

**“THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE...”**



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## **Grace Presbyterian Church**

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**EVENING GRACE** is held on the first and third Sundays of each month from 7:00 pm to 7:50 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome.

# **EVENING GRACE**

Sunday, August 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Prelude

## **GATHERING**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer

Hymn #775: Sent Forth By Your Blessing

## **RITE OF RECONCILIATION**

Prayer of Confession

Hymn #336: Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy) x3

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace of Christ

## **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-32

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

Sermon: "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE..."

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Solo: Lead Me Lord

S. S. Wesley

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Healing Prayer and Laying on of Hands

## **TAKING THE WORD TO THE WORLD**

Hymn #803: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Commissioning God's People

Blessing God's People

Postlude

## Prayer for Healing and the Laying on of Hands

During the service on the first Sunday of the month, we include prayers for healing and the laying on of hands. Prayer for healing is a public act of worship in which the ministry of healing proclaims and offers the wholeness of the gospel of grace to people (body, mind and spirit) and to their communities.

We believe that Jesus Christ, through his life, death and resurrection, brought wholeness to people in mind, body and spirit. We believe that Christ is alive and touches our lives with the transforming love of God.

We are invited to open our hearts to Jesus that his love may come into the most painful places of our lives – whether in body, mind or spirit. It is often in the troubled times that we will be offered healing, even though we do not know the way in which God will do this.

Those who pray with you have no special power, only a dedicated belief that God desires wholeness and health for all.

Healing does not mean ‘cure’. Prayers for healing open up all areas of our lives – relationships, ideas, emotions, spirit, body, work, nature – to the transforming power of God in Christ.

Our healing liturgy involves prayer and the laying on of hands. At times we may include anointing. Ritual touch in one form or another, either through the laying on of hands or through anointing, has always been part of the church’s ministry to the sick.

The New Testament describes Jesus, and others, praying for those in need and also laying hands on them. Touch can be comforting and healing. Laying on of hands communicates God’s blessing, and also the support of the Body of Christ, remembering that when one member suffers the entire body suffers.

- All who wish to receive prayer and the laying on of hands are invited to come forward to the minister(s).
- Others may prefer to remain seated and pray silently.

Sources: (Iona Community Worship Book; The Presbyterian Church in Canada Book of Common Worship; The Book of Common Order – The Church of Scotland)



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Calgary, Alberta

### **VISION**

Transforming lives through God's grace

### **MISSION**

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we grow disciples of Jesus Christ to love our neighbours and effect social change

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

### **Morning Worship, 10:30 am**

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jackson Clelland

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**

### **Morning Worship, 10:30 am**

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jean Morris  
The Sacrament of Baptism

### **Evening Grace, 7:00 pm – 7:50 pm**

in the Chapel

Preacher: Roberto DeSandoli,  
Young Adult Ministry Coordinator