



Grace United Church

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Ordained Minister

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Director of Music

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September 19, 2021,

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship



If anyone
would be first,
he must be
last of all
and servant of all.

Mark 9:35

WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: "He" - Jack Richards

Welcome – Shirley Clark

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 Words of Jesus:

*"Whoever wants to be First **MUST be Last** of all and **Servant of all.**" Mark 9:35b (NRSV)*

Call to Worship: Ps. 1

Happy are the people who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that they follow, or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others. Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's law day and night. The Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Prayer of Approach (All): Mark 9:30–37

God of the first and the last,

give us strength of mind,

that we might walk the path of obedience

and discipleship without wasting our time

thinking about who is more important.

Instead, guide our thoughts and our emotions

that we may be like children, totally

dependent on you, welcoming all with

hospitality and love.

We pray Humbly and sincerely. Amen.

Song of Praise: Voices United #660

"How Firm a Foundation"

1. How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
Is laid for your faith I God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
O you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.
3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.
4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply:
The flame shall not hurt you, I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.
5. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not – I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never – no, never – no, never forsake!"

Words: "K" in John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns 1787, alt.
Music: Welsh folk melody, arr. John Robersin Camadau y Cyssegr
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WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All): Ps. 19:14

Your Word is our wisdom;

it gives us insight, strength, and courage.

Open our hearts and our minds on this day,

that we might receive what you want to give.

Speak, Lord! Your people listen! Amen.

Blessed is the one

who does not walk
in step with the wicked
or stand in the way
that sinners take or sit
in the company of mockers,

*but whose delight is in the law
of the Lord, and who meditates
on his law day and night.*

-Psalm 1:1-2



PsalmsQuotes.com

Scripture Reader: *Christina Gordon*

Psalm 1 (NRSV)

Gospel Mark 9:30-37 (NRSV)

Life Lesson *"Who Do You Elect?"*

Special Music: Gospel Medley

Guest Musician: Cliff Edwards

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

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):

Our great Gardener, Ps. 1:3

**we are like trees planted by streams of water
that yield their fruit in season
and prosper in you.**

**We are grateful for all that you have provided,
and we dedicate our first fruits to you
and to the work of your church,
now and forever. Amen.**

Song of Hope and Healing Voices United #664

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.

Words: Joseph Medlicott Scriven ca. 1855

Music: Charles Crozat Converse 1868

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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 #686

"God of Grace and God of Glory,"

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy pow'r.
Now fulfil your church's story,
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour.
2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn your Christ, assail your ways;
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
Free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days.
3. Cure your children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to your control,
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,
Rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
4. Set our feet on lofty places,
Gird our lives that they may be
Armoured with all Christ-like graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor thee.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick 1930, alt.
Music: Welsh traditional melody, arr. F.R.C. Clarke 1970
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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen and Postlude:

Trumpet Voluntary No.5 - John Stanley

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 66th Wedding Anniversary to Mel & Marg.

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. ****

Welcome 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
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Dear Grace United Family & Friends,

Please be advised that our incumbent minister, Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, will not sign any vaccination exemption forms for anyone, for religious reasons.

The United Church of Canada, of which we are a part, does not have any medical restrictions for religious reasons.

Moreover, we encourage everyone who is eligible to receive this vaccine to obtain it, as per their medical doctor's advice, and help us fight this pandemic head on.

We hope you are all doing your part to fight this pandemic.

Moreover, we hope you are staying safe and staying well.

Grace United Church Official Board

Sunday Offerings
September 12, 2021
Attendance: 39

General	\$ 2,152.00
Mission & Service	\$ 100.00
Appeals (Haiti)	\$ 650.00

Thank you for your donations

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

Call the church office if you have any questions.

Counting Teams

Sept 19th – Vicki Leakey/Diane Nuttall

Sept 26th – Denise Wood/Linda Brooks

Oct 3rd – Denise Wood/Vicki Leakey

Oct 10th – Paul & Carolyn Scott

Oct 17th – Diane Nuttall/Linda Brooks

Oct 24th – Paul & Carolyn Scott

Oct 31st – Eileen Thomson/Christina Gordon

Food Bank Job

The Gananoque and area Food Bank is looking for an Intake Clerk. This is a part-time position 6 hours/week. If interested submit your resume to,
Ganfoodbank@gmail.com

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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Vice Chair: Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

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.