



Grace United Church

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Truth & Reconciliation Sunday



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WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Meditation on a First Nations Melody*

The elders know
What the future holds
The elders told me
What the future holds

The elders say there will come a day,
When the young will be strong like the eagle,
The elders pray for that day,
When the young will be strong people,
When the young will be strong like the eagle.

Welcome – Brian Brooks

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

“True JOY has Nothing to do with Wealth & Luxury...”

PRAYER of ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge...
that we are gathered here today
on the unceded land of the First Peoples of Turtle Island.
This, we will not forget.

We acknowledge...
that it is by the grace of the First Peoples
that we have been able to make our home here;
where we are free to live, work, and gather together in peace.
For this we are thankful.

We acknowledge...
the harm that was done / is being done
to our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters
by the Settler Community.
We recognize the part that we have played
and continue to play,
whether actively or passively,
unwittingly or deliberately,
in this terrible ongoing history.
For these trespasses, we are truly sorry.

And so, we now pledge to do better,
And we humbly commit ourselves to the just pursuit
of Truth and Reconciliation.

For Christ's help with this promise to the First Peoples, we pray.
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.

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(Please be seated)

A Gathering Prayer (All):

**Amazing and loving God, as we meet together –
inspire us by your word, renew us with your Spirit
and unite us as we worship you,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.
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: Linda Brooks

Gospel of Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father,

I beg you to send him to my father's house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

1 Timothy 6:6-12a; 17-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith... As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Anthem: *Just As I Am I Come* - arr. Mary MacDonald

Life Lesson "Relationships NOT Riches..."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Song of Hope and Healing Voices United #229

"God of the Sparrow"

1 God of the sparrow God of the whale
 God of the swirling stars
 How does the creature say Awe
 How does the creature say Praise

2 God of the earthquake God of the storm
 God of the trumpet blast
 How does the creature cry Woe
 How does the creature cry Save

3 God of the rainbow God of the cross
 God of the empty grave
 How does the creature say Grace
 How does the creature say Thanks

4 God of the hungry God of the sick
 God of the prodigal
 How does the creature say Care
 How does the creature say Life

5 God of the neighbour God of the foe
 God of the pruning hook
 How does the creature say Love
 How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages God near at hand
 God of the loving heart
 How do your children say Joy
 How do your children say Home

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(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: Women for Changes Build Climate Resiliency

Our Offerings – Supporting God’s Ministries:

*Mindful of the abundance we have received in Christ,
we offer ourselves and our gifts to the world that God so LOVES...*

Offertory Song: More Voices # 191

“What Can I Do?” (2x)

What can I do? What can I Bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I’ll sing with joy. I’ll say a prayer.
I’ll bring my love. I’ll do my share

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):

**Gracious God, source of our daily bread and Sabbath trust, you feed us
with your love and equip us to share in your purpose. Receive the offerings of
our wounded spirits, our guarded purses, our meager strength, and continue
to expand our hearts, until we live with the boldness and joy of Easter
morning. We willingly pray. Amen.**

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: 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.*

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen – Threefold Amen (Danish)

Postlude: *Trumpet Voluntary in D – John Stanley*

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 Leanne Crawford.

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. ****

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

by Credit Card through

CanadaHelps. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/>

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	31	\$1802.00	\$497.00	
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 are held on will Thursdays 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

2023 United Church Calendars

The UCW are selling 2023 Calendars for \$10 each and are available this morning in the Narthex. Funds will be used to help cover the costs of making cards for shut ins.

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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Vice Chair: Vacant, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

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Vice Chair: Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

The 2022 Directory is available in the Narthex

VIBE (Book Study) Every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm on ZOOM

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

Tuesday, September 27th – 1:30 Nifty Knitters Meeting

Church Hall

FRIDAY September 30th – 2:00pm - Fox Run Service

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

Sunday, October 2nd – World Wide Communion Day - Rev. Takouhi

Sunday, October 9th – Thanksgiving Sunday – Rev Takouhi

Welcoming New Members

Thursday, October 13th – 11:00am - Carveth Chapel

“Hi Tea with Rev T.” – 1:30 to 3 pm – All are welcome

Sunday, October 16th – 60th Anniversary of the UCW

Rev. Takouhi & UCW

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 week's bulletin is dedicated by Merna Price

*In Loving Memory of my husband,
Donald Price - 2013*

*Donald was a faithful member and soloist
of Grace Church Choir for many years.*

Love Merna