

Grace United Church
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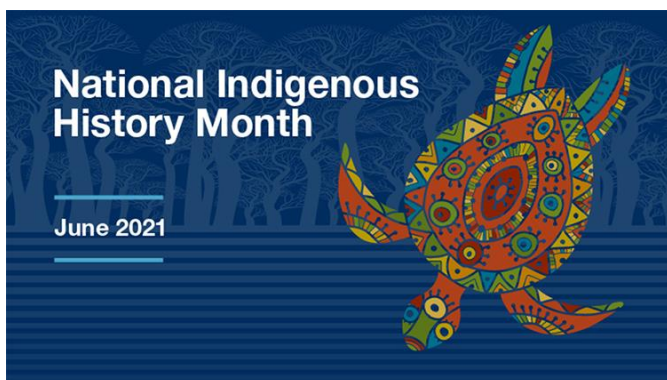
June 13, 2021, Order of Worship

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June is National Indigenous History Month

96th Anniversary of the United Church's Union

June 10, 1925



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: Thanks Be to Thee – G.F. Handel

Welcome – Denise Wood

**Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries
and Memorial for Reta Webb**

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

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory:

The month of June is National Indigenous History Month. As we gather for worship, we honour the original inhabitants of this land, who took the Creator's

Call to be stewards of air, land, water, and creature, seriously. As we offer prayers to the Creator, we also honour the history, heritage, and diversity of our brothers and sisters, and offer our apologies for all the sins committed and still being committed against them. Therefore, we take this time to 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 work together with respect to reconcile the past and build a better world for and with All People.

Spiritual Focus:

*"We are living in the Kingdom of God that is
HERE and YET to BE!"*

Call to Worship: Mark 4:31–32

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed,
which is the smallest of seeds on earth;
it grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs,
and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.
Thanks be to God for this miracle of Love and
Provision!

Song of Praise: Voices United #650

"O God of Bethel"

*This is the first hymn sung at the inaugural worship of the
United Church of Canada, 96 years ago.*

Prayer of the Day (All):

**God, you are the gardener of all creation.
You planted this world with the seeds of your
love and grow them with your faithfulness.
We are your harvest; we find our meaning
and sustenance in you.
May our minds listen to you calling,**

may our hearts be attuned to your will,
may our feet follow you in the world,
through Jesus, the Word made flesh. Amen.

WE SEEK WISDOM

Song of Illumination: More Voices #12

"Come Touch Our Hearts"

Our thanks to Christina Cichos and Bryn Nixon of Pacific Spirit
United Church for permission to use this video

Scripture Reader: Donna Norman

Gospel of Mark 4:26-28 (NRSV)

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 14-17 (NRSV)

Life Lesson *"FAITH is NOT Certainty"*

Special Music: The Servant Song

"We Are Pilgrims"– VU 595

**United Church Clergy Virtual Choir with
Historical Background**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

**Your Generosity Matters: The Art of Courage –
Urgent Appeal for Volcano Relief – Heather Haynes**

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):

**Bless, O God, the gifts that we bring this day,
that they may be a sign of our commitment to
your kingdom and a pledge of our love for you
and your world. Multiply the work done by our
time, treasures, and talents, that your
presence and compassion may be known in
all the earth. Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD WITH HOPE

Song of Hope and Healing:

More Voices # 78 *"God Weeps"*

*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 #332

"The Church's One Foundation"

Sending Forth & Benediction

**Choral Amen and Postlude: Psalm XIX –
Benedetto Marcello**

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 Doreen & Nancy

Happy 39th Wedding Anniversary to Brian & Susan.

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

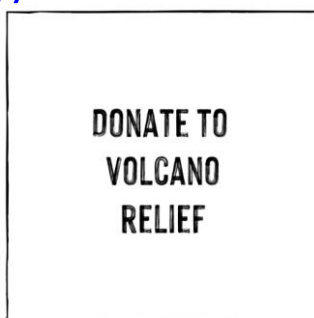


Remember in your prayers all those who are in hospital, recovering at home and those who may need our comfort, guidance, and support.

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

To donate to Heather's Volcano Relief, visit the page listed below or send your donations to Grace United Church (memo – Volcano Relief)

<https://www.theartofcourage.ca/>



It is with sadness that the board of directors for Half Moon Bay has decided to cancel this season. We do not have enough clarification surrounding the easing of restrictions with respect to Covid19 to feel comfortable running this season. HMB caters to both American and Canadian worshipers, we are not sure when the border will be opening to allow Americans over to the Canadian side to attend services. The St. Lawrence River is at low water now, the situation will worsen as the summer progresses. There are concerns that the levels are too low for boats to get in and out.

This will give us chance to prepare for a grand reopening next year. We look forward to services with clergy representing various Christian faiths from both sides of the border. We look forward to having music from Robyn Barker Ableson, and invited musical guests. Half Moon Bay is a historical component of the area, a part of amazing places, a destination for this area.

If you are interested in learning more about Half Moon Bay our contact information is listed below:

<http://www.facebook.com/HMB1000/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Donations to the Grace United can be made by e-transfer to grace.gan@outlook.com A 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 (Control & Click to open link) and by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/> (Control & Click to open link)

Call the church office if you have any questions.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Contact information:

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Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
8:00am to 1:00 p.m. **(Closed on Wednesdays)**

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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 20th – Fourth Sunday of Pentecost
Indigenous Day of Prayer / Father's Day

Sunday, June 27th - Fifth Sunday of Pentecost -O Canada

Board Meetings. (via ZOOM)

Board of Stewards

Session: June 24th at 7:00pm

Official Board – June 24th – 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> (Control Click)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEq> (Control Click)

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