



Grace United Church

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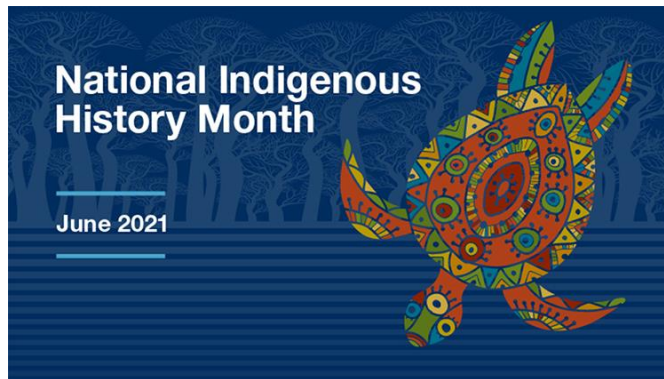
June 20, 2021, Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Indigenous Day of Prayer

June is National Indigenous History Month

Father's Day



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Du Ciel et de la Terre* – Pat Mayberry

Welcome – Diane Kirkby

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

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Acknowledging Our Kinship¹

Creator, we come together today as diverse, united peoples to give thanks to you, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

We come to listen, to learn, to sing and pray, to consider our place in the order of things you have created and are creating.

It is right and good to give thanks for the land on which we stand, for this is wisdom we learn from Indigenous peoples of this land—that we are one with the earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.

Such wisdom, our interdependence with all life, is something too easy to forget in our busy lives!

It is a gift and a challenge to us to remember.

And so we take time to acknowledge the lands on which we now live.

Many of us have come from other places, arriving from distant shores, our families arriving years ago or some of us more recently. When settlers came, they were met by others who were already here, already knew these lands, already lived rich and full lives based on ancient and proud cultures.

O God, as we acknowledge the peoples who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial, and their continued claims to the land, help us to become neighbours that we might live together in better ways.

For we are all kin in Christ, "All My Relations," with each other and this earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.



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¹ Adapted from: Worship resources by UCC, created by Rev. Read Sherman, intended for use by non-Indigenous communities of faith. Rev. Read Sherman is minister of Trinity United Church in Montreal and participates in right relations work in Nakonha:ka Regional Council.

Special Music: "Creation" from 'Sometimes When I Dream"
Kevin John Saylor and Frayne McCarthy

Spiritual Focus:

"Finding Neighbours **Everywhere** is Possible, if We Open Our Hearts, Minds and Eyes to see **EVERYONE** through the **PERFECT Love of God**"

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 62)

Be still my soul and wait for God:
from God comes my salvation.
God alone is my rock; I shall never be shaken.
On God rests our deliverance and our honour.
My mighty rock, my refuge, my strength is in God.
Trust in God at all times, O people.
In love, we gather
pour out our hearts before God.

Prayer of Approach (All):

**Holy One, you are our rock,
a foundation upon which we stand.
Fill our hearts now with joy at your deep,
abiding presence.
Encourage us by the teachings of Christ to live
with care and compassion for self, friend,
and neighbour.
Bless us now as we reflect on our relations
with Indigenous peoples—our kin—
as diverse yet united peoples. Amen.**

WE SEEK WISDOM

Song of Illumination: Voices United #578

"As a Fire is Meant for Burning" Tune "Hyfrydol" VU
#333

Scripture Reader: Mary Haussler
Hebrew Bible: Genesis 1:26–27 (NRSV)
Gospel of Matthew 22:34–40 (NRSV)

Life Lesson "Who is MY NEIGHBOUR?"

Special Music: "Sometimes When I Dream"
Kevin John Saylor and Frayne McCarthy

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Your Generosity Matters: *Every Person is a Superhero*

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.**

Song of Hope and Healing: More Voices #135
"Called by Earth and Sky"

**Prayers of Hope and Healing –
Prayer of Jesus - Spoken:**

**Our Father
Who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy Kingdom come
Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven**

**Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory
for ever and ever Amen.**

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD
TO BE THE CHURCH**

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #691
"Though Ancient Walls" Tune: St. Peter VU #344

Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen and Postlude: *Prelude in D minor* –
J. S. Bach

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 Eileen, Laurie, Anne and Richard.

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. ****

Our Grace United Church family wish to extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Sharon Price deGuise. Sharon passed away peacefully in Kingston, on Monday, June 14th. A service was held at the Gananoque Cemetery on Saturday, June 19th, Tyler, Myles, Merna, Brian, Julie and family may you find comfort knowing Sharon has entered eternal rest.



We are still accepting donations for Heather Haynes Charity/Volcano Relief, visit the page listed below or send your donations or you can send them Grace United Church (memo – Volcano Relief)

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



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 Forms https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf

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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.

Half Moon Bay Cancels Services

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.

Food Bank Suggested Donations

Canned Fruit	Cake Mix and Icing	Cookies
Kleenex	Mayonnaise	Rice (small bags)
Toothpaste	Toothbrushes	Deodorant
Shampoo	Body Wash	Tampax/Sanitary Pads



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Contact information:

Office (Laurie) 613-382-2161 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 20th – Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Indigenous Day of Prayer / Father's Day

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

Sunday, July 4th – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 11th – Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 18th – Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Board Meetings. (via ZOOM)

Board of Stewards - June 29th – 3:00pm

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>

<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.