



Grace United Church

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June 26, 2022, Order of Worship

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June is National Indigenous History Month

Canada Day



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Meditation on "I Need Thee Every Hour"* - Robert Lowry

Welcome – Susan Barwell

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

National Indigenous History Month - The month of June is National Indigenous History Month. As we gather for worship, we honour the original inhabitants of this land, who took the Creator's Call to be stewards of air, land, water, and creature, seriously. As we offer prayers to the Creator, we also honour the history, heritage, and diversity of our sisters and brothers, and offer our apologies for all the sins committed and still being committed against them. Therefore, we take this time to acknowledge 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 work together with respect to reconcile the past and build a better world for and with All People.

(Please stand as able)



"O Canada"

O Canada, our home and native land,
True patriot love in all of us command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise: the True North, strong and free;
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

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Words: Roberty Stanley Weir 1908

Music: Calixa Lavallée

(Please be seated)

Spiritual Focus:

"God journeys with us through ALL the chaos and fears of life we face..."

Call to Worship: Ps. 130:5–6

I wait for the Lord,

my soul waits, and in God's Word, I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who

watch for the morning.

In faith, we turn to the Creator,

whose love endures forever.

Prayer of Approach (All):

As prophets catch fire,

disciples draw flame, apostles walk in the Spirit,

O Holy Trinity, fill us with fervent desire

to serve your Loving Kin-Dom.

May we approach you wholeheartedly not just today,

but now and forever. Amen.

(Please stand as able)

Song of Praise: Voices United # 307

"Touch the Earth Lightly"

- 1 Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
- 2 We who endanger, who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!
- 3 Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.
- 4 God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.

Words: Shirley Erena Murray 1991

Music: Colin Gibson 1991

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(Please be seated)

WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All):

O God, by your Spirit plant your word within us

that we may follow your Jesus, and never leave him.

May we find our home in your Love and our life in your Spirit.

We pray humbly and sincerely.

Amen.

Scripture Reader: Diane Nuttall

Gospel of Luke 9:51-62 (NRSV)

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Anthem: *Whisper To My Heart* - Joseph Martin

Life Lesson *"The Antidote to Fear: Trust, Courage, and Compassion"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Song of Hope and Healing (Tune : Aurelia – Voices United #331)

"When Jesus Went to Egypt"

In honour of World Refugee Day – June 20.

1. When Jesus went to Egypt, safe on his mother's arm,
His parents stayed beside him, to keep him safe from harm.
And when they crossed the border they were allowed to be
Together — seeking refuge — A Holy Family.
2. O God, we pray for children
And families coming here
Now facing separation,
And filled with grief and fear.
For children, loved and treasured,
Are ripped from loving kin.
This deed, by any measure, Is torture. It's a
sin!
3. O God, you're like a mother who won't forsake her own.
You're like a loving father who welcomes his son home.
Now give us, by your Spirit, the strength to challenge wrong,
To seek the best for children, and keep all families strong.



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Music: S.S. Wesley, 1864. Public Domain

(Please be seated)

Prayers of Hope and Healing –

The Prayer That Jesus Taught His followers (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.**

Your Generosity Matters: "985 Leaders Trained in Anti Human Trafficking"

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

We give for the Mission of God to Transform this world.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

**Holy God, You hear our prayers and answer them.
You give us more than we can ask or imagine.
Today we offer what we can from the blessings
we have received.**

**Accept these offerings and use them to heal
this world, with Justice, and Love. Amen.**

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: Voice United 595

"We are Pilgrims" (The Servant Song)

- 1 We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 2 Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
- 6 Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

Words and music: Richard Gillard, 1977

Arr. Betty Pulkingham

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Improvisation on "Lobe den Herren" - Stralsund Gesangbuch 1663*



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 Marg Chitty, Noreen Gordon and Gord Trimble.

Happy Anniversary to Neil & Gillian McCarney.

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 19, 2022 - Attendance: 24

General	\$ 407.00
Mission & Service	\$ 152.00

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/>

Pies for Sale

A select variety of Pies will be available to purchase during regular Church Office hours during the summer. Please call ahead to place an order. 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



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

Tuesday, June 28th – 7:00pm, Trustee Meeting (ZOOM)

Sunday, July 3rd – 10:30 am Service – Baptism

Wednesday, July 6th – No VIBE Tonight

7:00pm - Session Meeting (ZOOM)

Thursday, July 7th – 7 to 9 pm Concert for Ukraine Refugees

Sunday, July 10th – 10:30am Service

Saturday, July 16th AMAC Rental (all day)

Sunday, July 17th – 10:30 am Worship Service

Sunday, July 24 – 10:30 am Worship Service

Important Information

Service will also be shown live on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg>

<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.

Bulletin Dedication

This week's bulletin is dedicated in memory of Janet Harding, who was an enthusiastic member of Grace Church her entire life, as a member of the Choir, Session, Sunday School and Church Historian. Fondly remembered by sons, Paul & John Harding and families.