



## Grace United Church

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### 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

**May 22, 2022**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**Worship Leader: Tammy Fergusson**

**Order of Worship**



**WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE**

**Prelude:** *Whispering Hope* - *Septimus Winner*

**Welcome – Diane Nuttall**

**Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Centering Music: Spiritual Focus -**

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 67*

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

For God reigns with equity,

Guiding the nations upon the earth.

Let the people praise God;

Let all the peoples praise God!

## Song of Praise: Voices United #375

*"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

**Refrain:** Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,

blow thro' the wilderness calling and free;

Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,

Wind, Wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

**Refrain**

2. You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes.

**Refrain**

3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still,  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew thro' your people on the rush of the wind.

**Refrain**

4. You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions your people arise.

**Refrain**

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**PRAYER OF APPROACH: (all)**

**Dear Holy One,  
We gather today in praise,  
Willing and ready to approach you,  
In the many ways that you are revealed to us.  
May we truly see your Creation,  
May we hear your Holy Word,  
May we feel your Divine Spirit.  
As our faces turn up to your blessings  
And the sun shines down upon the earth.**



**WE SEEK WISDOM**

**Song of Illumination: Voices United # 371**

*"Open My Eyes That I May See"*

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou has for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my god, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my god, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my god, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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**Time for Those Young at Heart: *God Is In The World Puzzle***

**Scripture Reader: Tom Currie**

**First Reading:**

Revelation 21:10;

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

Revelation 22:1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants<sup>14</sup> will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**Gospel Reading:**

John 14: 23-29

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

**Anthem:** *Peace Like a River* - arr. Joel Raney

**Grace United Church Choir**

**Life Lesson:** **I Am Going Away And I Am Coming To You** *Tammy Fergusson*

**WE SEEK PEACE AND COMMUNION**

**Song of Hope & Healing: Voices United # 684**

*"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace..."*

- 1) Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me bring your love,  
where there is injury, your healing power,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:
- 2) Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness ---- only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Refrain) O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood, as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

- 3) Make me a channel of your peace:  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all -- that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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**Prayers of the People**

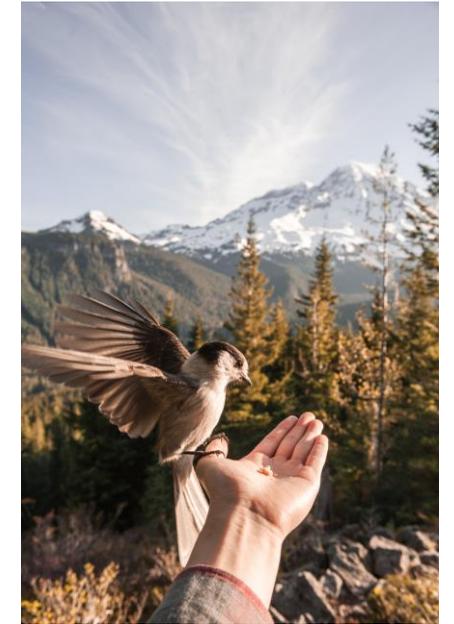
**The Prayer of Jesus (All)**

**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.**



**Song of Commitment: Voices United # 402**

*"We Are One"*

1. We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace as we meet, together in this place.
2. We are one as we share, as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand there's a sense that God is here.  
We are one as we care, as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace as we pray together in this place.
3. We are one as we feast, as we feast, peace becomes the sign;  
in the bread and the wine there's a sense of love divine.  
We are one as we come, as we feed, we are fed;  
and we feel God's refreshing grace as we meet at table in this place.

4. We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive there's a sense that God is light.  
are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God's ways as we move together from this place.

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

**Your Generosity Matters:** "Nutrition Program in Somalia Helps Save Lives"

**Our Offerings Make Miracles Evident**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication: (Responsive)**

One: We thank you, O God

**All: For all that is given this week.**

One: Continue to bless and strengthen Grace United,

**All: As we appreciate all the support that surrounds her,**

One: May we continue to pitch in and do our part

**All: For new beginnings to come.**

## Closing Hymn: Voices United Page 884

*"You Shall Go Out With Joy"*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,  
will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
while you go out with joy.

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## Sending Forth & Benediction

**Choral Blessing:** *Go Now in Peace*

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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Music: Don Besig

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**Postlude:** *Where'er You Walk* (from 'Semele') - G. F. Handel



**Celebration Candle**

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

May Joy abound and Love Multiply.

**Happy Birthday to Betty, Christina, Reta and Shirley.**

**Happy 34<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Laurie & Gerard.**

**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. \*\****

**Offerings – May 15, 2022 - Attendance: 27**

General	\$ 802.00
Mission & Service	\$ 397.00
Local Missions	\$ 30.00
Ukraine Refugee	\$ 1,040.00

***Thank you for your offerings***

**PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR ENVELOPE**



**The United Church Women (UCW) are making ribbon pins for Ukraine. The pins will be available on Sunday mornings for a donation beginning May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**There are many ways you can partner up with God’s Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference.**

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)

by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/>

**Fundscrip Update.**

First, **THANK YOU** to all who support Grace United by ordering Gift Cards through Fundscrip. To date \$722.00 has been raised.

Did you know that you can order your Gift Cards at anytime and have them mailed to your home? It is easy, go to <https://www.fundscrip.com/> and set up an account. To support Grace United Church, you will need to enter the Invitation Code: **AU3PXP**. (The link to Fundscrip is also on our website.)

If you have any difficulty setting up your account, drop by the church office and see Laurie or speak to Denise Wood or Linda Brooks. We will help you out. 😊

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**Did you know that Rev. Takouhi has a personal website where you can find her blogs, “Bread for the Journey” videos, prayers and so much more? Subscribe to her mailing list to receive news updates in your personal inbox. Go to [www.revtakouhi.ca](http://www.revtakouhi.ca) and subscribe to her mailing list. It is FREE!**

June 5<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost Sunday - The Birthday of the Church!

Rev. Takouhi is looking for three Individuals who can share one of the three printed English Prayers in another language...

Please let Rev. Takouhi know, by June

1<sup>st</sup> - [revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca](mailto:revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca)

***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)*

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**Official Board:** Chair: Brian Brooks

Vice Chair: Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

**The 2022 Directory will be available soon**

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**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10:30 am Worship Service**

**Worship Leader – Tammy Fergusson**

**Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Worship Service**

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**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Service – Pentecost**

**Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Service – Trinity Sunday**

**Covenanting Service with Rev. Takouhi.**

**Preacher, Rev. Rosemary Lambie**

**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Service – Father’s Day**

**Worship Leader – Barb DeJeet**

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**Important Information**

*Service will also be shown live on YouTube.*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>

<https://www.facebook.com/GraceUnitedChurchGananoque>

The service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.