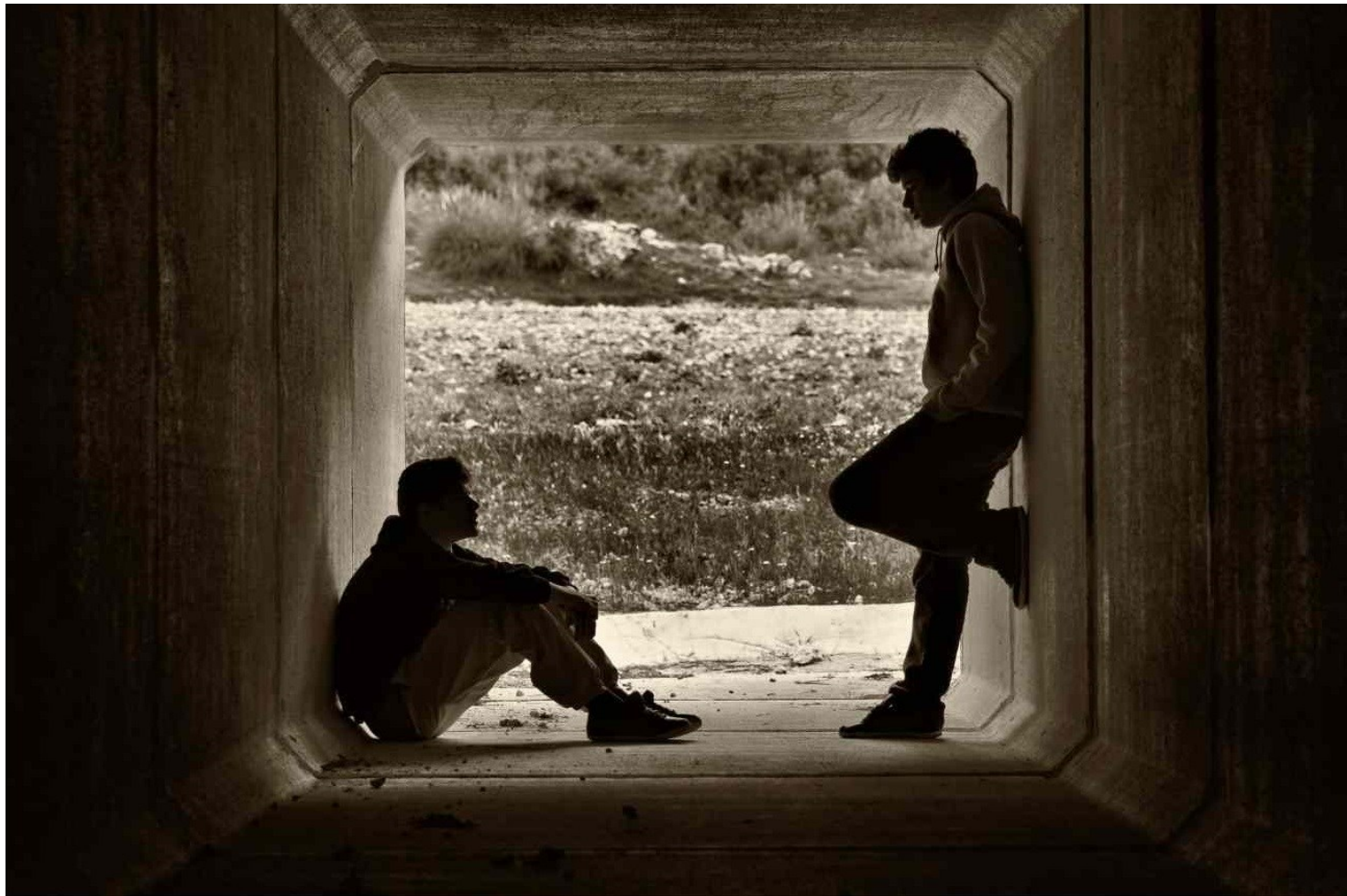


FRIENDING
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024
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

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins
Interim Minister

Matt Kallio
Music Coordinator

Please find Online Worship at:



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Order of Worship

Land Acknowledgement

In a spirit of respect and truth we honour and acknowledge that we live, work, play, and worship on the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7, which includes the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai Nations) the Tsuut'ina Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (comprised of the Chiniki, Bearspaw and Goodstoney Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Metis Nation of Alberta Districts 5 and 6.

Prelude **Prelude in G Major**

Henry Coleman

In Thee is Gladness/

Giovanni Gastoldi/arr: Karen Buckwalter

(In Dir ist Freude)

Grace Handbell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Geoffrey Simmins

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Dorothy

Introit **Surrexit Dominus Vere**

Jacques Berthier, Communauté Taizé

Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord a new song,

God has done remarkable things!

