



Grace United Church

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September 11, 2022, Order of Worship

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Creation Time Begins

Guest Worship Leader, Norma Wrightly

WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Air (from "The Water Music") - G. F. Handel*

Welcome: Diane Nuttall

Land Acknowledgement:

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Responsive):

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Come, all God's people,

Come and praise your Maker!

We come to worship God with joy and delight!

Come into God's presence with singing!

We come singing!

Come, ready also to be silent.

We come prepared to be attentive to God presence.

Come, ready to offer prayer,

To praise, to pray, to attend. We are here.

Let us worship God!

(Please stand as able)

Song of Praise: More Voices 30

"It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

1. It's a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker, the gray whale sings in the sea.
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
2. It's a call of life to the Giver when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver when high tides break on the shore
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
3. It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover, the summer breeze joins the song.
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
4. It's a chorus of all creation; it's sung by all living things.
It's a chorus of all creation, a song the universe sings.
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

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(Please be seated)

Opening Prayer

WE SEEK WISDOM

Song of Illumination: Voices United # 574

"Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

1. Come, let us sing of a wonderful love, tender and true, tender and true, out of the heart of the Father above, streaming to me and to you: wonderful love, wonderful love, dwells in the heart of the Father above.
2. Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell joyfully came, joyfully came came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell, sharing their sorrow and shame, seeking the lost, seeking the lost, saving, redeeming at measureless cost.
3. Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet; why do they roam? why do they roam? Love only waits to forgive and forget; home, weary wanderers, home! Wonderful love, wonderful love, dwells in the heart of the Father above.
4. Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love! Come and abide, come and abide, lifting my life till it rises above envy and falsehood and pride: seeking to be, seeking to be lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

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Responsive Psalm 14 Voices United p. 735

The foolish have spoken in their heart, and said "There is no God."

**They are corrupt; they do abominable things;
there is no one who does what is good.**

God looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if any are wise and seek after God.

**But all have gone astray; all alike are corrupted;
there is no one who does good; no, not one.**

***Sung refrain: Dear God, who loves all humankind,
forgive our foolish ways.***

Have they no knowledge, all those who do evil?

They devour my people like so much bread, and do not pray to God.

But see, they will tremble with fear, for God is on the side of the righteous.

Do not mock the hope of the poor, for God is their refuge.

O that deliverance for God's people would come forth from Zion!

**When God restores the fortunes of the people,
then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.**

***Sung refrain: Dear God, who loves all humankind,
forgive our foolish ways.***

Scripture Reader: Shirley Clark

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Anthem: "Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You" - Jay Althouse

Life Lesson: "Becoming Whole is Our Life's Work"



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Song of Hope and Healing: More Voices # 157

"I Am a Child of God"

1. I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God, I am a child of God.
2. I am an endless prayer, I am a yearning for contemplation,
I am an endless prayer, I am an endless prayer.
3. I am an angry voice, I am compassion and consternation,
I am an angry voice, I am an angry voice.
4. I am a cry for peace, I am commitment and dedication,
I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.
5. I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation,
I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.

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(Please be seated)

Your Generosity Matters:

Agricultural Training in a Year of Unprecedented Hunger

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication:

Prayers of Hope and Healing

Response: This is our prayer

ALL: May we live that it may be so.

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.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 266

"Amazing Grace"

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, tis word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen - *Danish Threefold Amen*

Postlude: *Allegro Maestoso (from "The Water Music")* - G. F. Handel

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 Carol Currie, Derryl Wood and Thomas Marlor.

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. ****

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.



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

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Offerings September 2022

Date	Attendance	General	M&S	Local Mission
September 4	31	\$ 809.00	\$ 282.00	
September 11				
September 18				
September 25				
PAR	n/a			
BMO	n/a			

Thank you for your offerings

(PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR ENVELOPE)

Our Grace United Church Choir is back into the loft for another season of faithful service. Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 22nd, at 2:30 pm in the choir room. New members are *always* welcome.

Legion Brunch today
Join them after service.





"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.)

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)

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 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

Saturday, October 1st, Music Concert, "Sing a Good Song" (see insert)

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.