

## Our Vision and Mission Statement

Grace United Church is an affirming ministry committed to transforming lives by living God's vision as an active part of the diverse community in the Heart of Dartmouth.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we journey in faith as people of every age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, family composition, mental and physical ability, cultural background and socio-economic status.

We are called by God to live and nurture our faith. Living God's vision challenges us to respect all creation, love each other as Christ loves us, and, with courageous love, defend human dignity and resist forces that exploit and marginalize.

We commit as a community to:

- Nurture faith journeys through education and experiential opportunities;
- Use our resources effectively;
- Advocate for and support community social and economic justice initiatives;
- Create safe spaces;
- Seek opportunities to recognize and nurture each other's talents and gifts; and
- Be open to surprises of the Spirit as we continue to learn and grow.

## Friendship Opportunities

- After Sunday Coffee Fellowship
- Early Risers' (Women's) Breakfast
- Men's Breakfast Group
- Walk with Grace
- Book Club
- Spirit Café Music Night
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Advent Event
- Open Mic Coffee House
- Working at one of our fundraisers
- Volunteering at the Food Bank

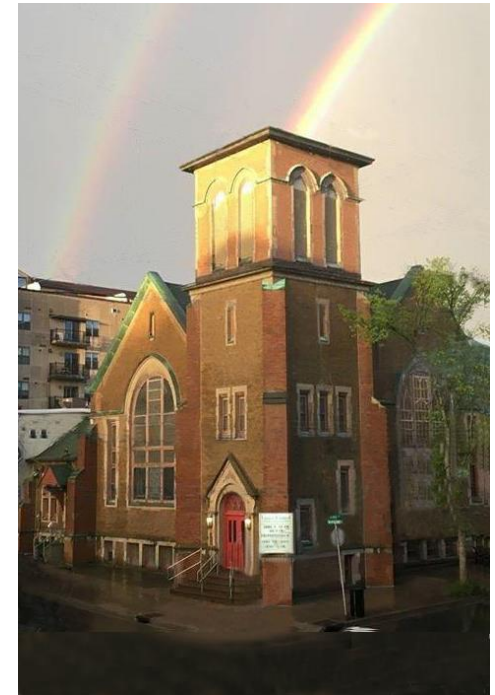
*These opportunities are dependent on public health guidelines*

## Accessibility

We have a ramp allowing wheelchair access, and a wheelchair accessible washroom with an adult change table.

Large print versions of the order of service are available and we have hearing assist devices.

*Grace strives to be a scent-free and peanut free environment.*



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## Worship at Grace

11am Sundays (Sept. – May)  
10am Sundays (June – Aug.)

We are available online at Facebook and YouTube (gracedartmouth)

Our worship is offered consistent with public health guidelines.

For five weeks during the summer, combined services are held at St. James United.

We worship through word, music, prayer, and drama providing a varied worship experience to reach those with different spiritual needs.

We are encouraged to share our talents in worship.

We also offer A Time for Grace at 2pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at Parkland at the Lakes (not in summer)

## Learning about God

Everyone, regardless of age, is curious about God and Jesus. We try and offer different learning opportunities.

**Youth:** Nursery and Sunday School occur after Children's Time in the Worship Service.

*Pandemic Adjustments: Our Sunday School is currently offered through Zoom at 10:30am on Sundays for 30 minutes. Kids Corner videos (craft, meditation or a story) are offered on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday mornings on United Churches for Dartmouth Facebook/YouTube or Grace's Facebook*

Grace is also home to mid-week Scouting and Guiding programs.

**Adults:** Adult/Bible studies are offered at various times *by Zoom* by Grace or through United Churches for Dartmouth.

United Churches for Dartmouth also offered Spiritual Reflections on Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays on its Facebook

## Living Out Faith

We are called "to love and serve others" not only those who attend church but the world outside our building. We share our time, talent and financial resources.

### Some of our Outreach:

- Food Bank in conjunction with North Dartmouth Outreach Support Centre
- F.O.O.D./Margaret's House
- with Club Inclusion - Inclusive Choir, Tuesday day program and Club Dartmouth
- Personal Care items for Coverdale Foundation and Alice Housing
- Adopt-A-Family program for Christmas gifts
- Tree of Warmth
- Effect:Hope (Leprosy)
- Prayer shawls
- Mission and Service Fund of the United Church
- Ecumenical Events
- Financial Support to a number of organizations whose mission aligns with ours
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