



Grace United Church

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October 24, 2021

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: Meditation on 'Crimond' – P. Harding

Welcome – Pamela Shea

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

*"Yearning to see the **True Light of God**
mandates **Letting Go...**"*

Call to Worship: Ps. 34:1–3

I will bless the Lord at all times,

God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord,

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

let us exalt God's name together!

Song of Praise: Voices United #299

"Teach Me, God, to Wonder"

1. **Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God to see;
Let your world of beauty capture me.**

Refrain:

**Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.**

2. **Let me, God be open, let me loving be;
Let your world of people speak to me.**

Refrain:

**Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.**

3. **Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake;
In your world of loving my place take.**

Refrain:

**Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.**

4. **Teach me, God, to know you,
hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet.**

Refrain:

**Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give.**

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Prayer of the Day & Illumination (All): Ps. 34:4–8

Merciful God,

you always hear us when we cry out.

You stay close when we are in distress.

It is you in whom we seek refuge,

and you deliver us from evil.

Help us to be open to your Word once again and

Help us once again to taste and see that you are indeed good.

All glory, praise, and honor are due to you,

O God, our redeemer, and our strength. Amen.

WE SEEK WISDOM

Scripture Reader: Elaine Davidson

Hebrew Bible: Job 42:1-6 (NRSV)

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52 (NRSV)

Life Lesson: "Where is Your Cloak?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Song for Baptism: Voices United # 644

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"



- 1) I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
To see your life unfold.
- 2) I was there when you were but a child,
With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
To find where demons dwell.

- 3) When you heard the wonder of the word,
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
To whom you now belong.
- 4) If you find someone to share your time
And you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
From dusk till rising sun.
- 5) In the middle ages of your life,
Not too old, no longer young.
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
Complete what I've begun.
- 6) When the evening gently closes in
And you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
With just one more surprise.
- 7) I was there to hear your borning cry
I'll be there when you are old
I rejoice the day you were baptized,
To see your life unfold.

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Minister: (*Mark 10:13-16*) People were bringing little children to Jesus. The disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus saw this and said to them

All: "Let the little children come to me..."

Minister: Members and friends in and through Christ, today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism through the Gift of Grace. Ordinary element such as water helps us experience a Sacred moment through The Spirit.

All: We are one body and one spirit. Our Hope is rooted in the Creator, who continues to create in, through and with us.

Minister: There is One God, One Faith, One Baptism,
One Creator of us all.

Session Rep.: On behalf of the congregation of **Grace United Church**, I present *Ethan Christopher Grahame Schueler* the son of *Christopher & Holly Schueler* for initiation into the Body of Christ.

COMMITMENT OF PARENTS

Minister: *Christopher & Holly*, today is a special day. You have decided to Baptize *Ethan*. The act of Baptism is accepting the claim that your child is called **Beloved by God**, and you accept this gift with gratitude. As parents, you are entrusted to nurture and guide your child in the path of God's Light. I ask you now, in the presence of God and of this community:

✚ Do you confess your faith in God as Creator; Jesus the embodiment of God's Love; and the Spirit God's presence in and among us?

Parents: We do.

✚ Do you commit yourselves to follow the way of Love as demonstrated in the life of Jesus in your private and public life?

Parents: We do.

✚ Will you support the life and work of the church in this community and/or wherever you are found?

Parents: We will.

✚ Will you share your faith with your child, and ensure that the Compassionate Teachings of Jesus are planted in him?

Parents: We will.

COMMITMENT OF GODPARENTS

Minister: *Taylor & Brittany, Keith & Aime*, as godparents will you grow in faith with this child, trusting that, "You are not alone, you live in God's world"?

Godparents: We will, God being our helper.

Minister: Recognizing that many persons nurture and influence the life of a child, will you support *Claira Ann* and her parents as she grows in faith?

Godparents: We will, God being our helper.

Minister: Sharing your faith is the most precious gift to *Ethan*. We are glad to hear and witness your commitment.

COMMITMENT OF CONGREGATION

Minister: As a baptized and baptizing church let us covenant with this family, one another and God.

All: As a baptized and baptizing church, we commit ourselves anew to nurture and support one another.

