

EFFECTIVE FAITH
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

JUNE 11, 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,

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

Matt Kallio,
Music Coordinator

Please find Online Worship at:
www.gracechurchcalgary.com



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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 Nation, 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

Welcome and Announcements

Joanne Kellough

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jonathan

Introit **Veni Sancte Spiritus**

J. Berthier/Taizé Community

Call To Worship

Rejoice in the Lord!

Let us sing old and new songs of praise to God.

God loves fairness and goodness,

we want to follow God's ways.

All of creation shares God's steadfast love.

**We come to worship with glad hearts to offer our love
and devotion to God.**

Hymn **# 374 Oh for a thousand tongues to sing**

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Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Jake Van Pernis

Rite of Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

Gentle Shepherd, you journey with us and lead us in a good way. Sometimes the going is smooth and we follow you gladly. At other times we want to be in the lead, straying from the good way of your leading and the going gets tough. We face obstacles, turns, and choices that make us feel lost and unsure, and we are hesitant to turn and seek you. Help us not to turn away from you or from community that reminds us who we are. Guide us to know your presence and to know the good way of your grace and love. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

Hymn # 680 Christ, of all my hopes the ground

Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Understanding

Kerri Kroeker

Scripture Psalm 33: 1-12 (*responsive, sing Refrain II*)

Hosea 6: 1-3

Matthew 9: 18-26

Rev. Sabino Diok

Sermon **Effective Faith**

Hymn **# 741 Like a mighty river flowing**

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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 to Our Offering

Anthem **How Can I Keep from Singing?**

Mark Hayes

Doxology **# 306 Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

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Prayer for Our Offering

Dave Caldwell

Hymn **# 777 Send me, Lord / Thuma Mina**

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Benediction

Amen **# 780 Amen**

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Postlude

Thank you to Colleen and Ian Charter and to Juliana Jorge for their contributions to worship this morning.

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Reconciliation Runner

Background:

In the Fall-Winter term of 2022-23, one of the Grace Quilters completed two graduate education courses: Indigenous Knowledge & Leadership, and Creative Processes. This quilted “Reconciliation Runner” is the creative end that blends elements of learning from both courses.

The Reconciliation Runner was designed to be a teaching tool: The patterns and colors are representative of general themes within Indigenous cultures; it is meant to be a visual reminder of the need for reconciliation between Indigenous peoples, and non-Indigenous peoples; and to stir reflection on the work of truth and reconciliation.

The information below about the Reconciliation Runner does not presume complete and exhaustive knowledge of Indigenous cultures or Indigenous ways of knowing. It is meant to spark curiosity and interest, about whatever it is each of us needs to learn to become people of reconciliation.

Material and Design:

All design choices- pattern, colours, and individual fabrics- reference some common Indigenous cultural priorities, such as the importance of land, and cultural and spiritual values.

Pattern:

- The runner features a traditional “Bear’s Paw” pattern; in these quilts the paws may be repeated or oriented in any variety of ways. The runner has five blocks made up of four paws, in different colours, each oriented outward.
- In the Indigenous lands we live on, the Bear is considered to be a sacred animal, and often symbolizes courage or bravery. The Bear’s Paw design is an effective reminder that acts of reconciliation take courage.
- The black paw fabric’s pattern is pairs of clasped hands, which references the importance of community, collaboration and working together. The hands form the shape of a heart, reminding us that loving respect for one another is at the core of reconciling relationships.

Colour and Fabric:

- All of the fabric designs are free-flowing, and loosely structured, with the exception of the black fabric and the floral border to represent how many Indigenous cultures embrace and value organic thought processes, connectedness, openness to the multi-dimensionality of life, and being a part of the large whole of creation.

- The Bear Paws are set on a green background, referencing the underlying importance of the land to all Indigenous cultures.
- The brown square in the middle of each Bear's Paw block symbolizes the patch of mud on the Turtle's back, from which all of Turtle Island (North America) grew, according to the Ojibway creation story.
- The four paw colours reference the colours of the Spirit Wheel or Medicine Wheel: Yellow, Red, Black and White. These colours are very common across all Indigenous cultures in Canada, although the meanings they hold can change across cultures.
- The orange border and binding emphasize the importance of working towards reconciliation together, and that intention and goal can help unite us all.
- The floral border shows an abundance of flowers in various sizes and stages of growth because reconciliation requires growth and new ways of being.





Do justice.
Love kindness.
Walk humbly.

Truth and Reconciliation: Calls to Action

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has endorsed the Calls to Action published by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The Truth, Healing & Reconcili-Action Team at Grace shares the following Call to Action, information, and prayer as a way to engage in the work of Truth, Healing and Reconciliation.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission – Call to Action no. 48 says:

We call upon faith groups “to formally adopt and comply with the principles, norms, and standards of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a framework for reconciliation.”

Why are Indigenous rights important?

We are called to ensure our actions and behaviours uphold the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). The principles address: protection from discrimination and violence, the right to health, safety and well-being, and a recognition of the inherent worth of Indigenous identity, spirituality, knowledge, laws and governance. These principles are a minimum standard for the well-being of Indigenous peoples. In Canada, the legacy of anti-Indigenous racism has meant that Indigenous peoples are more likely to experience violence, higher mortality rates and poorer health outcomes across a wide spectrum of health-related issues (including emotional, physical, spiritual, and mental health), and barriers to housing, education, employment, treatment, food, and economic security. While the church has apologized and confessed its role in running Residential Schools and rejected the Doctrine of Discovery, we also acknowledge that systemic racism shapes our society, which includes the church. It will only be eliminated with ongoing intentional action. UNDRIP is a critical framework to guide our actions as we seek to eliminate anti-Indigenous racism.

