



# This Week at Grace - May 23, 2021

Unfortunately, COVID is keeping us apart, but we can connect each week online with Sunday worship. Click here to [join us live on Facebook](#) or here [to join on Zoom](#). A recorded version of the service is available on Facebook by 11:30 am each Sunday on Facebook, with no sign-up required.

To continue offering exceptional programming, worship, outreach, Grace depends on the financial contributions. You can support the amazing programming provided by going to our webpage, <http://www.graceunitedchurch.ca/donate>, or filling out a pre-authorized remittance (PAR) form, available from the office.

Throughout this publication, you will see underlined items. Yes, this is for emphasis, but these are all hyperlinks, taking you to a website, Facebook page, or email to contact for more information. Give one a try by clicking on one of them, such as the [donation](#) link.

A hard copy of this document is available in the office on Mondays. We hope you enjoy the new format and look forward to sharing all the excellent news from Grace!

#GodsHandsandHeartEverywhere #ACompassionateFaithCommunity

**Fellowship, Outreach, Growth, Stewardship, Christian Education**



## Outreach Shopping List

- ☐ Canned/fresh fruit   ☐ Pasta Sauce
- ☐ Canned vegetables/tomatoes   ☐ Pasta
- ☐ Freezable meats/lunch meat   ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Rice   ☐ Crackers   ☐ Kraft Dinner

## Meals and More \*Postponed\*

Mondays, 9 am to 12 pm

## Homework Program \*Postponed\*

Tuesdays at 3:30 pm

## Kidz Praize & Groovin with Grace \*Postponed\*

Tuesdays, 3:45 & 4 pm

## Seniors' Lunch \*Postponed\*

First and Third Wednesday of the month, Hall

## Soup for the Soul Tuesday, Kitchen

## Outreach Wednesday Wednesday, 1 pm, South Doors

## Meri-Dian Ukuleles Wednesday, 5 pm, Sanctuary

## Sewing with Grace Thursday, Noon-6pm Hall

## Central Board Wednesday, 6:30 Sanctuary

## AA Meeting Wednesday, 8 pm, Hall

## AA Meeting Friday, 8 pm, Hall

## AA Meeting Saturday, 9 am, Hall

## Newsletter | [Click here for the April edition](#)

We are looking for submissions of stories, poetry, art and photos. We look forward to you sharing your work with the Grace Family each month. Please email your work to Brenda Ellison at [brenda.ellison36@gmail.com](mailto:brenda.ellison36@gmail.com) or Alison Weaver at [agweaverfmf@gmail.com](mailto:agweaverfmf@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Worship Services

May 30 - Trinity Sunday

June 6 - Second Sunday after Pentecost, Communion Sunday, Pride Sunday

June 13 - Grad Sunday, Promotion Sunday

## Order of Worship - May 23, 2021 - Pentecost Sunday

Worship led by Valerie Rollheiser, Jonathan Rollheiser, Gladys Jack,  
Brenda Ellison, Darrel Howell, Adrienne Christopherson

### SING-ALONG SUNDAY

Meri-dian Ukuleles Gone Campfire - Puff the Magic Dragon, All Night Long & The Lion Sleeps Tonight

GUC Playschool - The Sun is Shining, Baby Bumblebee, Five Green Speckled Frogs

### GOD CALLS US TOGETHER

WELCOME

\*HYMN : "Where Two or Three are Gathered" : **MV 14** : Words & Music: Bruce Harding

*Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there, I am there.*

### WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

CANDLE LIGHTING : "In Quiet Stillness" : Words & Music: Gladys Jack

*In the quiet stillness of creation, in the quiet stillness of home,  
in the quiet stillness of our being, God reminds us that we're not alone.*

CENTERING PRAYER

### CHILDREN'S TIME

\*HYMN : "I am a Child of God" : **MV 157** : Words & Music: Cheryl and Bruce Harding

*I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation, I am a child of God, I am a child of God.  
I am an endless prayer, I am a yearning for contemplation, I am an endless prayer, I am an endless prayer.  
I am an angry voice, I am compassion and consternation, I am an angry voice, I am an angry voice.  
I am a cry for peace, I am commitment, dedication, I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.  
I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation, I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.*

### PRAYER OF HEALING

Great Counsellor, you call us to be your people, to join together as your joyful children,

**We try to follow, shy at first. Enable us with your strength.**

Mother of our Earth, you give us waters and mountains to play amongst,  
your warmth shines from the sun and crackling fire stirs our soul,  
you breathe life into us through cool breezes and warm chinooks.

**Remind us, Steadfast Parent, to take care of your gifts,  
ensuring there is enough for everyone.**

Mystical Creator, when we listen carefully, we hear you calling our names on the wind,  
urging us out to marvel in Nature's wonders.