Minister: Let us say together the New Creed

All: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's

presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

A New Creed - The United Church of Canada, General Council, 1968

Pouring of Water



Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive)

Minister: Creator God, you formed this world out of the dark waters of chaos. And time and again you have saved us as we have passed through the dark waters of life.

All: We remember the flood and your gracious promise sealed in the rainbow. We remember Jesus, and the way he was protected by the waters of Mary's womb. We remember John, and the way he baptized. We remember the disciples, and the way in which they shared in the ministry of Jesus, his death, resurrection, and the sharing of the Gospel throughout the world.

Minister: So we come before you today, grateful for the promise and the power of water. We pray that your Holy Spirit blesses this gift and this child who will receive it. Embrace her in your Love and Cover her in your Peace.

All: Amen.

Baptism in the Name of the Triune God Blessing

Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Laying On of Hands - Prayer



PRESENTATIONS

Session Rep.: *Baptismal Candle & Baptism Certificate* (*The baptismal candle is lit from the Christ Candle, signifying the light of Christ, and presented to the parents on the child's behalf*)

Session Rep.: *Ethan Christopher Grahame Schueler*, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works for the glory to God. **Amen**

Caring & Sharing Team Member: *Prayer Blanket*

Minister: Presentation of a Bible

INTRODUCTION TO CONGREGATION

Minister: Members of **Grace United Church** I introduce to you, *Ethan Christopher Grahame Schueler* a child of God, member of the Body of Christ. We welcome him into the Household of Faith, with Joy and Thanksgiving.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song after Baptism: Voices United #: 452

"You Have Put On Christ"

**You have put on Christ,
In Christ you have been baptised.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.**

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Our Offerings – Make Miracles Evident - *Let us partner up with God and give Generously with Joy and Gratitude.*

**The prayer that Jesus taught his followers, we pray as our
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (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**

Going Forth: More Voices # 104

"Know that God is Good"

**Know that God is good,
know that God is good,
know that God is good,
God is good, God is Good.**

Words and music: traditional song, Congo

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen and Postlude: Rondeau – Jean-Joseph Mouret

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 to Neil McCarney and Faye Trimble.

Happy 42nd Wedding Anniversary to Brad & Anne Curtis

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. ****

Sunday Offerings

October 17, 2021

Attendance: 27

General	\$ 245.00
Mission & Service	\$ 42.00

Thank you for your donations
Remember to write your name on guest envelopes.

Counting Teams

Oct 24th – Paul & Carolyn Scott

Oct 31st – Eileen Thomson/Christina Gordon

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<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RRO001-grace-united-church/> (Control & Click to open link)

Call the church office if you have any questions.

Book Launch – Joan MacKinnon

On October 30 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., there will be a Book Launch of ‘Make Gananoque More Beautiful: The History of the Gananoque Horticultural Society’ by Joan MacKinnon, at O’Connor Gallery on King Street. The history of the town is woven through the story of the Society, including information on the Gates, Town Hall, Blinkbonnie and the Macdonald family, and the Thousand Islands Railway. Short biographies of hundreds of people have also been included, many of whom were or still are members of Grace United Church. Approximately 250 black and white pictures and four pages of colour photos illustrate the history. The cost is \$24.99, with all proceeds going to the Horticultural Society. If you are unable to make it to the Launch, the history will be available at Beggar’s Banquet

Books or from Joan (email: joanmackinnon@me.com).

This Community of Faith acknowledges 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.



(Picture: Credit to Indigenous Ministries and Justice – The United Church of Canada)

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
8:00am to 1:00 p.m. **(Closed on Wednesdays)**

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**October 24th – 22nd Sunday After Pentecost
Baptism Service**

October 31st – Reformation / All Saints Sunday

Important Information

Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am

*Service is also Broadcast live on YouTube at 10:30 am each
Sunday.*

<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.

The sterling silver baptismal chalice we use today was created and crafted by Mr. Richard Paddle, a lifelong member of St. Lawrence and Grace United Churches. It was presented to Grace United Church and dedicated Sunday, February 27, 1983. Engraved on the chalice are Jesus’ words from Matthew 19:14: “Suffer the little children to come unto me”.