God has set things right,

God's steadfast love covers the whole earth!

Let us joyfully praise God,

and join all creation in worshipping in God's holy name!

Hymn **434 For the beauty of the earth**

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Prayer of Adoration

Rite of Reconciliation

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Giver of Grace,

We do not love our neighbours with the love you share with us.

Instead, we put ourselves first and do not think of the wellbeing of our neighbours or world.

We concentrate on our own needs and do not lend our gifts and talents to bringing about the peace and wholeness you call us to know and share.

Forgive us.

Turn our priorities and living towards sharing your goodness and renew our commitment to live out your love even when that demands more of us than we expect. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

And also with you.

Anthem **Praise the Lord, Be Joyful** W.A. Mozart/arr: Hal Hopson

Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Understanding **Margot Kellough**

Scriptures **1 John 5:1-6**
John 15:9-17

Sermon **Friending** **Jean Morris**

Hymn **764 There's a spirit in the air (vv. 1-2,4,6)** *

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer **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 to the Offering

Cindy Stephenson

Offertory Trio Sonata in G major

J.S. Bach

Grace Camerata

Response to the Offering Hymn 260 v4

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Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.
Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour;
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Prayer for Our Offering

Hymn 314 God is love: come heaven, adoring

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Benediction

Sung Hymn 770 Amen

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Postlude O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing! O Filii et Filiae

French 15th Century
arr: Wayne Wold

Grace Handbell Choir

Flowers in the sanctuary today are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Andy Burnett from his family.

Thank you to Grace Handbell Choir and Grace Camerata for contributing to Grace's ministry in this service.

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Life and Work at Grace Church

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Worship Services

- ◇ Sundays, 10:30 a.m. in-person and online. There will be no fellowship in Grace's Family Room May 5. Instead our fellowship will continue with the Annual General Meeting immediately following the service in Grace's Sanctuary.
- ◇ Worship can be watched anytime at www.gracechurchcalgary.com/worship/
- ◇ The South Sudanese community will meet in Grace's Chapel today at 12:30 p.m.
- ◇ The Anyuak community will meet in Grace's Chapel today at 3:00 p.m.

May 12 Christian Family Sunday/Ascension The Rev. Jake Van Pernis
 Ordination of Elders

May 19 Day of Pentecost The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins

Music Notes

Worship service is full of great music this morning! We are fortunate to have two of Grace's music ministry groups joining us today, Grace Handbells, as well as Grace's Camerata instrumentalists. We begin with a beautiful arrangement for bells of the tune "In Dir is Freude" (In You Is Joy), a 1591 tune from Germany, followed up by J.S. Bach's sonata for two flutes and continuo, BWV 1039, played by Grace Camerata.

The anthem, sourced from W.A. Mozart's "Litaniae de venerabili altaribus sacramentis" K. 125 was edited and condensed by Hal Hopson and set to new English words. Originally this music was a Kyrie movement, part of a litany to venerate the Eucharist. While arranged from the original, it still contains the usual Mozartian beauty in melody and classical symmetry. Finally, the handbells will play an evocative setting of the French 15th-century Easter tune "O Filii et Filiae" more commonly known to us as "O Sons and Daughters Let us Sing", written for organ and handbell choir. Thank you to Ian Charter for his assistance conducting the bells today.

Grace Updates

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/news/



We Give Thanks

The word “Presbyterian” comes from the Greek *presbyteros* which means “elder”. In our denomination, “ruling elders” are lay members of the congregation elected and ordained for life to serve in the pastoral care of the congregation and to contribute to the governance and committees and programs of the church. Some ruling elders are serving terms on Session and the others are named Service Elders. We give thanks to God for the faithfulness of all these leaders.

SERVICE ELDERS

Dave Caldwell
Fran Cormack
Bill Cruickshanks
Marlene Doherty
Bob Ermter
Carol Evans
Bonnie Noyce Faust
Margot Kellough
Richard Kim
Les Wilson

SESSION ELDERS

Jim Campbell
Mark Durieux
Janet Hyde
Mary Jardine
Joanne Kellough
Anne Mohtadi
Jiebieni Nyajwok
Okwayi Obang
Shirley Philips
Iain Robertson
Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet
Cindy Stephenson
Len Wolstenholme

at May 5, 2024

Volunteer Opportunities

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/connect/volunteer/

Spring Cleanup Part 2

Please help us beautify the Grace property on Saturday, May 11, starting at 9:30 a.m., by gathering litter and weeding. Protective gloves and bags will be provided, along with a lunch and fellowship. If you have a favourite rake or other tool, bring it along. Let us know you can come so we have the right supplies.

