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The 2023 Directory will be out soon

If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again.

Service will also be shown live on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg>

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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.

**WELCOME
To
GRACE UNITED CHURCH**



***Where Everyone is Part of
God's Family***



Grace United Church

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July 9, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Prelude: *Spirit of Life* - Carolyn McDade

Welcome – Carolyn Scott

Land Acknowledgement (Responsive):

One: Grace United Church takes seriously the commitments made to First Nations communities through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report, especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

All: Therefore, we acknowledge, this day, that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the original nations of this land, and we acknowledge with respect, their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV)

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Call to Worship: Song of Solomon 2:11–12

Beloved of God, the winter is past,
the flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come.

Let us lift our voices in praise to our Creator.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #703

“In the Bulb there is a Flower”

- 1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.
- 2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,

bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

- 3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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(Please be seated)

Prayer of the Day (All):

Author of life, you cast your glory all around us; you speak to us through our dreams; you reveal yourself in ancient stories and the give-and-take of common life. By the power of your Spirit, come to us once again, for you have called us to this place, to be nourished strengthened and sent out in Your Love. We pray in the name of Jesus—our hope, and our friend - **Amen.**

(Please stand as able)

Song for the Journey: Voices United #402

"We Are One" (verses 1, 2, & 4)

- 1 We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.
- 2 We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.
- 4 We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

"Who is Your Friend?"

Song of Illumination: Voices United #365

"Jesus Loves Me"

- 1 Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
- 2 Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, 'Let them come to me.'
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
- 3 Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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Scripture Reader: Paul Scott

Reader: We listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Gospel of Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (NRSV)

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

May the Spirit of Wisdom add understanding to these words.

All: Thanks be to God.

Organ Solo: *Beautiful Isle of Somewhere* - John S. Ferris

Life Lesson: *"Relationships Help Ease Our Burdens"*

Song of Hope & Healing Voices United # 664

"What a Friend we have in Jesus"

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.

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Prayers of Hope and Healing:

The Lord's Prayer: A Paraphrase: Voices United #916 (All):

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and what shall be.

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come
on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Your Generosity Matters:

Working with Young Leaders: Amy Crawford's Work

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

Jesus sends his disciples into the world to bless all.

*With God's love, in the Holy Spirit, let us give as we are able to make a
difference in this World for God's glory.*

We receive this morning's offering.

Offertory Song: More Voices #191

"What Can I Do?" (3x)

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with Joy? I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

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Prayer after Offering (All): Gen. 24:58–67

Gracious Creator, you have laced our lives with blessing. As we present these offerings, we also tender our lives. Make us your bold and faithful people, willing to go forward in faith wherever you would lead us, that we might be a comfort in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus, by the gift of your empowering Spirit. **Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

(Please stand as able)

Song of Commitment: Voices United #595

"We Are Pilgrims"

1 We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

2 Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6 Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Ein' Feste Burg (A Mighty Fortress)* - Johann Pachelbel

Welcome

as we gather for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or a newcomer to this Community of Faith, either in person or virtually, we extend a warm welcome. May you come in as a stranger but depart knowing you are part of the family. Thank you for joining us.

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 Rev. Takouhi or the church office if there is someone you know who is in need or a visit, in hospital or any other needs.

NOTE – Due to privacy laws and confidentiality, the names of people on our list are not printed in the Order of Service.



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 Dorothy Jocko and Choughik Demirdjian.

Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary added to our announcements contact Laurie at the church Office and give her the details.

A huge **Thank you** to our Pie Making Group “Pies for God’s Sake”. This group, under the leadership of Tom & Carol Currie sold pies and RibFest. We appreciate all the work and dedication of this amazing group, at RibFest \$1935.00 was raised.



Grace United Church has a hearing assistance system which broadcasts via Bluetooth. If you have a Bluetooth setting on your hearing aid, you can pair it with the church's PA system. If you have Bluetooth earbuds or headphones, you can do the same. Ask Paul Harding for assistance.

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

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e-transfer to grace.gan@outlook.com

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) Forms

https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf

by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

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

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR DONATION ENVELOPES

If you would like envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet available on the table in the Narthex.

Offerings July 2023

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local/Benevolent
July 2		\$ 2477.50	\$ 192.50	0
July 9				
July 16				
July 23				
July 30				
PAR				
BMO				

Thank you for your generosity.

Photo Directory Photos

Julie Price is going to have her photo booth set up today, July 9th to take pictures of ALL who have missed out on this amazing opportunity to be part of Grace United Church’s Family Album.

Coming up this week at Grace United...

A monthly calendar is also available in the Narthex.

Sunday, July 9 10:30 am	Office Closed Morning Worship Rev. Takouhi
Monday, July 10	Office 8 am to 1 pm
Tuesday, July 11 9 – Noon 5:30 – 6:30pm	Office 8 am to 1 pm Quilters BootCamp
Wednesday, July 12	Office Closed
Thursday, July 13 1 to 2 pm 5:30 to 6:30	Office 8 am to 1 pm Chair YOGA Bootcamp
Friday, July 14	Office Closed – Laurie on Holiday
Saturday, July 15 Pie Baking ??	Office Closed Canada Day - Ribfest - Pies
Sunday, July 16 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi
Monday, July 17th	Office Closed – Laurie on Holiday

EMAIL SCAM ALERT!!

A few members of Grace church have received an email from someone pretending to be Rev. Takouhi, asking for gift cards or money. This is a scam; it is **NOT** Rev. Takouhi, she would never ask you for money.

If you receive an email like this delete it right away and block the sender. Unfortunately, Rev. Takouhi can not stop these emails.

Reminder to always be diligent, never answer email requests asking for money or gift cards.

Fundscrip – Raising Money

Fundscrip is still alive and doing well and we want to thank you for your help and participation. Our original goal was to raise \$2000; we achieved \$1536 so far, so let's keep going.

During July, the following deals are available for you during holiday time. These also make great birthday, graduation, and anniversary gifts. There are many cards that are electronic and refillable. If there is anyone wishing to have assistance with their order or want to participate in a group order, we will be sending in an order on July 30th so please get your order form at the back of the church to fill in. Anyone needing assistance, contact either Denise Wood or Linda Brooks They will be happy to help. All of the usual retailers are still available.

Remember you can:

Pay With Gift Cards

Pay with gift cards instead of credit/debit/cash for your everyday items & gifts

Shop As Usual

With cards from over 230 leading retailers, there's no need to change your shopping habits. \$100 is \$100 at your chosen retailer

Raise Funds

Each purchase automatically includes a donation for your group that can quickly add up over time

For an example: During July, The Keg is donating 7% for each card purchase; Airbnb 5%; Cineplex Theatre 5%; You can check their website for further deals each month.

YOUR CHURCH WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP!

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