Prayer:

Creator God,

You have called us to justice and to right relationship with you, with each other and with creation, but we confess our policies and practices do not reflect your will and the politics Christ taught. As a church, we participated in policies and were shaped by doctrines and dogmas that distorted and misrepresented the Good News of the Gospel and that were unjust and harmful.

We repent of these ways, and we seek anew to live in ways that reflect your love and grace.

Guide us so that we might uphold justice and reconciliation in the practices that shape our lives, and the policies that govern us.

Strengthen the conviction that human and Indigenous rights point toward the inherent dignity of all people.

Let us work for reconciliation. Amen.

To learn more about how the Calls to Action are being responded to see:

yellowheadinstitute.org/trc

Life and Work at Grace Church



www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/

Worship Services

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

June 11

Rev. Sabino Diok

Grace's Church School will meet in the gym following Time with Young Christians to celebrate and follow up on the *Opening Classroom Doors* Initiative with activities, learning, and prayer. Teachers and helpers are welcome to participate. Marlene Doherty will be helping lead Grace Kids and Youth to learn more about the circumstances of children around the world that prevent them from attending school and getting a much-valued education.

Thank you for your prayers and offerings, which help to support a world where every child can get an education.

June 18

Father Cristino Bouvette

Fr. Cristino Bouvette is a born and raised Albertan ordained for the Diocese of Calgary on June 22, 2012. Educated in Medicine Hat, AB, he subsequently pursued studies and seminary formation in London, ON, completing a BA in Philosophy and an MDiv. at Western University and St. Peter's Seminary. He is currently the Vicar for Vocations and Young Adults in the Diocese of Calgary. In 2022, Fr. Cristino was nominated to serve as the National Liturgical Coordinator for the Papal Visit to Canada, organizing the liturgies and ceremonies in which Pope Francis participated during his *penitential pilgrimage* across Canada. Being of mixed Cree-Métis and Italian descent, Fr. Cristino is committed to fostering healing and reconciliation among Indigenous people and the Roman Catholic Church.

Church School will meet in the gym following Time with Young Christians for the last day of the September-June Church School season with a Pizza, Games and Crafts Party! Teachers and Helpers are invited to participate and celebrate!

Volunteer Opportunities

Worship Leaders

Living Faith reminds us that “we have no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God day by day, Sunday by Sunday”. There are many opportunities to participate in the leadership of worship at Grace: praying, reading scripture, lighting candles, receiving our offerings, singing, ringing handbells and more.

Please contact Grace’s Coordinator of Volunteers, Cindy Stephenson at volunteers@gracecalgary.org to learn more about the many opportunities to volunteer at Grace.

Thank You

The English Language Learners (ELL) classes have wrapped up for the summer. Over the years, this program has touched hundreds of lives, with a safe and encouraging environment for the students to practise conversational English. We give thanks for the dedication and hospitality of Julie Clayton, Shane Cormier, Wilma Heath, Trish Leckie, Marilyn Simmons, Sandy Willott, and Claire Vu who have volunteered over the last year. Last Monday also marked the close of Julie’s service as Coordinator of the program – she has been an inspiration to us all with her visionary leadership and her service to our neighbours. Thank you.

Grace Updates

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/



Dr. Ruby Walker Library

A top summer reading suggestion is "Basic Christianity" by John Stott. In the forward, Rick Warren writes: "There are a few landmark books that everyone in the world should read. This is one of the rare few." Look for it on the wire book racks.

Summer Office Hours

Over the course of June, July and August, Grace’s Office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 4:30 pm. Communications received after hours and on Fridays will be responded to on the next business day. Grace’s voicemail includes instructions for emergency pastoral care needs.

Grace Updates

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Congratulations Grace High School Graduates!

Ava has graduated from Western Canada High School. Next year she will be studying English and Literature at the University of Alberta.

Ethan has graduated from Western Canada High School. In the fall he will be attending Simon Fraser University in the hopes to become a Health Inspector. Ethan says, "I'm looking forward to my career and I hope that God will guide me through my adventure."

Chloe has graduated from West Island College and will be attending the University of British Columbia's Vancouver campus for Sciences.

Adauny has graduated from Father Lacombe High School. Adauny's plans for next year are to attend university for nursing and to further her studies to obtain a degree.

Grace Events

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/



Grace Bethany

The next gathering of the Grace Bethany group will be on Tuesday, June 13th in the Family Room from 1:30 to 3:00. All women of Grace are invited to attend and enjoy this warm, welcoming fellowship. Come and meet us – you will be glad you did!

June Leadership Retreat

Elders, Committee Conveners, Deacons, Ministers and staff (Support Services Director, Communications) are invited to the Grace Leadership Retreat to plan for 2023-2024.

June 2023 Leadership Retreat

Friday, June 23 from 6:00-8:30pm
Saturday, June 24 from 8:30am-3:00pm



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All attendees are required to RSVP by noon Wednesday, June 21 to confirm catering requirements. RSVP here: www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/

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