Be with us at the lake, at our breakfast table,  
and with every step we take on our journey through beautiful kin-dom.

**We want to hear you, O God. Open our hearts that we might feel your presence.**

*(silent prayer time is offered)*

### WORDS OF GRACE

Pentecost is here! Together, over the distance, we are united by the Holy Spirit,  
commanded to love like Jesus

We are called to be the church, and we answer.

**We are bound to each other through God's care and we act together,  
united as one, strong, loving community.**

**Fan the fire of the Holy Spirit, so it burns inside us forever. Amen**

### THE SCRIPTURE SPEAK TO US

SCRIPTURE READING : [Acts 2:1-21 NRSV](#) : The Coming of the Holy Spirit

*We are united in this, God's Word. **THANKS BE TO GOD!***

MESSAGE : Fiery Tongues



## GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

\*HYMN : "Spirit of Gentleness" : **VU 375** : Words & Music: James K. Manley

*(refrain) Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.*

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons, you called to each thing: wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. *(refrain)*

2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies, then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes. *(refrain)*

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still,  
and down in the city, you called once again, when you blew thro' your people on the rush of the wind. *(refrain)*

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes, from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes, with bold new decisions your people arise. *(refrain)*

OFFERING INVITATION : Praise the Lord! From God's fullness, we have all received grace upon grace.

SPECIAL MUSIC : GUC Playschool - Herman the Worm, Elephants Have Wrinkles

OFFERING RESPONSE : "Johnny Appleseed" : Traditional Folk Song : Written by: Unknown

*Oh, the Lord's been good to me.  
And so I thank the Lord,  
For giving me the things I need:  
The sun, the rain and the apple seed;  
Oh, the Lord's been good to me.*

*Oh, and every seed I sow  
Will grow into a tree.  
And someday there'll be apples there  
For everyone in the world to share.  
Oh, the Lord is good to me.*

*I wake up every day,  
As happy as can be,  
Because I know that with His care  
My apple trees, they'll still be there.  
The Lord's been good to me.  
Johnny Appleseed, AMEN!*

OFFERING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS : LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## WE GO OUT IN FAITH

\*BLESSING :

CHORAL BENEDICTION : Taps

*Thanks and praise, for our days, 'neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky!  
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.*

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## Sewing with Grace | May 27, 12-6 pm | That's a wrap!

Despite COVID restrictions, Heather and her creative crew had a great year knitting, stitching, gluing and enjoying fellowship in a safe and "crafty" way. They will be meeting one last time this week before taking a summer break, so be sure to check it out. Come one, come all! Your hobbies are calling.

## Grace United Church Annual General Meeting | June 6, 12 pm

Our Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday, **June 6 at noon**. The meeting will be in the sanctuary, and a Zoom link will be provided for anyone unable to attend in person. It also can be viewed on our Facebook page.

## Final Bottle Drive | June 3 & 4

It's the final bottle drive before the joy of summer. If you have bottles to be recycled, we will be making a run on Thursday, June 3 and Friday, June 4. All monies collected will support youth programming for students at Grace and the community of Lloydminster. Please call Shannon at (780) 875-8959 to arrange a pick-up time.

## Grad Sunday | June 13

Grad Sunday will be celebrated on June 13. The Christian Development committee is looking for the contact names of any graduates that have a connection to the Grace United Church. We are praying in celebration of the graduates; we can gather in the Sanctuary for service. If you know of a Grade 12 grad who should be celebrated as part of the Grace family, please email [Lana.Lane](mailto:Lana.Lane@graceunitedchurch.ca) or call her at (403) 901-8385.


## One Page Strategic Plan Workshop | June 2, 8 am - 4 pm

Come and join your Central Board to set new goals for the coming year. The one-day workshop is Wednesday, June 2, from 8 am to 4 pm; Malcolm Radke from the Health Foundation is facilitating. All members of the congregations are welcome, and lunch is provided. Please text or call Karen Ollen at (780) 871-8191.

## Summer Student Positions

Do you know anyone still looking for a summer job? Lana Lane has secured funding for two full-time summer students over eight weeks. Applicants must be between the ages of 15-30. These two positions will run our day camps in July, Vacation Bible School in August, helping out around the church, and prepping for programs in the fall. For more information, [contact Lana](#).

Grace United is an **Affirming Congregation** that seeks, through worship, study, work, actions and fellowship, to ensure a safe, nurturing environment. We include all people into the life and ministry of the Grace family: persons of any age, colour, ethnicity, gender identity and sexual orientation. We celebrate the richness that diversity brings to the church, even as it challenges us. **THE LAND** - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that Grace United Church gathers on Treaty 6 land, the traditional territory of the Plains, Wood Cree, and Assiniboine peoples. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

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