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



*"God's Fortress is LOVE" (Grace United Church - Gan)- October 23, 2022 - by: Rev. Takouhi*

***Where Everyone is Part of the Family  
&  
Worship is a Lifestyle NOT an Event***



## Grace United Church

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### Ordained Minister

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro B.A., B.Th., M.Div.

### Director of Music

Mr. Paul Harding, B. Mus., B. Ed.

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**October 29, 2023**

*Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost*

**Grace United Church 187<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
& 506<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation (1517-2023)<sup>1</sup>**

*Order of Worship*

**WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE**

### Organ Prelude: "What A Wonderful World"

Bob Thiele & George David Weiss 1967

### Welcome – Mary Haussler

### 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.**

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<sup>1</sup>Worship Resource -UCC – God Reforms Us - Rev. Ryan Slifka is minister at St. George's United Church in Courtenay, BC

## Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

### Spiritual Focus:

*"God is always drawing us **deeper to the Heart of God, even at times we feel lost in the wilderness of life.**"*

### Lighting the Christ Candle

*(The Christ candle is lit.)*

### Call to Worship – Based on Psalm 90 (Responsive):

One: God is our dwelling place from year to year, age to age.  
And yet, we become complacent, forgetting who we are.  
God reforms us

**All: and makes prosperous the work of our hands!**

One: God's life surges forth through creation, like grass that renews every morning. And yet we prefer to be dust, swept away in the wind of every new idea and new fad. God reforms us

**All: and makes prosperous the work of our hands!**

One: God turns to us, and has compassion on us,  
so the great work of our lives manifests Christ's glorious love to the world. God reforms us

**All: and makes prosperous the work of our hands!**

2

*(Please stand as able)*

## **Gathering Song of Praise Voices United #262**

*"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper sure amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing:  
for still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
with power and malice great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth he has no equal.
- 2 Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing:  
dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.
- 3 And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
the truth to triumph through us:  
the prince of darkness grim,

**3**

we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo! his doom is sure,  
one little word shall fell him.

- 4 That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through Christ, who with us sideth:  
let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still,  
God's kingdom is for ever.

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*(Please be seated)*

### **Prayer of the Day (All):**

Wondrous God:

Thirteen billion years ago your creative spark called creation into being.  
Two thousand years ago you lit a spark of new creation in Christ.  
Five hundred *plus* years ago,  
your grace reignited the hearts of men and women  
with names like Martin Luther, John Calvin, Katharina Zell, Ulrich  
Zwingli, and Argula von Grumbach.  
Just when we think all is settled, everything is finished, closed,  
your power and presence explodes on to the scene yet again, bringing  
newness, bringing life.

**4**

Fill us with your power and presence, O God,  
so we may, like our grandparents in faith  
carry your truth, your beauty, and your justice to the world you so  
love—a world in such need.

In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*(Please stand as able)*

### **Song Praise & Thanksgiving: Voices United #580**

*"Faith of Our Fathers"*

- 1 Faith of our fathers, living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;  
O how our hearts beat high with joy,  
whene'er we hear that glorious word:  
    faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
    we will be true to you till death.
- 2 Faith of our mothers, daring faith,  
your work for Christ is love revealed,  
spreading God's word from pole to pole,  
making love known and freedom real:  
    faith of our mothers, holy faith,  
    we will be true to you till death.
- 3 Faith of our sisters, brothers too,  
who still must bear oppression's might,  
raising on high, in prisons dark,  
the cross of Christ still burning bright:  
    faith for today, O living faith,  
    we will be true to you till death.

- 4 Faith born of God, O call us yet;  
bind us with all who follow you,  
sharing the struggle of your cross  
until the world is made anew.

Faith born of God, O living faith,  
we will be true to you till death.

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## **WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES**

### **Time with Youth and Young at Heart**

*"Meet Martin Luther!"*



### **Song of Commitment: Voices United #356**

*"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"*

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and God's righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.

3 We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.

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### **Scripture Reader: Shirley Clark**

Reader: God offers to us, through prophets and apostles,  
words of life which in faith become the Living Word.

**All: Let us listen for that Living Word.**

### **Deuteronomy 34:1–12 (New Revised Translation)**

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.”

Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was

unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. 8The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader: This is the witness of the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** *Be Not Afraid* - Bob Dufford

**Life Lesson:** “Are We There Yet?”

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE**

### **Song of Hope & Healing Voices United # 652**

*“Be Still, My Soul”*

1 Be still, my soul, for God is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Trust in your God, your saviour and your guide,  
who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend  
through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.

