



Grace United Church

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July 25, 2021,

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Christmas in July

Order of Worship



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: In Dulci Jubilo – J.S. Bach

Welcome – Shirley Clark

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

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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:

"Christmas Reminds us that God Not Only Understands Our Pain and Loss from Afar but **Accompanies** us During These Times and ALWAYS!"

Call to Worship: Luke 1: 46b–47, 49

May Mary's words echo in our hearts today as we Celebrate God with us – Emmanuel.

My soul magnifies the Lord;

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

The Mighty One has done great things.

Holy is God's name!

Prayer of Approach (All): Matt. 11:2–11

Holy God, your prophets have long spoken of the One who would come to save us.

Now the promise is fulfilled, your kingdom has come near.

Today, remind us of your wonders, once again, as we gather in this virtual worship.

May Your Good News awaken in us once again, as a Word out of Place, a Celebration Despite despair.

Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

Song of Praise: Voices United # 59

"Joy to the World" (1,2,4)

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WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All): Isa. 35:1-10
Lord God, Emmanuel,
in this dry and dusty place,
pour out the power of your Spirit
so that your Word may blossom in our lives.
May Emmanuel, God with us be evident once
again even in this dry wilderness of life. Amen

Scripture Reader: Joan Shaw
Hebrew Bible: Prophet Isaiah 35:1-10 (NRSV)
Gospel of Matthew 11:2-11 (NRSV)

Life Lesson "*Emmanuel: God with Us - PERIOD!*"

Special Music: O Holy Night – Adolphe Adam
Soloist: Maryanne Wainman



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Your Generosity Matters: Supporting Education on
the Path to Reconciliation – **Dave Charles**

Our Offerings – Makes Miracles Evident
*Let us partner up with God and give to the Mission of
God with Joy and Gratitude.*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):
Ps. 146:5-10

Thanks be to you, O God,
maker of heaven and earth—giver of justice,
lover of righteousness,
hope of the afflicted,
and friend of the poor.
Your faithfulness never fails.
Take and use these gifts we offer to further
your purpose in the world and
to fulfill the promise of the world to come;
we pray humbly and sincerely. Amen.



Song of Hope and Healing Voices United #1
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (1,2,6, & 7)
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Prayers of Hope and Healing –
The Lord's Prayer: Maori & Polynesia (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

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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 test, strengthen us.
From trial 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 forever. Amen.¹

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

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #38

"Angels We have Heard on High"

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Sending Forth & Benediction

**Choral Amen and Postlude: *Adeste Fideles* –
arr. David Willcocks**

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.

¹ The New Zealand Book of Prayer of the Anglican Church

Celebration Candle



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

**Happy Birthday Shannon, Brad, Dianna &
Charlie**

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.

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.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Contact information:

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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

Board Meetings. (Via ZOOM)

Board of Stewards: August 23rd -TBD

Session: Sept. 23 @ 7:00pm

Official Board: Aug.26 @ 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.