

**National Indigenous Peoples Sunday
Christian Family Sunday**

**JUNE 18, 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. Dr. Jean Morris
Interim Moderator

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: Pastorale in F Major BWV 590—Prelude and Allemande
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome and Announcements Janet Hyde

Lighting of the Christ Candle Chuong

Introit Kyle Snow and Wendy Walker

Call To Worship

Creator God is generous and holy, breathing life into all things.

Jesus the Redeemer is loving and gracious, bringing healing and hope.

The Holy Spirit is gentle and wise, bringing and sustaining new life.

Grace-filled Three in One, we call on you today.

We worship you, remembering you love us all!

We come with joyful praise and hopeful hearts!

Hymn Gather us in (insert) *

Prayer of Adoration Rev. Jake Van Pernis

Rite of Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate God –

We too often ignore the cries and suffering of your creation. Our lives are bound up and we ask your forgiveness for the ways we mistreat your image in one another and in the world around us. We pray for peoples, creatures and places that have been endangered for the sake of profit. We pray for ways of life, creatures and places destroyed by environmental disasters caused by human carelessness. God, hear our prayers.

We pray for peoples, creatures and places neglected and ill-treated by human hands. We pray for how we all suffer in unhealthy environments. We recognize we have work to do to lift up and learn from our Indigenous neighbours who sense and hold your creativity in the life around us. We also know that in our history and in many current ways we have not honoured or listened to Indigenous peoples. Give us the courage to listen now and give us the wisdom to learn from our missteps and mistakes. God, hear our prayers.

Give us clean hearts and caring hands. Remind us that we are an interdependent part of your creation; we are vulnerable when together we fail creation, we are strong when we work together to share the wholeness you offer with the whole of creation. Help us to be good stewards of all you have entrusted to our care.

Remind us too we live and move and have our being in you. Cause us to join in the song you sing over creation, which is a song of praise. Hold us in your healing embrace and open us to being shaped by your hands to care for each other and for your creation. God, hear our prayers.

Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

And also with you.

Hymn #736 For the healing of the nations *

Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Understanding

Okwayi Obang

Scripture Psalm 100 (*responsive, sing Refrain I*)

Exodus 19: 1-9

Matthew 9:35 - 10:14

Fr. Cristino Bouvette

Sermon

Hymn #286 Creator God, creating still *

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 Qilak Andrew Balfour (b. 1967)

Hymn # 306 Praise God from whom all blessings flow †

Prayer for Our Offering Robin Telfer

Hymn #461 Be thou my vision †

Benediction

Amen # 780 Amen †

Postlude Kyle Snow and Wendy Walker

Thank you to Wendy Walker and Kyle Snow for joining us in worship this morning and sharing their musical gifts.

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QILAK Composer: Andrew Balfour; Publisher: Cypress Choral Music

Performance: Grace Presbyterian Church Choir directed by Matt Kallio

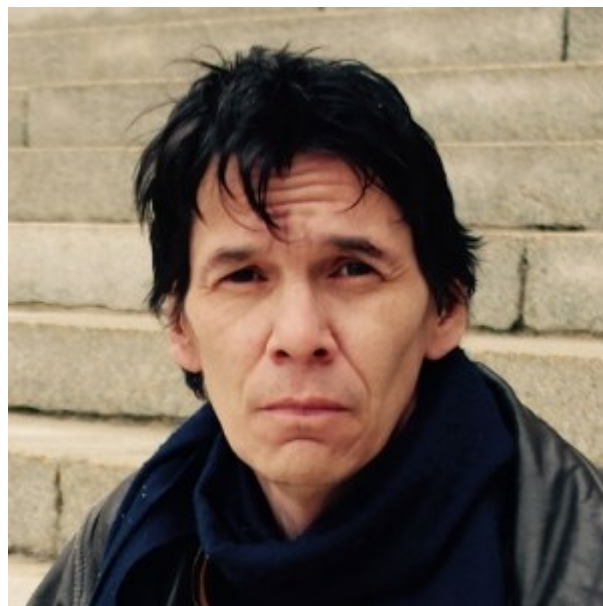
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MUSIC NOTES

The prelude is a lesser-known piece composed by Johann Sebastian Bach. The "Pastorale" BWV 590 is speculated to be a Christmas liturgy Bach composed in one of his music director positions. A pastorale, in baroque times, was associated with the pifferari, players of the traditional Italian bagpipe (zampogna) and reed pipe (piffero) using a drone-sound (heard in the pedal part of this piece). These musicians were often shepherds, and the connection of shepherds in the field to the Christmas story would have been obvious to listeners of that time.

