



Grace United Church

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September 12, 2021,

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Grandparent's Day

Order of Worship



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: "I Believe" - Drake/Graham/Shirl/Stillman

Welcome – Brian Brooks

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:

*"Following Jesus is NOT a Victory Story
but a Servant Story"*

Call to Worship (Responsive): Ps. 19

One: Dearly Beloved, Look at the heavens!

They are shouting the glory of God.

The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

Their voice goes through all the earth

and their words reach the ends of the world.

**All: Let our words of praise be acceptable to
Our Lord, Our Rock, and Our Redeemer!**

Prayer of Approach (All):

**Holy Creator, you created the world
through your Word.**

Your Word is powerful!

And so are our words.

They can heal, express Love,

but they can also hurt

and destroy a sense of self-worth.

Give us your wisdom, God of the Word,

so that as a church and as individuals,

we use our words to build up

and not to destroy. Amen.



Song of Praise: Voices United #315

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

- 1. HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!
LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!
EARLY IN THE MORNING
OUR SONG SHALL RISE TO THEE:
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!
MERCIFUL AND MIGHTY!
GOD IN THREE PERSONS,
BLESSED TRINITY**

- 2. HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!
ALL THE SAINTS ADORE THEE,
CASTING DOWN THEIR GOLDEN
CROWNS
AROUND THE GLASSY SEA;
CHERUBIM AND SERAPHIM
FALLING DOWN BEFORE THEE,
WHICH WERT, AND ART,
AND EVERMORE SHALT BE.**

- 3. HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!
THOUGH THE DARKNESS HIDE THEE,
THOUGH THE EYE MADE BLIND BY SIN
THY GLORY MAY NOT SEE,
ONLY THOU ART HOLY;
THERE IS NONE BESIDE THEE,
PERFECT IN POWER,
IN LOVE, AND PURITY.**

- 4. HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!
LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!
ALL THY WORKS SHALL PRAISE THY
NAME,
IN EARTH AND SKY AND SEA;
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!
MERCIFUL AND MIGHTY!
GOD IN THREE PERSONS,
BLESSED TRINITY.**

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Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1862, desc. Godfrey Hewitt ca. 1971

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WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All): Ps. 19:14
Let the words of our mouths and the meditations
of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord.
You are our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen

Scripture Reader: Linda Brooks
Gospel Mark 8:27-38 (NRSV)

Life Lesson "Who Do You Say Jesus is?"

Special Music: Meditation on "Jesus Loves Me"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Your Generosity Matters: *Support for the People of Haiti.*

Our Offerings – Makes Miracles Evident

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

**God of wisdom,
may this offering serve
the Mission of Love
to this world in need.**

**Guide us as we administer
the gifts that you have given us
for the purpose of your Realm.**

We pray humbly. Amen.

Song of Hope and Healing Voices United #337

"Blessed Assurance"

**1. BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE
OH, WHAT A FORETASTE OF GLORY DIVINE
HEIR OF SALVATION, PURCHASE OF GOD
BORN OF HIS SPIRIT, WASHED IN HIS
BLOOD.**

**REFRAIN: THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG
PRAISING MY SAVIOUR ALL THE DAY LONG
THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG
PRAISING MY SAVIOUR ALL THE DAY LONG.**

**2. PERFECT SUBMISSION, PERFECT DELIGHT,
VISIONS OF RAPTURE NOW BURST ON MY
SIGHT;
ANGELS DESCENDING BRING FROM ABOVE
ECHOES OF MERCY, WHISPERS OF LOVE.**

REFRAIN

**3. PERFECT SUBMISSION, ALL IS AT REST,
I IN MY SAVIOR AM HAPPY AND BLESSED;
WATCHING AT WAITING, LOOKING ABOVE,
FILLED WITH GOD'S GOODNESS,
LOST IN CHRIST'S LOVE.**

REFRAIN

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**Prayers of Hope and Healing –
The Lord's Prayer (ALL)**

**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: Voices United #575

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

- 1. I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME
ANYWHERE, LORD, ANYTIME.
I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME
ANYWHERE, LORD, ANYTIME.**
- 2. I'M GONNA WORK SO GOD CAN USE ME,
ANYWHERE, LORD, ANYTIME.
I'M GONNA WORK SO GOD CAN USE ME,
ANYWHERE, LORD, ANYTIME.**
- 3. I'M GONNA PRAY SO GOD CAN USE ME,
ANYWHERE, LORD, ANYTIME.
I'M GONNA PRAY SO GOD CAN USE ME...
ANYWHERE, LORD, ANYTIME.**
- 4. I'M GONNA SING SO GOD CAN USE ME,
ANYWHERE, LORD, ANYTIME.
I'M GONNA SING SO GOD CAN USE ME,
ANYWHERE, LORD, ANYTIME.**

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen and Postlude:

Postlude on "CWM Rhondda" – Douglas Wagner

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.

WE ARE BACK!! 😊

We are back together again in person at Grace United Church. All COVID protocols set by Public Health Unit will be followed.

1. Masks are mandatory
2. Seating Limited – Call the church office to reserve your spot. 613-382-2161 (Please call each week)

Celebration Candle



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

Happy Birthday Tom.

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. *****

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the members of our AV Volunteer Team, who have taken on the task of recording our Services for Livestreaming on Facebook & YouTube and Cogeco. We appreciate your time and dedication.

Thank you to our congregation for your patience as our AV Team learn to use the new equipment. There may be some bumps in the road, but they will get there.

Thank you for your continued support.

Donations to the Grace United can be made by e-transfer to grace.gan@outlook.com by cheque -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)

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Call the church office if you have any questions.

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)**

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We are back for Service, September 12th at 10:30am
Seating is limited as we are following COVID protocols.
Call the church office to reserve your seat.
Masks are Mandatory.

Important Information

Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am

We are back for in person services, or you can still 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.



This morning's bulletin is donated in loving memory of Rev. Robert Belbin, who died on December 28, 2005. Robert was Student Minister of the Gananoque-Pittsburg Pastoral Charge and Assistant Minister at Grace United Church in the 1960s.

Following his Ordination in 1970, he served charges in Newfoundland and Ottawa. September 3, 2021 would have been his 92nd birthday. He is lovingly remembered by his wife Marilyn, children Colleen, Cheryl, Charles, Corey, and their families.