

# 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.

**Director of Music**

**Office Administrator**

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Laurie Cadue

## May 30, 2021 Order of Worship

*Trinity Sunday with Communion*



## WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

**Prelude: Largo (from 'Xerses') – G.F. Handel**

**Welcome – Announcements – Shirley Clark**  
**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:**

*"Trinity: Unity in Diversity that Transforms  
EVERYTHING!"*

## **Call to Worship:**

Blessed be God,  
Eternal Majesty, Living Word, Abiding Spirit.  
Glory to the Triune God forever and forever. Amen.

## **Song of Praise: Voices United #315**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty"*

*Our thanks to Pacific Spirit UC for permission to use this recording*

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

**Holy God, source of all goodness.  
You give life beauty and Love that  
No One can be separated from.  
Teach us how to love each other through your  
perfect Love, so we may have life, and have it  
abundantly, with you, in Christ, and through the  
Holy Spirit. The Triune God of LOVE. Amen.**

## WE SEEK WISDOM

## **Song of Illumination: Voices United #376**

*"Spirit of the Living God"* Our thanks to  
St. Mark's UC, Whitby, for permission to use this recording

**Scripture Reader:** Tom Currie  
Romans 8:12-17 (NRSV)

**Life Lesson** *"Trinity: Unity in LOVE"*

**Special Music:** "Amazing Grace" arr. Evans  
Soloist: Ramona Gilmour-Darling



## **SHARING GOD'S BANQUET**

### **Invitation**

Jesus calls all people to sit at the table with him:  
the sick and the uncertain,  
the weak and the poor,  
the old and the young.  
the Pharisees and tax collectors.  
The foretaste of the kingdom of God.  
On a night long ago, when Jesus sat at table with his  
disciples, they thought they were the hosts and  
he the guest. But then he broke the bread, and their  
eyes were opened and they recognized him.  
The guest became the host - To this same table,  
he still calls us today.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Holy God, your Wisdom danced through creation,  
calling forth light and life.  
Through wisdom, you formed us in your image,  
calling us to love and serve.  
Foolishly we turned from you then and  
still turn away from you now.  
Yet you do not reject us,  
but continue to call us Beloved.  
We praise you today, joining our voices with choirs of  
angels and with all the faithful of every time and  
place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!

### **Consecration**

Come, then, life-giving Spirit,  
brood over these bodily things  
and reunite us to you and to each other.  
Help us walk in newness of life.

## **SHARING THE ELEMENTS**

Beloved, thanks be to the Triune God for these gifts of  
the Bread, the Cup and the Community.

*Jesus: The Bread for the Journey*

*Jesus: The Cup of the New Covenant*

### **Prayer after Communion (All):**

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker,  
Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name  
echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed  
by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done  
by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from  
one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and testing,  
strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory  
of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

### **Song of Commitment: Voices United #508**

*"Just as I Am"*

<sup>1</sup> From: Anglican Prayer Book, New Zealand. September 1, 1997  
<https://kathwilliamson.blogspot.com/search/label/Lord%27s%20prayer> – March  
29, 2021

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

**Your Generosity Matters:** "Outdoor Ministry Supports Wellbeing of Children" – 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 us.**

**Reminded us that we 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 Going Forth: Voices United #602**

*"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"*

*Our thanks to Peninsula UC for permission to use this recording*

**Sending Forth & Benediction**

**Choral Amen and Postlude:** Prelude No. 4 in F – J.S. Bach

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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 Tammy**

**Happy 59<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Doug & Betty**

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.**

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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. \*\****

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## Volunteers Needed:

The Audio/Visual 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. Instruction will be given. Contact Paul Harding, Dave Charles or Angus Fergusson if you can help.

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

(Control & Click to open link)

and by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

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

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Call the church office if you have any questions.



## Church Humour 😊

**A kindergarten teacher** was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

**An engineer dies and reports to the Pearly Gates.** Saint Peter checks his dossier and not seeing his name there, accidentally sends him to Hell. It doesn't take long before the engineer becomes rather dissatisfied with the level of comfort in Hell.

He soon begins to design and build improvements. Shortly thereafter, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. Needless to say, the engineer is a pretty popular guy.

One day, God calls Satan and says: "So, how are things in Hell?"

Satan replies: "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets, and escalators. And there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

"What!" God exclaims: "You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should never have been sent to Hell. Send him to me."

"Not a chance," Satan replies: "I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him!"

God insists: "Send him back or I'll sue."

Satan laughs uproariously and answers: "Yeah, right. And where are you going to get a lawyer?"

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### **Contact information:**

**Office** (Laurie) 613-382-2161 [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)

**Church Office Hours:** 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, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Pentecost -

Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Indigenous Day of Prayer / Father's Day

Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> - Fifth Sunday of Pentecost -O Canada

Heather Haynes- The Art of Courage Project Presentation

### Board Meetings. (via ZOOM)

#### **Board of Stewards**

#### **Session:**

**Official Board – June 24<sup>th</sup>**

### 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.**