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**The 2024 Directory will be out when the information is received.**

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-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>

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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



*Credit: P. Rogers- UCC*

***Where Everyone is Part of the Family  
&***

***Worship is a Lifestyle NOT an Event***

***(Remember to pass this bulletin to someone else  
You never know how you will Bless them)***



**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.

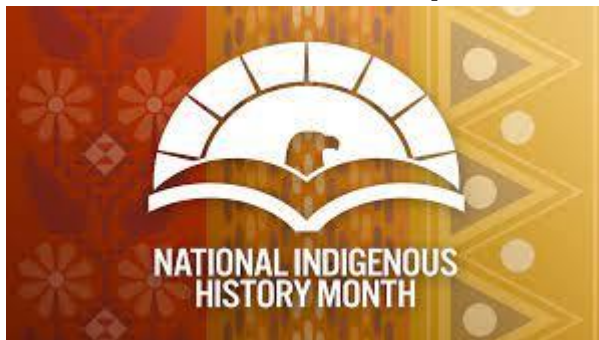
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Laurie Cadue

**June 23, 2024**

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Order of Worship**



**WE GATHER AS A RESURRECTION PEOPLE**

**Prelude:** *Meditation on "Terra Beata" - Traditional Melody*

**Welcome – Diane Nuttall**

**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:**

*"Faith is about a relationship, a relationship with the God revealed by the ministry and words and actions of Jesus..." The Rev. Dr. David Lose*



**Lighting the Christ Candle**

We light this candle. May its light guide us to truth talking and to travelling good paths. May we in turn share the light with those we meet until it spreads to all peoples worldwide. *(The Christ candle is lit.)*

**Call to Worship - from "A Song of Faith" – UCC 2006 – (ALL)**

God forgives, and calls all of us to confess our fears and failings with honesty and humility. God reconciles and calls us to repent the part we have played in damaging our world, ourselves, and each other. God transforms, and calls us to protect the vulnerable, to pray for deliverance from evil, to work with God for the healing of the world, that all might have abundant life. We sing of grace.

**Opening Prayer (All):**

Great Comforter, we know that we are surrounded by a legacy of pain. We acknowledge the pain, grief, and sorrow caused by not living respectfully with all people, and we are sorry for the ways that we

have dishonoured the depths of this pain. Open us, Creator, to the power of interconnectedness: Help us to receive the painful stories as well as the inspiring stories; Grant us the courage to own any feelings of vulnerability, shame, fear, and guilt that may come from our interactions with each other; And with your healing grace, lead us through our aching toward your dream of wholeness. Transform us and our community so that we may continually work toward reconciliation and new life.



**Amen.**

*(Please stand as able)*

**Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #296**

*"This is God's Wondrous World"*

- 1 This is God's wondrous world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is God's wondrous world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
God's hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is God's wondrous world:  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,  
God's voice speaks everywhere.

- 3 This is God's wondrous world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Words: Malthie Davenport Babcock 1901, alt.

Music: English traditional melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard 1915; adapt. Stanley Oliver 1929  
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*(Please be seated)*

**WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES**

**Time with Youth and Young at Heart**

*"Jesus Stops the Storm..." Mark 4:35-41*

**Song of Illumination: More Voices #154**

*"Deep In Our Hearts"*

1. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.
2. Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
justice and peace in harmony.



3. Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
flowing to freedom like a stream.

4. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

Words: John Oldham, 1995

Music: Ron Klusmeier, 1996

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### **Scripture Reader: Denise Wood**

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

**All: our ears and hearts are open.**

### **Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep. For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; they reeled and staggered like

drunkards, and were at their wits' end.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

For the Sacred Story is God's story,

**All: for the Sacred Story is our story,**

Reader: for the Sacred Story is our source and inspiration.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** – *Because He Lives* - Wm. Gaither

**Life Lesson** "From Fear to Faith"

### **Song of Assurance: 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.

Words: Katharina von Schlegel 1752, English trans. Jane Laurie Borthwick 1855 alt.,  
Music: Jean Sibelius 1899 arr., The Hymnal 1933

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

### Prayers of Hope and Healing

#### The Prayer of Jesus (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.**

### **Your Generosity Matters: An Act of Generosity**

#### **Invitation to Offer Ourselves, Finances, Gifts and Talents to God**



We give as able to spread God's Love with JOY!

#### **Our Offerings are Received - Music**

*(Please stand as able)*

#### **Offertory Song: Voices United #545**

*"You Nourish Us" (Tune: Amazing Grace)*

You nourish us with food, O God, for body and for soul;  
our love and service is our thanks,  
for life that's free and whole,  
for life that's free and whole.

Words: Flora Litt and Wayne Irwin 1979

Music: from Virginia Harmony 1831, harm. Adriano Secco

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#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):**

Holy God, who gives life, nourishment, and strength to all creation, we thank you: for the community of faith you have built, for your servants who have held fast to you through centuries, for the teachings and the witness of our ancestors, for the gospel's welcome to all in need, for the healing that comes from your watchfulness. Bless these gifts that all may be nurtured in truth. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

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

**Song of Commitment: Voices United #575**

*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

- 1 I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 2 I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Words and music: African-American spiritual  
Music arr. Wendell Whalum. Public Domain.

**Sending Forth & Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Organ Postlude:** *St. Anthony Chorale* - F.J. Haydn

*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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**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 Laurie & Anne**

**Happy Anniversary to 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Neil & Gillian.**

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

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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.**

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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](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) Forms are located on the table in the Narthex.

[https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form\\_par-authorization.pdf](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/>

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

**ENVELOPES. 2024 Envelopes are out and ready for pick up.**

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

**Offerings June 2024**

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
June 2	30	\$697.50	\$187.50	\$20.00
June 9**	0	\$550.00	\$150.00	
June 16	32	\$1572.50	\$152.50	\$0.00
June 23				
June 29				
PAR				
BMO				

**\*\*June 9<sup>th</sup> – no power, worshiped with Lansdowne United**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

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

<b>Sunday, June 23</b> 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Worship Leader, Rev Takouhi</b> <b>Session Meeting, following service</b>
<b>Monday, June 24</b> 5:30 – 9pm	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> CONDO AGM (hall)
<b>Tuesday, June 25</b> 9am – 12pm	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Quilters</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 26</b> 3pm	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Community Kitchen</b>
<b>Thursday, June 27</b> ?? 5:30 – 9pm	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Pie Baking for RibFest</b> <b>CONDO AGM - Sanctuary</b>
<b>Friday, June 28</b> ??	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Pie Baking for Rib Fest</b> <b>Fox Run Service</b>
<b>Saturday, June 29</b> ??	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Pies - RibFest</b>
<b>Sunday, June 30</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Worship Leader: Rev. Takouhi</b>