



Grace United Church

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May 29, 2022

Ascension Sunday

Worship Leader: Tammy Fergusson

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE



Prelude: "Turn Your Radio On" by Albert E. Brumley 1939

Welcome – Raymond Shea

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Centering Music:

Spiritual Focus: Acts 1:9

As they watched, He was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Call to Worship: Psalm 47

*Clap your hands, all you peoples;
Shout to God with loud songs of joy
For God has gone up with a shout
For the shields of the earth
Belong to God.*



Song of Praise: Voices United #264

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith 1867, alt. 1987

Music: Welsh folk song, arr. John Roberts (Henllan) in Caniadau y Cyssegr 1839
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PRAYER OF APPROACH: (Responsive^[GU1])

One: O God of praise and blessings,

All: We come to witness you again,

One: As Jesus rises on a cloud.

All: May we see you as Creator,

One: As Teacher and as the Holy Spirit,

All: The Holy One in Three.

WE SEEK WISDOM

Song of Illumination: Voices United # 211

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

1. Crown him with many crowns, the lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and 'round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wound yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Words: Matthew Bridges 1851. v.2 Godfrey Thring 1874

Music: George Job Elvery 1868

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Children's Time: "The Invisible String" by Patrice Karst

Scripture Reader: Pam Shea

First Reading: Ephesians 1:15–23

Paul's Prayer

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 44-53

The Ascension of Jesus

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Anthem: *I Believe* - Drake, Shirl, Stillman, Graham - arr. P Harding

Grace United Church Choir

Life Lesson: **You are Witnesses of These Things.** *Tammy Fergusson*



WE SEEK PEACE AND COMMUNION

Song of Hope & Healing: Voices United # 603 - Tune "Maryton" #560

"In Loving Partnership"

1. In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.
2. We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful word and faithful deed.
3. Loving community we seek;
your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak
are brought together in your love.
4. In loving partnership, O God,
help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire,
we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

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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 #579

"The Church is Wherever God's People"

1. The church is wherever God's people are praising,
singing God's goodness for joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember his story and walk in his way.
2. The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

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Music: English carol, arr. F.R.C. Clarke 1971
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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Your Generosity Matters: *"Learning Racism at a Young Age"*. – Dave Charles

Our Offerings Make Miracles Evident

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication: (Responsive)

One: Abundant God,

All: Thank you for your over-flowing bounty.

One: Grace United continues to grow

All: With its talented people, with its resources, with its fellowship and hospitality.

One: Thank you for what we give today, in our offerings and our time.

**All: There is much to be appreciated as we all work as one.
To the glory of God's Holy Name.**

Closing Hymn: Voices United Page 330

"Jesus Shall Reign"

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
and prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
4. Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!



Words: Isaac Watts 1719, alt. Music: attrib. John Warrington Hatton 1793. Public Domain

Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: "I'll Fly Away" by Albert E. Brumley 1929



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 Alyn.

Happy Anniversary to Doug & Betty Wooding.

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 22, 2022 - Attendance: 35

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>PAR</u>
General	\$ 624.00	\$ 1180.50
Mission & Service	\$ 192.00	\$ 331.00
Local Missions (<i>Refugee Settlement</i>)	\$ 75.00	\$ 12.50 (Local)

Thank you for your offerings

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR ENVELOPE

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

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

by CreditCard through CanadaHelps.

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

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

June 5th 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

1st - 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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The 2022 Directory will be available soon

Sunday, May 29th - 10:30 am Worship Service

Worship Leader - Tammy Fergusson

Sunday, June 5th - 10:30 am Service - Pentecost

Sunday, June 12th - 10:30 am Service - Trinity Sunday

Covenanting Service with Rev. Takouhi.

Preacher, Rev. Rosemary Lambie

Sunday, June 19th - 10:30 am Service - Father's Day

Worship Leader - Barb DeJeet

Important Information

Service will also be shown live on YouTube.

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

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