

**THEY SAW THE LORD**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 16, 2023**

**10:30 a.m.**



**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.

**Values**

Belonging, Community, Compassion, Engagement, and Service

The Rev. Greg Smith, Interim Moderator

The Rev. Maren McLean Persaud  
Associate Minister, Children and Youth

The Rev. Jake Van Pernis  
Associate Minister, Engagement and Service

The Rev. Christian Persaud  
Interim Pastoral Care Leader

Kate Van Pernis  
Children and Youth Coordinator

Matt Kallio, Music Coordinator

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**Grace Presbyterian Church**  
*Transforming lives through God's grace*

## Order of Worship

In a spirit of respect and truth we honour and acknowledge that we live, work, play and worship on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani), the Tsuut'ina, the Stoney Nakoda Nations (Bears paw, Chiniki, and Wesley), the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

**Prelude**    **Partita on O filii et filiae** (O Sons and Daughters)    Jean Tisserand  
Wilbur Head

**Welcome and Announcements**    **Marlene Doherty**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**    **Marshall**

**Introit**    **Christ our Passover**    Richard Shepherd

### **Call To Worship**

All of creation and all of heaven,  
**worship and praise your Maker!**  
Sun, moon and stars; wind, rain and thunder,  
**worship and praise your Maker!**  
Mountains and forests, streams and waterfalls,  
**worship and praise your Maker!**  
Creatures beneath the seas, birds throughout the skies,  
all the leaps or crawls, all who walk, feel and wonder,  
**let us worship and praise our Maker together!**

**Hymn**    **#261 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!** (v 1,4,5,6,8)    †

**Prayer of Adoration**    **Rev. Christian Persaud**

## Rite of Reconciliation

### Prayer of Confession

God Our Redeemer, in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed the grace to make a way where we thought no way was possible. You showed us that love still holds us even when there is fear and sorrow in our lives. Yet when things go wrong, we confess we are sometimes uncertain of your grace and love. Like Thomas, we are unsure if we can trust the promise of resurrection. Forgive us when we struggle with doubt about your presence with us. Breathe your Spirit upon us and bring us the peace Jesus promised. Amen.

### Words of Forgiveness

#### The Peace

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you

**Hymn**      **#365 This is the threefold truth**      \*

**Time With Young Christians**      **Rev. Maren McLean Persaud**

**Prayer for Illumination**      **Jan Dewar**

**Scripture**      **Psalm 16** (Responsive, sing refrain)  
                  **1 Peter 1:3-9**  
                  **John 20:19-31**

**Sermon**      **They saw the Lord**      **Rev. Sabino Diok**

**Hymn**      **#254 Jesus is risen from the grave** (v 1,4,5,7)      †

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jake Van Pernis

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Invitation for our Offering

**Anthem**      **Doubting Thomas**      Jean Tisserand, arr: Mark Schweitzer

## Prayer for our Offering

**Hymn**      **#260 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord**      \*

## Benediction

**Amen**      **#264 Sing Amen**      \*\*\*

**Postlude**      **Fanfare in B flat major—Vivace**      Henry Purcell

*Offering plates are at each side of the dais for your convenience.*

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## Music Notes—Second Sunday of Easter

Matt Kallio

Today's unofficial tune (at least at our service this morning) is *O filii et filiae*. It is an ancient Christian tune for Easter, attributed to the Franciscan monk, Jean Tisserand (d. 1497).

*How blest are they who have not seen and yet  
whose faith has constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia!*



The tune was very popular in medieval France, and from there has spread to other countries. The 19th-century volume *The Liturgical Year* entitles it *The Joyful Canticle* and gives Latin text with English prose translation, with a triple *Alleluia* preceding and following the hymn. In certain hymnals, however, this triple *Alleluia* is sung also between the stanzas. In others, greater particularity is indicated in the distribution of the stanzas and of the *Alleluias* which has a great effect. In the words of John Mason Neale, "It is scarcely possible for anyone, not acquainted with the melody, to imagine the jubilant effect of the triumphant *Alleluia* attached to apparently less important circumstances of the Resurrection. It seems to speak of the majesty of that event, the smallest portions of which are worthy to be so chronicled."

Today's anthem and opening hymn use this tune as well as our postlude, a clever set of variations on the theme by the American organist Wilbur Head (1914-2015). See if you can pick out the tune as it goes through all the different textures and moods created by the composer. How do these treatments affect the tune? Do they make it more mystical, perhaps jubilant or triumphant? What do you think?

## Life and Work at Grace Church

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### Worship Services

- ◇ Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in-person.
- ◇ Livestreamed to watch anytime at [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/)
- ◇ The South Sudanese community meets Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel.
- ◇ The Anyuak community meets Sundays at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

**April 16 Second Sunday of Easter**

**The Rev. Sabino Diok**

**April 23 Third Sunday of Easter**

**The Rev. Dr. Richard Topping**

We look forward to hosting the Rev. Dr. Richard Topping once again.

Rev. Dr. Topping is President and Vice-Chancellor at the Vancouver School of Theology, where he has served for the past 14 years. Richard came to this work after 17 years of ministry in Muskoka, ON, and Montreal, Quebec. He writes and teaches in the areas of Reformed Theology, biblical interpretation and theological education. He serves on the Senate of UBC and the Board of In Trust, an organization committed to resourcing excellence in theological education. Richard is an amateur photographer. He is married to Amy and they have two sons, and very soon a daughter-in-law.

## Grace Updates

[www.gracechurchcalgary.com/updates/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/updates/)



### **Report to Congregation and Community 2022: Reconnecting and Growing Deeper**

On April 3, Grace's Report to Congregation and Community 2022 was sent out through email. Please find the link here <https://conta.cc/3m7Jq5r>. The report shares 2022 highlights and Grace's impact in the congregation, the community, and as a church in change. For those who would like a printed copy for their household, printed copies are available on the welcome tables this April.

