



## Grace United Church

120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7

### Ordained Minister

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro B.A., B.Th., M.Div.

**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. J. Harry Seeley B.A.

### Director of Music

Mr. Paul Harding, B. Mus, B. Ed

### Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

### Guest Worship Leader

Liz Church

November 14, 2021

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

### Order of Worship



## WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

**Prelude:** *Meditation on "Amazing Grace" – Melody from Virginia Harmony 1831*

**Welcome – Brian Brooks**

**Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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

## Spiritual Focus:

***"The difference between stumbling blocks and steppingstones is how you use them"***

**Call to Worship:** Isaiah 43:2

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you...

**Song of Praise: Voices United # 591 (vv. 1, 2 & 3)**

***"Jesus, United by Your Grace***

1. Jesus, united by your grace,  
and each to each endeared,  
with confidence we seek your face,  
and know our prayer is heard.
2. Help us to see in each a friend,  
each other's cross to bear;  
let all their friendly aid extend,  
and feel the other's care.
3. Up unto you, our living head,  
let us in all things grow,  
till you have made us free indeed  
and faithful here below.

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Music: Thomas Augustine Arne 1762  
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## Invitation to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (All):

We come today, our Creator and acknowledge that we have many times forgotten Your steadfast love for us. We have fallen far from the path set before us. And in all honesty, we come today, with humble hearts. We desire to be more like you. We pray for guidance and ask that You bestow upon us a fresh outpouring of Your Spirit. **Amen**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

#### WE SEEK WISDOM

### Song of Illumination:

#### Voices United # 560 (vv. 1, 2, & 4)

#### *"O Master, let Me Walk with Thee"*

1. O Master, let me walk with thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Teach me thy secret, help me bear  
The pain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move  
With some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay  
And guide them in the homeward way.
4. In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only thou canst give,  
With thee, O Master, let me live.  
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Music: Henry Percy Smith, 1874. Public Domain

## Scripture Reader: Linda Brooks

**Psalm 16: 1-11** (NLT)

**Gospel: Mark 13: 1-8** (NLT)

**Life Lesson: "How in the World do I get through this"**

### Special Music:

Mansion Over the Hilltop – Ira Stanphill

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

### Your Generosity Matters:

*"No Way to Treat a Child: Obaida's Story"* – Dave Charles

### Our Offerings – Make Miracles Evident

*Let us give Generously  
with Joy and Gratitude.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

To the God who has given more than we can ask or think, we give You praise. We give back to You through the abundance showered on us, for some in wealth, but for all, in love and service to You. **Amen.**



## Song of Hope and Healing: Voices United # 337

### *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine "*

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's 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:** *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.*
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love.  
**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.*

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873, alt.

Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp. 1873. Public Domain

## 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

## Going Forth: Voices United # 481

### *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us  
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead  
us,  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

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## **Sending Forth & Benediction**

### **Choral Amen**

**Postlude:** Menuet (from Music for the Royal  
Fireworks) – G.F. Handel

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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.**

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**Our sincere Thanks to Liz Church our Guest  
Worship Leader today. We appreciate you  
stepping in to lead Service and allow Rev.  
Takouhi a break.**

**Next Sunday, Dave Charles will lead our service.**

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## **Celebration Candle**



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

This week, we wish a very Happy Birthday to, Joan  
MacKinnon, Brian Brooks and Rev. Takouhi.

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.**

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## **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. \*\***

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## **Sunday Offerings**

**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Attendance: 47**

|                   |            |
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| General           | \$ 2539.00 |
| Mission & Service | \$ 57.00   |

***Thank you for your offerings***

**Write your name & amount on envelopes.  
2022 Envelopes will be out shortly.**

**If you would like some please contact Laurie in the  
Office 613-382-2161**

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There are many ways you can contribute to Grace United Church and our causes.

e-transfer to [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto: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](https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf) (Control & Click to open link)

by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

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

**Call the church office if you have any questions.**

### **Fundscrip Orders**

Fundscrip Orders & Payments will be accepted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. Order forms are available on the table in the Narthex. Please take a form and have a look, there are many great stores included. Christmas is coming and gift cards are a great idea, Buy them through Fundscrip and support Grace United at the same time. The next date to return your forms is December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Advent Decorating – will take place on Friday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. All are welcome to help. As they say, many hands make light work.**



*Gananoque Legion Brunch, is back, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. 9am to Noonish. The cost is \$10/ Adult of \$5 for children. A great way to support your local legion.*

### **Annual Red Wagon Food Drive**

**The tradition of our advent Red Wagon food drive continues this year, starting November 21<sup>st</sup>. (Yes, one week prior to the start of Advent)**

**Here is the list of items being collected each Sunday. Cut the list out and keep it handy for reference.**

**Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.**

**Nov 21<sup>st</sup>:** Breakfast Items, cereal, porridge, jams & spreads, pancake mix, syrup

**Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>:** Pasta, Sauces, Kraft dinner, Noodle packages. Condiments, Mustard, Ketchup, Relish, Pickles, Mayo, Salad dressings, etc.

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup>:** Personal Hygiene items, Shampoo, Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Feminine products, Disposable Razors, Diapers, Toilet paper, Laundry & Dish detergent.

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup>:** Canned goods – Vegetables, Fruit, Soups, Pork & Beans, Tuna, Salmon, Ham, Stews, Juices – cans or bottles.

**Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>:** Treats, Cake mixes, Cookies, Puddings, Jello, Apple snacks, Granola & Cereal bars, Potato Chips, Cheesies, Popcorn, Crackers, etc.

***The Food Bank has made a request for Pancake mix & Syrup to fill 120 Christmas Baskets. You can bring them to the church on Sunday, or drop off at the Food Bank, Wednesday or Friday 12 to 3:00 or place in the bin on their back step.***





### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### **Contact information:**

**Office** (Laurie) 613-382-2161 [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto: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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**Rev. Takouhi (direct Line) 613-777-0880**

**Email: [RevTakouhi@Terraautopia.ca](mailto:RevTakouhi@Terraautopia.ca)**

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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

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**November 21<sup>st</sup> - Mission & Service Sunday**

**Worship Leader; Dave Charles**

**Red Wagon – Breakfast Items**

**November 26<sup>th</sup> – 1:00pm - Decorating the Church**

**All are welcome to help**

**November 28<sup>th</sup> – First Sunday of Advent - HOPE**

**Red Wagon – Pasta, Sauces**

**Baptism & Communion Sunday**

**December 5<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE**

**(Red Wagon – Personal Items**

**December 12<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Advent – JOY**

**White Gift Sunday**

**Red Wagon – Canned Goods**

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### 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 at 10:30 am Sunday  
mornings.**

***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.***



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