



Grace United Church

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June is National Indigenous History Month

Covenanting Service for

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro

Grace United Church - Gananoque

And

Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council

Presider and Preacher

Rev. Rosemary Lambie

June 12, 2022 – Trinity Sunday

Worship Leader – Tammy Fergusson



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: "On the Wings of a Dove" - Bob Ferguson 1958

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries – Dave Charles

Centering Music: *We Centre Our Hearts on God's Love*

Welcome – Brian Brooks – Chair of the Official Board

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory – Tammy Fergusson

(Please stand as able)

Call to Worship (Responsive) – Tammy Fergusson

One: Sisters and brothers, as we gather in the welcome of God's love,
as we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ,
as we gather in the power of the Spirit,
let us listen for the voice of God.

All: Let us worship God,

who has spoken and still speaks to those who attend to the roar or the whisper of the Holy One.

Prayer of Approach (All) – Tammy Fergusson

Loving God, we cry aloud this day for your guidance. You have called us into ministry as we follow the pathways that you set down for us. Grant us, we pray, strength to believe in your gospel and courage to trust in your Word. We pray that the ministry of this pastoral charge will be strengthened and nurtured by your Holy Spirit. All glory and honour are yours, God most high. Amen

Song of Praise: More Voices #135 Tammy Fergusson

"Called By Earth and Sky..."

Refrain:

***Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.***

1. Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again.



Refrain:

***Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.***

2. Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace.

Refrain:

***Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.***

3. Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song.

Refrain:

***Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.***

4. Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one.

Refrain:

***Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.
Called by earth and sky.***

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(Please be seated)

Prayer of Confession (All) – Tammy Fergusson

**Gracious God, as people called to by your presence in the world,
we search our hearts, and ask your forgiveness:**

**For opportunities not taken
for care not given,
for sorrow not shared,
for joy not celebrated
for love not extended
for those failings we cannot speak aloud,**

(pause for a time of silent prayer)

**Gracious God, we seek your healing grace and ask forgiveness in the name of
Jesus. Amen**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness – Tammy Fergusson

As disciples, we no longer need to be burdened by guilt,
no longer need to be bound by fear.
Be renewed through God's forgiving love;
be open to Christ's presence in our life.

Thanks be to God.

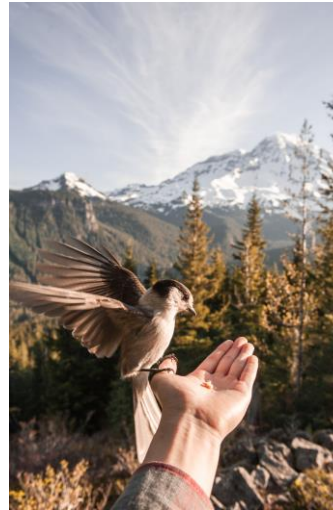
WE SEEK WISDOM

(Please remain seated)

Song of Illumination: Voices United # 382 – Tammy Fergusson

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

1. Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.



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Scripture Reader: Joan MacKinnon

Gospel: John 16:12-15 (NRSV)

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Epistle: Romans 5:1-5 (NRSV)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Anthem : *“Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You”* - Jay Althouse 1992

Meditation: *“The Spirit Connection”* Rev. Rosemary Lambie

Song of Unity: Voices United # 402 – Tammy Fergusson

“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.
 We 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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Prayers of the People (Responsive) / Lord's Prayer – Tammy Fergusson

For the world you have created, in all its complexity and wonder

We thank you, Lord

For life itself, for the challenge and the hope

We thank you, Lord

For your Spirit in our lives, spurring us, rebuking us, encouraging us.

We praise and thank you, Lord

For Jesus Christ, for the life he lived and the life he gives.

We praise you, Lord

For the people of God who have kept the faith, for the church in our time which stands in truth, for the church of our children, which is nurtured by grace.

We praise you God. We praise and thank you.

Let us pray for the church and its varied ministries throughout the world.

(Silence)

Let us pray for this ministry that we have together in this pastoral charge.

(Silence)

Let us pray for all the activities on this pastoral charge.

(Silence)

Let us pray for all those who are impoverished, sick, sad, lonely and disturbed in body, mind or spirit that the love of God may fill all our hearts.

(Silence)

Let us name before God any of whom we have a particular concern at this time.

(Silence)

Hear us, O God, in these prayers which we offer in Jesus saying the prayer that he taught his disciples together.

**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.
 For ever and ever. Amen.**

THE ACT OF COVENANT

(Please stand as able)

Affirmation of Faith - A New Creed – *Tammy Fergusson*

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 hop.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Presentation of the Minister – *David Charles – Chair of M & P*

Presider – *Rev. Rosemary Lambie*

We are gathered here in the presence of God to celebrate the ministry and to covenant together for the service of God in this place.

(At the invitation of the Presider, the new minister, a member of the Search Team, and the Regional Council PR Liaison come forward.)

Regional Council Liaison – *Wayne Harris*

We are here to join into a covenantal relationship with God and between Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, Grace United Church, and the wider United Church as represented by Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council. Although God's covenant with us never changes, our covenants with one another evolve as we seek ways to faithfully deepen our commitment to Jesus and live into our call to embody God's love in the world.

Member of Search Team – *Brian Brooks*

After prayerful discernment, and the approval of Grace United Church community of faith, we present Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, who has been called to begin a new ministry here with us. We believe that their skills and talents complement our faithful witness, ministry needs, and our community.

Disbanding of the Search Team

Regional Council Liaison – *Wayne Harris*

Would the members of the Search Team please stand.