Our anthem this morning is by Cree composer Andrew Balfour (b. 1967), a prominent voice in Canadian choral music. Balfour was born in 1967, in the Fischer River Cree nation, located north of Winnipeg. He was taken from his birth mother at six months old as part of the Sixties Scoop and adopted by a family of Scottish descent. Balfour's adoptive father was a minister at All Saints' Anglican Church in Winnipeg and his mother was a violinist. His adoptive family encouraged his interest in music, developed through choral singing and playing trombone. He is a Juno nominated composer and artistic director of the Winnipeg based *Camerata Nova* (now *Dead of Winter*).



As a final note, Grace's choirs will be taking well-earned breaks for the summer. The choirs will return in September. The choirs are thanked for their dedication, time, talents and ministry they have shared in the past year. Thank you choirs for your ministry!

-Matt Kallio

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.

Colours 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 larger 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 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 and prayer as a way to engage in this important work.

Call 14

We call upon the federal government to enact an Aboriginal Languages Act that outlines the value of Indigenous languages in Canadian society and revitalizes Aboriginal languages and culture.

Prayer:

God of diversity, in tongues of fire you blessed your disciples with the gift of different languages, that all people may know you, and speak to you in words of praise. Teach us to love diversity as you do. Stoke fires that rekindle Indigenous languages. 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 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.

Christian Family Sunday

Many people will observe Father's Day on Sunday, June 18. This day celebrates the unique role fathers play in life. This day can also be challenging for many people. Some people may associate Father's Day with grief or pain, feelings of neglect or regret, or a knowledge of strained relationships while other people are celebrating and spending time together.

As a community of faith at Grace we recognize the breadth and depth of emotions that can be present among us as people who belong to the larger body of the church, in relationship with God and with one another. On June 18, we celebrate the gift of joy and love fathers and the people who have represented the love and care of fathers in our lives have shared while also remembering we have been welcomed by God as beloved children, called to care for one another, and each have a part and value in God's family.

Church School will meet in the gym following Time with Young Christians for the last day of this season for a Pizza, Games and Crafts Party!

June 25

Rev. Wendy Adams

Rev. Wendy Adams begins her pro tem ministry at Grace Presbyterian Church this week.

Summer Church School begins June 25! Heather-Rose will lead the lessons, games, arts and crafts, as the Grace Kids connect with the biblical stories of Noah's Ark, Jonah, Jesus walking on water, Jesus and the woman at the well and Lydia helping Paul.

Volunteer Opportunities

ELL Coordinator

The English Language Learner (“ELL”) program helps dozens of people become more confident in their conversational English, in a safe and encouraging environment. Currently the program runs for 30 weeks on Monday mornings, from September through June. The ELL Coordinator supports volunteer leaders by arranging resources and organizes communication, student registration and facilities requirements with staff. Volunteering for the ELL Coordinator position is a way to help make a positive difference in the lives of many people.

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 volunteer opportunities at Grace.

Thank You

The church lives to praise God, and the choirs at Grace help us praise God with beautiful and inspiring music. We give thanks for the time and talent generously given to glorify God in voice and ringing handbells.

The flower pots around the building have been planted for the season. We’re grateful for the volunteering by Dana Sieffert and Brenda Robertson to make them so beautiful.

Grace Updates

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/



Grace's Interim Moderator

The Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod has named the Rev. Dr. Jean Morris as Grace’s Interim Moderator effective June 1 following the resignation of the Rev. Greg Smith. As the Interim Moderator, Jean has specific Terms of Reference, with two primary areas of responsibility. The first is to work with the Search Committee in the recruitment of a minister, and the second is to be the Moderator of Grace’s Session. She will also be supporting the Revs. Adams and Simmins who will be providing leadership in ministry to the congregation for the next year.

We give thanks to God for Jean’s willingness to serve as Grace’s Interim Moderator.

Office Closure

Please note that on Monday, July 3, Grace's Office will be closed to observe Canada Day. Grace's Office voicemail includes instructions for emergency pastoral care needs.

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 University of Alberta in the hopes to become a Health Inspector.

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 plans to attend university for nursing.

Summer Schedule for Welcoming God's Grace in Scripture and Grieving in God's Grace

Welcoming God's Grace in Scripture and Grieving in God's Grace will meet on the remaining two Wednesday mornings in June. The schedule is as follows:

- Welcoming God's Grace in Scripture: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. on June 21 and June 28. Welcoming God's Grace will take a break in July and August and will resume in the Fall.
- Grieving in God's Grace: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on June 21 and June 28. Grieving in God's Grace will be meeting twice during the summer months: Wed., July 26 and Wed., Aug. 30 from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 pm. This includes time for sharing a bagged lunch together.

Questions? Please check with the Church Office at 403-244-5861 or office@gracecalgary.org.

Grace Events

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/



June Leadership Retreat

Grace leaders have been invited to a Leadership Retreat on June 23 and June 24.

Each invité is requested to **RSVP ATTENDANCE OR REGRET** here:

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/

Please RSVP so that the Leadership Retreat can be planned accordingly and catering can be finalized.

June 2023 Leadership Retreat

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



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