

Grace United Church

120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7



Ordained Minister

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May 16, 2021 Order of Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter & Ascension

***International Day Against Homophobia,
Transphobia and Biphobia (May 17)***

WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: Psalm 23 – Crimond – Jessie Seymour Irvine

Welcome – Announcements – Christina Kaya
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:

"Jesus, God, and the people following him are woven together. Through these threads flow love, care, and mutuality."

Rev. Dr. Cláudio Carvalhaes

Call to Worship: (Ps. 1:1-3)

Happy are those who do not ridicule and scoff
but who delight in God's teachings
and meditate on them day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water.
They yield fruit in due season,
and their leaves do not wither.

Song of Praise: Voices United #326

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Prayer of the Day (All):

**Holy One, open us to new possibilities
help us remember that we are
disciples of Jesus, doing new ways of
ministries for Your Purpose and Glory.
Amen.**

WE SEEK WISDOM

Song of Illumination: Voices United #642

"Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture Reader: *Rhea Roantree*

Gospel of John 17:6-19 (NRSV)

Life Lesson *"Love Echoes Throughout the Earth"*

**"For Everyone Born (A Place at the Table)" -
Shirley Erena Murray – arr. Adrian Marchuk – used
with permission**

We Respond to God's Grace

**Your Generosity Matters: "Celebrate Deaf
Culture on Pentecost"** – Dave Charles

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

*Let us partner up with God and give to the Mission of
God with Joy and Gratitude.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):
Jesus made God's Love known to ALL.
Reminded the world that ALL belong to God from
eternity to eternity. We dedicate these gifts to
God's service to transform this world. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD WITH HOPE

Song of Hope and Healing: Voices United # 374

"Come and Find the Quiet Centre"

Our thanks to Golden Ears United Church for permission to use this video

Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer of Jesus – Spoken

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #635

"All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen and Postlude: "The Rejoicing" G. F. Handel

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.

Celebration Candle



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

Happy Birthday Betty & Christina.

May Joy abound and Love Multiply.

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.

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. ****

The /Audio Visual Team at Grace is looking for help to operate the audio visual equipment during our worship services once we open back up. No experience required. We want folks who are willing to learn how to run the cameras and control board that lets us broadcast over the internet and on Cogeco TV and provides video in the sanctuary. The team will train you and your commitment is whatever you want it to be so it will not be every Sunday. The online and TV outreach to the community over the Covid 19 pandemic has generated tremendous interest in Grace United Church and brought comfort to many. If you feel called to give it a try or want to learn more please contact Paul Harding, Dave Charles, or Laurie Cadue in the church office.

Caring and Sharing Committee

We are looking for caring and sharing volunteers to help us phone our community. In this time of isolation, we all need a boost! If a big group of us phone a small list of people, we can all stay connected. Contact Rev. Takouhi for more information.

The International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia takes place around the world on May 17. This day emphasizes that homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia are still the reality in the daily lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans members of our communities. This morning's Special Music reminds us that "God will delight when we are creators of justice, compassion, peace and joy."

And this is what Grace United Church in Gananoque attempts to do: to follow God's way of Justice, Compassion, Peace and Joy. We hope that this virtual worship will be a blessing of Courage and Comfort to you.

Thanks for joining us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Donations to the Grace United can be made by e-transfer to 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 (link to form)

and by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/>

Call the church office if you have any questions.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Contact information:

Office (Laurie) 613-382-2161 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 23rd - Day of Pentecost

Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson

Sunday, May 30th - Trinity/Communion Sunday

Sunday, June 6th - Second Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday, June 13th - Third Sunday of Pentecost -

Sunday, June 20th - Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Indigenous Day of Prayer / Father's Day

Board Meetings. (via ZOOM)

Board of Stewards - May

Session: - May 27th - 7:00pm

Official Board - June 24th -

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.