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> July 11, 2021, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship



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WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: Air from Suite in D – J.S. Bach

Welcome – Joan MacKinnon Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Centering Music: We Center our Hearts for Worship.

Acknowledging 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:

"The church in Ephesus, and the church of the 21st century, are not just about buildings, but rather God's domain where a new humanity is being created."

Israel Kamudzandu

Associate Professor of New Testament Studies Saint Paul School of Theology Kansas City, Mo.

Call to Worship: Eph. 1:5, 11-12

God has accomplished and still accomplishes ALL things through Christ, so that we might live as God's own children.

Let us give thanks to God and live according to God's Love.

Prayer of Approach (All): Amos 7:7–8 Eternal God,

from the foundation of the world, you have set a plumb line to measure our lives so that we may live in truth.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, strengthen our hearts and hands for building justice and making peace through the righteousness of Christ. Amen.

Song of Praise: Voices United # 296

"This is God's Wondrous World" Our thanks to the musicians of Bells Corners United Church for permission to use this recording

WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All): Loving God,

your Word brings peace to all who listen. Help us hear and see your Holy Spirit dwelling among us and help us lead a life through Your Wisdom and Love. Amen.

Scripture Reader: Donna Norman Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV) Gospel of Mark 6:14-29 (NRSV)

Life Lesson "New Creation: An Everyday Process."

Special Music: Peace for the Children – Doreen Lankshear-Smith, arr. Jason Locke – Music United Virtual Choir

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Your Generosity Matters: *Turning Hard Work into Hope Every Day – Margaret's Story*

Our Offerings – Make Miracles Evident

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All): Thank you, O God, for filling us with Your Spiritual Grace that we might be a blessing for others. Consecrate the gifts we offer for the increase of Your Love. May they bring blessing to others and make Your Miracles be visible to all. Amen.

Song of Hope and Healing Voices United #266 "Amazing Grace"



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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 forever and ever. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

Song of Going Forth: Voice United #VU 559 "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen and Postlude: Rondeau - Mouret



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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.

Celebration Candle



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

Happy Birthday Dorothy, Joan & Choughik.

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. ***

Thank you for your continued support.

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Note – The Church Office will be closed from August 1st to August 15th.

Upcoming Meetings & Events Contact information:

Office (Laurie) 613-382-2161 grace.gan@outlook.com <u>Church Office Hours:</u> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00am to 1:00 p.m. (Closed on Wednesdays)

> Rev. Takouhi (direct Line) 613-777-0880 Email: RevTakouhi@Terrautopia.ca

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

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, July 18th – Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, July 25th – Nineth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, August 1st – Tenth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, August 8th - Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Board Meetings. (Via ZOOM) Board of Stewards Session Official Board

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/GraceUnitedChurchGana noque

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