### **Lead Minister Search Update**

The Lead Minister Search Committee is actively recruiting candidates through advertising, reaching out to The Presbyterian Church in Canada Ministers to see if they would like to consider Grace, staying in touch with past candidates of interest and interviewing new applicants. We are hopeful God will soon answer our prayers and are very thankful for the support we receive from the congregation.

Blessings, Janet Hyde (Co-convener), Clark Hanna (Co-convener), Elizabeth Cressman, Flora Stephenson, Jan Dewar, Jennifer Lee, Greg Retzer.

### **Minister Resources Committee Update**

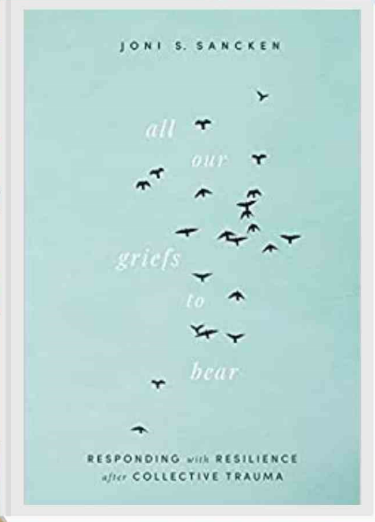
We are pleased to share that we are now in detailed discussions with two ministers who have indicated their willingness to serve at Grace on a pro tem basis in order to address our present needs. One of the ministers will be able to begin in July, with a colleague joining the pro tem team in September. These ministers will be contracted for up to a year. In the meantime, our Lead Minister Search will continue and, should a Lead Minister be called, our new Lead will join the pro tem team while they complete their contracts.

## Grace Events

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### Preaching Grace Book Study (in-person only)



**Preaching Grace 2023 Book Study  
with Elizabeth Cressman**

*Tuesday evenings in April*  
**Book: *All Our Grievs to Bear: Responding with Resilience After Collective Trauma*, written by Dr. Joni Sancken, this year's Preaching Grace guest speaker**



Dr. Joni Sancken, PhD, is professor of Homiletics at United Theological Seminary. An ordained minister in Mennonite Church USA, Joni is also the author of several books reflecting a theological and interdisciplinary approach to preaching.

Join Elizabeth Cressman in exploring *All Our Grievs to Bear: Responding with Resilience after Collective Trauma*, written by Dr. Joni Sancken, this year's Preaching Grace guest speaker. This study is in-person, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in April, exploring the following themes: collective trauma, storytelling, and blessing. The study will also invite thought about collective learnings for Grace and for ourselves.

Please register for the study at [www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/](http://www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/).

A limited number of copies of the book are available at the office for purchase.



## Welcoming God's Grace in Scripture and Grieving in God's Grace

These two groups started Wednesday, April 12 for the Spring.

You are warmly invited to:

10:00 am – 11:00 am: **Welcoming God's Grace in Scripture** (Bible study)

11:00 am – 11:30 am: **Fellowship Time** (refreshments)

11:30 am – 12:30 pm: **Grieving in God's Grace** (grief group)

For more information, please contact the Office (403-244-5861) or [office@gracecalgary.org](mailto:office@gracecalgary.org)

## Preaching Grace—May 5 to 7

Early Bird tickets for the Saturday workshop and lunch (fewer than 25 spots left) at \$40, are available until April 16. From April 17 on, seats will be \$50. Register online at [www.gracechurhcalgary.com/events/](http://www.gracechurhcalgary.com/events/).

### *Preaching Grace 2023 Presents:* **Resilience, Hope and Healing with Dr. Joni Sancken**

- Friday, May 5: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. FREE Public Lecture: All our Grievs to Bear: Building Resilience
- Saturday, May 6: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. PAID In-Person Workshop & Lunch: Morning: Words of Hope: Scriptural Resources for Trauma Afternoon: Compassion Fatigue
- Sunday, May 7: 10:30 a.m. Worship



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## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Grace Kids Leaders**

Do you have a heart for sharing your faith with young Christians? The Church School has a few openings for leaders to serve one Sunday per month. Training and support are provided to make this a fulfilling ministry for volunteers as well as Grace kids and youth.

### **Pastoral Care Committee Members**

The Pastoral Care Committee attends to the pastoral needs of the congregation including equipping lay leaders in fostering relationships and ensuring members feel connected to God and to Grace. The Pastoral Care Committee welcomes the participation of a few more members who have passion for this ministry of caring.

### **Stewardship Volunteers**

Plans are underway to return to our previous practice of passing the offering plates during the worship service. (Stationary offering plates will also be available for those who would prefer that). Stewardship volunteers will resume the practice of counting and recording the offerings after worship. Key gifts will be attention to detail, numeracy and confidentiality. Comfort with Excel would also be an asset.

### **Thank you**

National Volunteer Week in Canada is April 16-22, when Canadians are encouraged to celebrate our individual and collective actions in creating a strong, interconnected and vibrant community. Volunteering weaves us together, strengthening the fabric of our community by sharing our time and talent. Grace Church is richly blessed by almost 200 volunteers who serve in the context of our faith community, responding with gratitude for the abundance of God's love. Their generosity exceeded 21,000 hours over the last year. Thank you to all the volunteers!

Please contact Grace's Coordinator of Volunteers, Cindy Stephenson at [volunteers@gracecalgary.org](mailto:volunteers@gracecalgary.org) to learn more about the many opportunities to volunteer at Grace.

# Highlights of Grace Kids & Youth Easter Sunday Resurrection Egg Hunt



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