



Grace United Church

120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7

Ordained Minister

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August 28, 2022, Order of Worship

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Meditation on Whispering Hope* - Septimus Winner

Welcome – Colleen Harding

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

“Jesus invites us to be “God’s helper” in handing out the abundant gifts of dignity and worth and value with which we have been blessed....”¹

Call to Worship (Responsive):

One: There is a place for all of us in God’s family.

All: No one is excluded, left behind or excluded from entry.

One: Everyone is welcome in God’s family.

All: No one will be shunned, given the cold shoulder or snubbed.

One: Look around you right now.

Welcome one another –

All: we and many others are all part of God’s family.

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¹ Rev. Dr. D. Lose - <https://www.davidlose.net/2016/08/pentecost-15-c-freedom-to-stop-counting-and-start-blessing/> - August 19, 2022

(Please stand as able)

Song of Praise: Voices United # 296

“This Is God’s Wondrous World”

- 1 This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.
- 3 This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!

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Music: English traditional melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard 1915; adapt. Stanley Oliver 1929
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Prayer of Approach (All):

Here in this place, we gather, physically and spiritually.

We come before you, God, surrounded by others.

Together we seek your word, your truth, your love.

Together we share your space, your place.

Together, with each other, we are yours and you are ours.

Amen.

WE SEEK WISDOM

Song of Illumination: Voices United # 376

"Spirit of the Living God"

1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;

make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

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Scripture Reader: Cheryl O’Leary

Gospel of Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NRSV)

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to

you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Piano Solo – Variations on a Popular Spiritual

Life Lesson "Stop Counting: Start Sharing!"

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Song of Hope and Healing Voices United # 372

"Though I May Speak"

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

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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: *Small Church With Big History Attracts Pilgrims*

Our Offerings – Supporting God’s Ministries:

We give for the Mission of God to Make Miracles Evident.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

**Lord, you give us all that we have.
Accept these gifts, sanctify, and multiply them.
Use them for your purpose and glory.
May these gifts increase our faith, nurture hope,
and be counted as honest gifts from our hearts.
Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 510

“We Have This Ministry”

- 1 We have this ministry
and we are not discouraged;
it is by God's own power
that we may live and serve.
Openly we share God's word,
speaking truth as we believe,
praying that the shadowed world
may healing light receive.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.
- 2 O Christ, the tree of life,
our end and our beginning,
we grow to fullest flower
when rooted in your love.
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay,
called to service by your grace,
different cultures, different gifts,
the young and old a place.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.
- 3 The yoke of Christ is ours,
the whole world is our parish;
we daily take the cross,
the burden and the joy.
Bearing hurts of those we serve,
wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,
Holy Spirit, bread and wine,
we die and rise again.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.



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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Postlude in G Minor – J. S. Bach*

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.



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 Martin Hawley and Dave Charles

Happy 66th Wedding Anniversary to Jack & Gloria Petch.

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. ****

There are many ways you can partner up with God's Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference. by cheque –120 Pine ST.

Gananoque, On K7G 1C7, e-transfer to grace.gan@outlook.com

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/>

A variety of frozen Pies are still available to purchase. Please call Carol at 613-382-4376 or Laurie during office hours at 613-382-2161.



Gananoque Food Bank - Donations

The Gananoque Food Bank is asking for donations of canned goods, Vegetables, Stews, Fruits. Please bring to service next Sunday. Monetary Donations are also greatly appreciated.

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)



"Hi" Tea with Rev. T."



Thursdays @ 1:30 – 3:00

At Grace United Church

Downstairs Hall – Accessible - 120 Pine St. Gananoque

September 15, 2022; October 13, 2022

November 24, 2022; December 8, 2022

Reservations are essential – 3 days prior:

revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca

or

Tel#: 613-777-0880

(A chance to have a casual conversation with Rev. Takouhi and get to know her better. All are welcome, reservations required.)

Offerings

Date	Attendance	General	M&S	Local Mission
August 7	31	\$ 782.00	\$ 192.00	
August 14	33	\$ 440.00	\$ 150.00	
August 21	24	\$ 562.00	\$ 217.00	
August 28				
PAR	n/a	\$ 1260.50	\$ 351.00	\$ 12.50
BMO	n/a	\$ 450.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00

Thank you for your offerings

(PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR ENVELOPE)

Contact information:

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Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
8:00am to 1:00 p.m. **(Closed on Wednesdays)**

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Session: Chair: Barb Jenkins

Vice Chair: Marg Worth, Clerk: Susan Barwell

Board of Stewards: Chair: Denise Wood

Vice Chair: Vacant, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

Official Board: Chair: Brian Brooks

Vice Chair: Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

The 2022 Directory is available in the Narthex

Sunday, September 4th – Worship Leader, Norma Wrightly

Monday, September 5th – Labour Day – Office Closed.

Sunday, September 11th – Worship Leader, Norma Wrightly

Wednesday, September 14th – Board of Stewards Meeting 6:30 pm (Hall)

Session Meeting 7pm (via ZOOM)

Thursday, September 15th – "Hi Tea with Rev. T" (see notice)

Official Board Meeting 7:00 pm (Church Hall)

Sunday, September 18th – Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson

Thursday, September 22nd – 11:00am Carveth Service

Sunday, September 25th – Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi

Thursday, September 30th – 2:00pm - Fox Run 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.