2 Be still, my soul, your God will undertake  
to guide the future surely as the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey  
the voice that once the waves' wild fury stayed.

3 Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever in God's peace;  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.  
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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## **Prayers of Hope and Healing**

### **The Lord's Prayer (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,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **Your Generosity Matters:**

#### ***Empowering Women of the Past, Present, and Future***

### **Invitation to Generosity**

*The great Swiss theologian Karl Barth once said that **grace and gratitude** go together like heaven and earth. The Way of Jesus Christ is the **life lived in gratitude for the God who as created us and claimed us as her own. In gratitude for God's gifts, let's give back to God our gifts of time, talent, and treasure for God's mission and vision in the world.** The offering will now be brought forward.*

### **Offertory Song: Voices United #541**

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (2X)*

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

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### **Prayer after Offering (All):**

Receive these gifts O God,  
use them to reform this community of faith  
as you remake the world in your image.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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

*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Commitment: Voices United #716**

*"My Life Flows On"*

- 1 My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the sweet, though far off hymn  
that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear the music ringing:  
It finds an echo in my soul -  
how can I keep from singing?
- 2 What though my joys and comforts die?  
My Saviour still is living.  
What though the shadows gather 'round?  
A new song Christ is giving.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
while to that Rock I'm clinging:  
since Love commands both heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?
- 3 When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,  
and hear their death knells ringing:  
when friends rejoice both far and near,  
how can I keep from singing?  
In prison cell and dungeon vile

our thoughts to them are winging:  
when friends by shame are undefiled,  
how can I keep from singing?

- 4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;  
I see the blue above it;  
and day by day this pathway smooths,  
since first I learned to love it.  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing:  
all things are mine since I am Christ's -  
how can I keep from singing?

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**Sending Forth & Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Organ Postlude: *Get Together*** - William Chester Powers, Jr. 1960

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*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.***

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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 Neil McCarney, Betty Wooding and Bill Lussier  
Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to John & Helen Chapman.**

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

**Update to Turpin’s Trail Concert.**

Ticket Sales \$2667.00 Expense (\$804.00) = Proceeds \$1863.00  
Thank you once again to everyone.

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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**MAKE SURE YOUR NAME & THE AMOUNT ARE ON YOUR DONATION ENVELOPES**

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

**Offerings October 2023**

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent	Anniversary
Oct 1	39	\$ 1408.00	\$207.50	0	
Oct 8	42	\$ 1110.00	\$ 150.00	0	
Oct 15	42	\$3007.50	\$ 302.50	\$ 130.00	
Oct 22	31	\$ 577.50	\$ 152.50	\$0	\$ 1050.00
Oct 29					
PAR					
BMO					

**If you are donating to the Memorial Fund, please specify  
“MEMORIAL FUND” on the envelope or e-transfer and make  
cheques out to “Grace United Church Memorial Fund.”  
Thank you for your generosity.**





**Coming up this week at Grace United....**

<b>Sunday, October 29</b> 10:30 am Worship	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Morning Worship, Rev. Takouhi</b>
<b>Monday, October 30</b> 10 – 11:30 6:30 pm	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> CPHC – Fall Prevention YOGA
<b>Tuesday, October 31</b> 9 – Noon	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> Quilters
<b>Wednesday, November 1</b> 10 to 12 pm 3:30 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> Seniors Association - French Class YOGA
<b>Thursday, November 2</b> 1 – 2 pm 5:30 to 7:30	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> Seniors Association - MELT Bootcamp/Zumba
<b>Friday, November 3</b> 10 – 11:30 am	<b>Office 8am to 1pm</b> CPHC Fall Prevention
<b>Saturday, November 4</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Sunday, November 5</b> 10:30 am Worship	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Worship Rev Takouhi</b>

**Official Board Meeting – Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**following Soup & Bun**

**Coming Events this Fall/Winter**

**Bob Burtch, Blue Grass Concert** – Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Market** – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>



**LEST WE FORGET**

**Grace United Church**

**Invites you to the Annual  
Remembrance Worship**

**&**

**All Saints Sunday Celebration**

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

**10:30 A.M.**

**This is a special worship service to honour  
all who have served God and Country  
and those who have left this physical earth,**

**(November 1, 2022 – October 31, 2023)**

**whose names are recorded in**

**Grace United Church's Funeral Registry Book.**

**We will also light a votive candle in their honour.**

**Join us as able in person or on YouTube!**

**All Are Welcome.**

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