Pamela Shea, Brian Brooks, Shirley Clark, Colleen Harding, Tammy Fergusson, Elaine Davidson and Barb Jenkins.

The Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council and the members of this community of faith would like to express our gratitude to the Search Team for your faithful service over the past months. Your commitment of time, faith and discernment has brought us all to this significant time and place. Thank-you for the completion of this work.

Regional Council Liaison – *Wayne Harris*

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, you are here in response to the need of Grace United Church Pastoral Charge, and by action of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council. We come together to mark this new relationship among you, the region and the pastoral charge. May the God who has given us the will to do these things give us the power and the grace to perform them.

Covenanting Action

Regional Council Liaison – Wayne Harris

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, you are about to undertake a new ministry in this place. You, the members of this pastoral charge are called to join her in worship, study, prayer, and action. We, the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, will be responsible for the support and accountability of this ministry. Let us ask for God's grace as we covenant together this day.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, by our baptism you have called us to Christ's ministry; pour out your Holy Spirit upon us as we commit ourselves to work together for Christ's name.
Amen

Promises of the New Minister

Regional Council Liaison (to new minister) – Wayne Harris

Do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

I do.

Will you accept the discipline of United Church of Canada?

I will, by the grace of God.

Together with the Regional Council and its members, will you be responsible for the support and accountability of the church's life?

I will, by the grace of God.

Will you accept the support and encouragement of this pastoral charge and this Region?

I will, by the grace of God.

Promises of the Pastoral Charge

(Members of the Pastoral Charge please stand as able.)

Will you join with Rev. Takouhi in a ministry of worship, study, prayer and action within this pastoral charge and the world?

Yes, we will by the grace of God.

Will you support her as she serves among you in this ministry?

Yes, we will, by the grace of God.

Promises of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council

(Members representing the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council please stand as able.)

Will you, as representing all of the members of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, join with Rev. Takouhi and Grace United Church in the ministry that is both theirs and ours?

Yes, we will by the grace of God.

Will you exercise support for this community of faith as it fulfills its work and witness through its living faith story?

Yes, we will by the grace of God

Presentation of Symbols

Bible – Tammy Fergusson

Presenter: Take this Bible. Be among us as one who teaches and proclaims the Word.

Amen

Water – Susan Barwell

Presenter: Be among us as one who baptizes with water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

Towel and Basin – Vicki Leakey

Presenter: Be among us as one who serves, as Christ served.

Amen

Bread and Wine – Barb Jenkins

Presenter: Be among us as one who breaks the bread and blesses the cup.

Amen

Balloons – Cheryl O’Leary

Presenter: Be among us as one who celebrates the ministry to all ages; through laughter, joy and celebration of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Keys to the Church – Murray Roantree

Presenter: We give you these keys as a symbol of your daily duties and the work of administration; and of this building, a witness to Christ’s presence in this community.

Amen

Presider – Rev. Rosemary Lambie

Rev. Takouhi and Grace United Church, let all these be signs of the ministry that is ours and yours in this place.

Amen

Declaration of Covenant

Presider – Rev. Rosemary Lambie

In the name of Jesus Christ, and by the authority of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, I declare this covenant to be established.

Thanks be to God!

Let us all rejoice in the covenant we have made.

Amen

Voices United # 958

Halle, halle, halle - lujah
Halle, halle, halle - lujah
Halle, halle, halle - lujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Offering - David Charles – M & S Enthusiast

Today’s Offering will go to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada for our mission to the whole people of God, unless otherwise specified

Prayer of Dedication (All) - David Charles

Holy and Beloved God, we dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD
TO BE THE CHURCH**

Covenanted Minister’s Statement – Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro

(Please stand as able)

Going Forth: Voices United #509 - Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” (Here I am Lord)

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.
- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.
- 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

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Sending Forth – Rev. Rosemary Lambie

Benediction – Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro

Organ Postlude “You’ll Never Walk Alone”

Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II 1945



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 Doreen Wilson and Nancy Abrams

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 – June 5, 2022 - Attendance: 42

General \$ 1532.00
Mission & Service \$ 187.00
Refugee Settlement \$ 100.00

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 Credit Card 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.

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Fundscrip Gift Cards orders can be placed anytime and shipped right to your home. All you need to do is set up an account and use the invitation code AU3PXP to connect with Grace United. Gift cards make great gifts and are also away to keep your everyday spending on a budget. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Brooks, Denise Wood or Laurie Cadue. We appreciate your continued support.

Church Name Tags

Would you like a name tag? An order will be placed June 30th
(Cost = New members free – replacement \$5)
If you would like one, let Laurie know.
Call the office at 613-382-2161.

Mark Your Calendars

Mary's Merry Minstrels are coming back.

At Grace United Church

Thursday, July 7th from 7 to 9 pm.

"Fiddle Days are Here Again"

A concert of fiddle music and more.

Admission is by Donation.

All proceeds to support

Gananoque Refugee Settlement Group/Ukraine



Bulletin Dedication

*Today's bulletin is dedicated
in memory of my father and grandmother
who shared the same birth date*

Hubert Grier

June 11, 1924 - March 19, 1994

and

Elsie Grier

June 11, 1892 - May 27, 1989

Remembered with love by Dianna Grier and family



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Vice Chair: Vacant, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

Official Board: Chair: Brian Brooks

Vice Chair: Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

The 2022 Directory will be available soon

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

Worship Leader – Barb DeJeet

Sunday, June 26th – 10:30 am Service

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.

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)