Welcomers

Welcomers arrive by 10 a.m. Sunday mornings and greet worshippers with intentional hospitality. They help newcomers know that they are welcome. They may also assist in the unlikely event of an emergency. On June 9, after fellowship time, there will be a lunch and brief training time for both current and new welcomers. Please let Cindy Stephenson, Coordinator of Volunteers, volunteers@gracecalgary.org, know if you are interested in this ministry of hospitality.

Grace Events

www.gracechurchcalgary.com/events/



Bible Study: God's Grace in Scripture

Wednesday Mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., in Grace's Lounge

This Bible Study is open and participant-led. It is centered in fellowship, reading scripture together, having discussions, and prayer. It runs through until June 19. No registration is needed and all are welcome to join.

Grace Bethany

Tuesday May 14, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., in Grace's Family Room

All women of Grace are invited to join the ladies of Grace Bethany to get to know each other in this relaxed time of guest speakers, study, fun and fellowship. Looking forward to getting together.

Grace's Annual General Meeting Sunday, May 5, after worship in the Sanctuary

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, May 5, 2024



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All members and adherents are invited to attend Grace's Annual General Meeting on Sunday, May 5 after worship in the sanctuary. The meeting will include the election of Elders and Trustees, a Session Update, as well as 2023 Financials.

There is no need to RSVP. Documents are posted at

<https://gracechurchcalgary.com/event/annual-general-meeting/>

Session Meeting: Sunday, May 5 in the Board Room following the congregational meeting.

Session Meeting: Sunday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. in the Family Room.

Invitation:

Members of Grace's congregation are invited to attend the Ordination and Induction of Chandra Mannix at 12:00 p.m., on Friday, May 17 at St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 1102 23 Avenue NW.

Perspectives Book Study: *The Lemon Tree*

Sunday mornings, May 19, May 26, June 9, and June 16 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in Grace's Chapel, led by Jake Van Pernis.

Learn more at www.gracechurchcalgary.com/event/

Register by contacting the office at office@gracecalgary.org or 403-244-5861.

Perspectives Book Study

The Lemon Tree

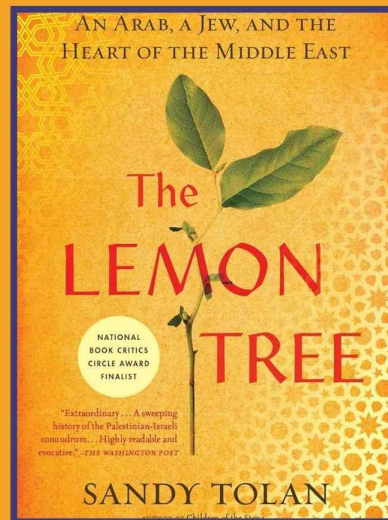
by Sandy Tolan

Led by the Rev. Jake Van Pernis

- Sundays from 9:00 - 10:00 am
- Takes places in the Grace Chapel
- May 19, May 26, June 2 & June 9

Drop in and learn more at:

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The Lemon Tree by Sandy Tolan is a poignant exploration of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through the lens of two families connected by a single home and a lemon tree planted in its backyard. The book delves into the complex emotions and historical events that intertwine the lives of a Palestinian man, Bashir Khairi, and an Israeli woman, Dalia Eshkenazi, offering readers a deeply human perspective on the enduring conflict. It's an insightful resource for those looking to understand the nuances of Middle Eastern history, the personal stories that reflect larger communal narratives, and read about reconciliation efforts.

Pick-up your copy of *The Lemon Tree* from your favourite bookstore, used bookstore, or online retailer now to read how the stories of Dalia and Bashir and the lemon tree are woven together and join in meaningful conversations in the Perspectives Book Study.

Presbyterian World Service and Development Mission Moment

Sydney Nkhata, a 27-year-old from Northern Malawi, is the chair of a youth network made up of 12 clubs. His management journey was significantly influenced by the “Every Youth Empowered” project, which provided valuable leadership training and is funded by PWS&D.



Equipped with new skills, Sydney has become a mentor—guiding and nurturing club members. His efforts ensure that youth actively embrace and take ownership of the project, where they learn about sexual and reproductive health rights—turning it into an integral part of the community. As a result, girls and boys are more aware of the risks related to early pregnancies and transmission of diseases and are changing behaviours. Sydney’s story highlights the transformative power of leadership training and showcases his commitment to mentorship and community development.

Inspired by God’s promise of abundant life, PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. To learn more about the PWS&D programs, such as the one supporting Sydney in Malawi, please visit www.presbyterian.ca/PWS&D

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