

# Grace United Church

120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7



## Ordained Minister

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro B.A., B.Th., M.Div.

**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. J. Harry Seeley B.A.

**Organist/Choir Director**

**Office Administrator**

Mr. Paul Harding, B. Mus, B. Ed

Laurie Cadue

## May 9, 2021 Order of Worship

*SIXTH Sunday of Easter*

### **CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY**

Worship Leader: Donna Norman

### **WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE**

#### **Prelude & Photo Montage:**

***Amazing Grace*** – arr. Dave Rivello

**Welcome – Announcements – Vicki Leakey**  
**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Centering Music:** *We Center our Hearts for Worship.*

#### **Acknowledging the Traditional Territory:**

*We acknowledge all traditional territories, all ceded and unceded lands that we live upon - and give thanks for all the generations of people who have taken care of these lands before us and still do with us today. May we be open to historical Truths and may we continue to learn from the past, shape our present time and build a better world with all People.*

#### **Spiritual Focus:**

*"This then, is what I command you: Love one another."*

*Jesus (John 15: 17)*

#### **Call to Worship:**

We gather as a Family of Faith in the welcome of God's loving embrace. We gather as a human family – some of us hurting, some lonely, some overcome with despair; others joyous and optimistic, filled with confidence and determination and hope. We are all children of the same Parent. The God of Love who created us resides in each of us, around each of us, and through each of us. Let us worship the God of Love. Amen.

#### **Song of Unity: Voices United #375**

*"Come In, Come In and Sit Down"*

#### **Prayer of the Day (All):**

**Dear Father and Mother,**

**We come**

**with songs aching to be sung,  
with words aching to be spoken,  
with questions aching to be answered,  
with feelings aching to be expressed,  
with hearts aching for love,  
with arms aching for embracing.**

**We come**

**with wounds aching to be healed,  
with emptiness aching to be filled,  
with joy aching to overflow.**

**Let your love**

**soak into the spirit and the skin  
like soothing salve,  
and leave a tingle where there was once an  
ache,  
so that all may say  
we have met with God today,  
and everyone was touched  
and no one was turned away.  
Amen.**

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**WE SEEK WISDOM**

**Song of Illumination: More Voices #138**

*"My Love Colours Outside the Lines"*

**Scripture Reader:** Tammy Fergusson

Matthew 12:46-50 (Good News Bible)

John 15:9-17 (Good News Bible)

**Life Lesson: "God's Family"** Donna Norman

**Special Music: Jesus, Lord to Me –**

McSpadden/Nelson - Soloist: Sheri Shenton

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

**Your Generosity Matters: Rise Up Strong – A**

**Song for Street Health Workers** – Music: Pat

Mayberry, Lyrics: Camille Wait, Claire Savage, Pat Mayberry, Kim Van Herk, Robert Jamison, Sandi Quesnel

**Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:**

*It is in giving that we receive. Let us join together in our prayer of thanksgiving and dedication.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):**

**Holy Provider,**

**Without actions, our words ring hollow; we must sing your praises through both words and deeds. You have blessed us abundantly, and you call us to bless your human family through the sharing of our love, our talents and our material possessions. May we rejoice in both the giving and the receiving. Amen.**

**A NEW CREED** Voices United page 918 (in unison)

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD WITH HOPE**

**Prayers of Hope and Healing and  
The Prayer of Jesus – Sung VU 960**

**Song of Going Forth: Voices United #375**

*"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

**Sending Forth & Benediction**

**Choral Amen and Postlude:**

**Prelude in G – G. F. Handel**

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*Welcome*

**as we gather for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or newcomer to this Community of Faith, we extend a warm greeting. Thank you for joining us virtually.**

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**Celebration Candle**



Today we send Blessings of Joy to all who are celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Special Events in the coming week.

Happy Birthday Nicole, Vera, Max, Angus and Gloria.

Happy 49th Wedding Anniversary to Paul & Colleen.

May Joy abound and Love Multiply.

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**Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary added to our announcements?**

**Please contact Laurie at the church Office and give her the details. Birthdays or Anniversaries can only be added with your written consent.**

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**Prayers for the people**



Remember in your prayers all those who are in hospital, recovering at home and those who may need our comfort, guidance and support.

**\*\*Please notify the church office if there is someone you know who is ill, in hospital or in need of pastoral care. \*\***

### **Thank you for your continued support.**

Donations to the Grace United can be made by e-transfer to [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com) – by cheque – mailed to the church at 120 Pine ST. Gananoque, On K7G 1C7 –

Sign-up for PAR (Preauthorized Auto monthly Remittances)

[https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form\\_par-authorization.pdf](https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf) (link to form)

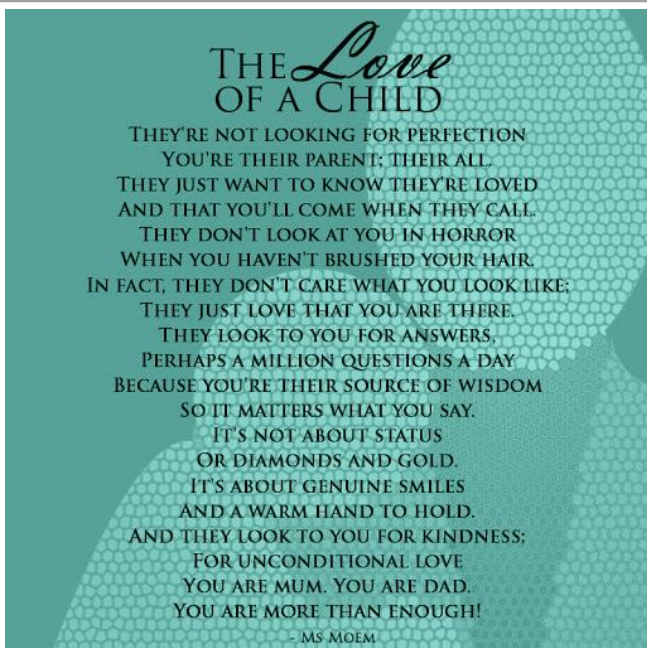
and by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR001-grace-united-church/>

Call the church office if you have any questions.

### **Volunteers Needed:**

The Tech Team at Grace United Church is looking for interested volunteers to operate camera(s) and audio for streaming and software for graphic and video presentations. Sound daunting? Contact Paul Harding if you can help.



### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

#### **Contact information:**

**Office** (Laurie) 613-382-2161 [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)  
**Church Office Hours are:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00am to 1:00 p.m. **(Closed on Wednesdays)**

**Rev. Takouhi (direct Line) 613-777-0880**

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**Session:** Chair: Paul Scott, Vice Chair: Rhea Roantree  
Clerk: Joan Shaw

**Board of Stewards:** Chair: Carolyn Scott,  
Vice Chair: Denise Wood, Secretary: Mary Haussler

**Official Board:** Chair, Brian Brooks  
Vice Chair: Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

#### **Worship Schedule**

Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Day of Pentecost

Worship Leader: Tammy Fergusson

Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Trinity/Communion Sunday

#### **Board Meetings. (via ZOOM)**

**Board of Stewards – May**

**Session: - May 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm**

**Official Board – June 24 – 2:00pm**

#### **Important Information**

*Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am*

**In person services have been cancelled until further notice. Join us on Facebook and YouTube.**

<https://www.facebook.com/GraceUnitedChurchGananoque>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>

**The service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD (Gananoque, Kingston & Napanee) at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.**