ours  
to delight in simple pleasure,  
sharing joys in gentle hours.  
When our way is anxious walking  
and a heavy path we plod,  
teach us trust in one another  
and in you, our gracious God.

3. From the homes in which we're nurtured,  
with the love that shapes us there,  
teach us, God, to claim as family  
every one whose life we share.  
And through all that life may offer,  
may we in your love remain;  
may the love we share in families  
be alive to praise your name.
4. Let us reach beyond the boundaries  
of our daily thought and care  
till the family you have chosen  
spills its love out everywhere.  
Help us learn to love each other  
with a love that constant stays;  
teach us when we face our troubles  
love's expressed in many ways.

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*(Please be seated)*

## WE SEEK WISDOM

### **Passing of the Peace: (all)**

**Through Christ, God's realm has been opened to us. Here and now, we enter this realm when we offer signs of love and peace to one another. Greet one another in the name of the Lord.**

### **Opening Prayer – Voices United #557 (All):**

**In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.  
Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love,  
granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely,  
endurance to those who care for sick family members,**

**and wisdom to those in fearful times of change.  
We thank you for gifts of love we have received  
from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion.  
As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love.  
Grant us your peace through Jesus the Christ. Amen**

Ruth Duck 1990

### **Introduction to the Word:**

Listen for the word of God. Strive to understand Christ's teachings. For this indeed is our treasure. May it light our paths and make us ready to take action.

### **Scriptures (NRSV): Scripture Reader: Diane Nuttall**

#### **Luke 6:46-49 "Build on the Rock"**

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, it quickly collapsed, and great was the ruin of that house."

#### **Matthew 7: 24-25 "Build on the Rock"**

"Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock.

### **Guest Musician: David Talbot**

#### **Bound for Canaan**

African-American Spiritual

#### **Keep on the Sunny Side**

Words: Ada Blenkhorn 1899

Music: J. Howard Entwisle 1899

### **Life Lesson: "House and Home"**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*(Please stand as able)*

### **Responding Hymn: More Voices #1**

*"Let Us Build a House" (All Are Welcome)*

1. Let us build a house  
Where love can dwell  
And all can safely live  
A place where Saints and children tell  
How hearts learn to forgive  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions  
Rock of faith and vault of grace  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions  
**Refrain:** All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place.
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak  
And words are strong and true  
Where all God's children dare to seek  
To dream God's reign anew  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
And a symbol of God's grace  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus  
**Refrain:** All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place.
3. Let us build a house where love is found  
In water, wine and wheat  
A banquet hall on holy ground  
Where peace and justice meet  
Here the love of God, through Jesus  
Is revealed in time and space  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us  
**Refrain:** All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place.

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
**Refrain:** All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place.
5. Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Build of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
**Refrain:** All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place.

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*(Please be seated)*

**Your Generosity Matters:** What Would Jesus do?

**Diane Nuttall**

**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 the People

### The Prayer that Jesus Taught His followers (All)

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.

### Our Offerings – Supporting God’s Ministries:

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

### Offering Invitation/Doxology: Voices United # 542

*“We Give You But Your Own”*

We give you but your own, whate’er the gift may be;  
all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

Words: William Walsham How 1858, alt.

Music: Johann Balthasar König 1738; adapt. William Henry Havergal 1847

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### Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

Generous God, you offer us unfailing treasure in heaven. In love and gratitude for your gifts to us, we return these gifts and offerings to you. Use them and stretch them to ease the plight of the poor and the widow, the orphan and the downtrodden. Use and stretch us, that we may do good, seek justice and be your light in the world. AMEN.

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

*(Please stand as able)*

### Closing Hymn: More Voices #92 “Like a Rock” ( X3)

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.  
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.  
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.  
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

Words: Ken K. Wehlander 1998

Adapted to music: Linnea Good, 1999

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### Sending Forth & Blessing

**Go into this new week, knowing that God goes before you and bids you to come. And beside you is Jesus, your teacher, your healer, your friend. And surrounding you with light and love is the Holy Spirit. AMEN**

### Choral Amen

*(Please be seated)*

**Postlude:** *Postlude in E minor J.S. Bach*



## *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 Claire Bass, Marilyn Belbin and Elaine Davidson

**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. \*\***

Our thanks to David Talbot, our guest musician this morning. David is a cast member in the 1000 Islands Playhouse production of The Music Man, playing the dual role of Mayor Shinn and the Conductor. He has previously appeared at the TIP in "Little Shop of Horrors", "The Drowsy Chaperone", and "7 Stories". Thank you, David, for your musical leadership in song today.

There are many ways you can partner up with God's Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference. by cheque -120 Pine ST.

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***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)*

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## **The 2022 Directory will be available soon**

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

**Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> – 10:30 am Service – Rev. Takouhi**

**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Service – Rev. Takouhi**

## **Important Information**

*Service will also be shown live on YouTube.*

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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.**