



## Grace United Church

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### Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

### UN National Day of Peace Sunday

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Guest Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson

## WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

**Prelude:** *Meditation on "Let There Be Peace on Earth" - Sy Miller, Jill Jackson*

**Welcome – Diane Kirkby**

**Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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

### Spiritual Focus

**"By prevailing over all obstacles and distractions, one, one may unflinchingly arrive at his chosen goal or destination" – Christopher Columbus**

### Call to Worship 1 Timothy 2:1-7

One: Almighty God is the Creator of us all.

Jesus is the Mediator who sits between God and humankind.

Let us hear the words of scripture.

Let us hear the words in song.

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So that God's desires can be satisfied,  
For everyone to be saved,  
And come to the knowledge of the truth.

### Prayer of Approach 1 Timothy 2:1-7

**All: Dear God,**

**We come to you in prayer**

**On this United Nations Day for Peace**

**May peace be felt everywhere.**

**So that we can all live a quiet and tranquil life,**

**With Godliness and dignity for all.**

*(Please stand as able)*

### Song of Praise: Voices United #678

#### **For The Healing Of The Nations**

*(Tune: Regent Square VU 36)*

1. For the healing of the nations,  
God, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom  
from despair your world release;  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.

4. You, Creator-God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind; that, by our response and service, earth its destiny may find.

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Music: Henry Purcell ca. 1682, desc. Darryl Nixon 1986

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*(Please be seated)*

## WE SEEK WISDOM

**Children's Time** A Mystery Grab Bag Price Match

### **Children's Prayer**

**All: Dear God,  
Thank you for your wonderful blessings.  
Thank you for giving us talents, time and treasures.  
Help us to use them for you, O Lord  
And let nothing come between us and your love  
In Jesus' Name  
Amen**

### **Song of Illumination Voices United #612**

#### **There Is A Balm In Gilead**

**Refrain:** There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole.  
There is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged,  
and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit  
revives my soul again.

**Refrain:** There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole.  
There is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.

2. If you cannot preach like Peter,  
if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus  
and say, "He died for all."

**Refrain:** There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole.  
There is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.

Words: African-American spiritual.

Music: African-American spiritual, harm. David Hurd 1983.

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### **Scripture Reader: Tom Marlor**

#### **Luke 16:1-13 (NRSV)**

#### **The Parable of the Dishonest Manager**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer. 'Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes. 'So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil. 'He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty. 'Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat. 'He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty. 'And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

**Anthem:** *Peace Like a River* - arr. Joel Raney

**Life Lesson:** Reclaiming What God Gives Us For Good -  
*Tammy Fergusson*



## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*(Please stand as able)*

### **Song of Hope & Healing: Voices United #684** **Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace**

1. Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your healing power,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:
2. Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, - only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

**Refrain:** O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

3. Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Words: Attrib. St. Francis of Assisi

Music: Sebastian Temple 1967

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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:** *End Racism. Build Peace.*

## **Our Offerings - Supporting God's Ministries**

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

## **Song for Giving: Voices United # 543**

### **We Give Thee But Thine Own**

1. We give thee but thine own,  
what e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O God, from thee.
2. May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us,  
to thee our first-fruits give.

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

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

*(Please stand as able)*

## **Song of Going Forth: 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,  
our 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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## Sending Forth & Benediction

**Choral Blessing:** *Go Now in Peace*  
*Don Besig & Nancy Price*

**Postlude:** *La Jouissance*  
(from "Music for the Royal Fireworks") - 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 Anniversary to Marg & Mel Worth, who celebrate 67 years of marriage this week.**

**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.  
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**Order your Thanksgiving Pies NOW!!  
to purchase. Please call  
Carol at 613-382-4376 or  
Laurie at 613-382-2161.**



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Sign-up for PAR Forms [https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form\\_par-authorization.pdf](https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf)  
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## Offerings September 2022

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local
Sept 4	31	\$ 809.00	\$ 282.00	
Sept 11	22	\$666.00	\$ 152.00	
Sept 18				
Sept 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:30 pm in the choir room. New members are *always* welcome.

## "Calling all knitters and crocheters !"

We are having a meeting to discuss the Prayer Shawl Ministry Tuesday September 27th in the Church hall at 1:30pm.

Everyone is welcome

***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)

**This week's bulletin is dedicated  
by Tom Marlor and Diane Kirkby**

*In Loving Memory of our parents,  
Lily and Thomas Marlor (1993 and 1997)  
Bowman United Church Cemetery, Ancaster,  
Ontario  
and  
Irene and Jack Kirkby (2002 and 1986)  
Gananoque Cemetery*

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Vice Chair: Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

**The 2022 Directory is available in the Narthex**

**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson**

**Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – 1:30pm UCW Meeting, church hall**

**Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 11:00am Carveth Service**

**7:00pm - Official Board Meeting**

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi**

**Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 Nifty Knitters Meeting**

**Church Hall**

**Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm - Fox Run Service**

**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, Music Concert, "Sing a Good Song"**

**(see insert)**

### **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.**