



Grace United Church

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October 2, 2022 - Order of Worship

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday



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WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Meditation on "Passion Chorale"* (Hans Leo Hassler 1601)

Welcome – Barb Jenkins

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

*"If We Do All We are Ought to do as Followers of Jesus,
There is No Reason to Question- How BIG or Small is Our Faith."*

Call to Worship

(Please stand as able)

Song of Praise: Voices United # 288

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!
- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

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(Please be seated)

A Gathering Prayer (All):

**God of power,
give us your Spirit of love and self-discipline,
that we may live relying on your power
and responding to your calling.
Give us grace to make choices
that will increase our faith
and strengthen our obedience to Jesus Christ,
who is our Lord and Saviour.
Amen.**

WE SEEK WISDOM

Song of Illumination: Voices United # 375

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes.

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise.

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

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Scripture Reader: Susan Barwell

Gospel of Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him,

'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

2 Timothy 1:1-5

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

Anthem: *He* – Miriam Winter, Richard Mullan, Jack Richards, arr. P. Harding

Life Lesson "How Much Faith Does ONE Need?"

Song for Communion Voices United #469 "We Gather Here"

- 1 We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving son God fashions us as one:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here, - everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs.
- 2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.
We are now a family of which Christ is the head;
though unseen he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.

- 3 We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.

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LITANY FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

One: Let us come together in unity as we celebrate diversity in God's Love.

All: Loving God, lead all nations into the paths of peace, through Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace.

One: In faraway lands and island nations of the Pacific, may
peace be seen in equity and compassion...
In conflicted regions of the Middle East, may peace arise
in humility and love.

Portions from: Carol E. Bayma, Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Virginia.

One: Let us join the saints of the past,
present and the future and say 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.**



SHARING THE ELEMENTS

One: May Your Spirit work in us through these simple yet sacred elements of God and may we in return feed the world for your Kingdom... Amen.

THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

One: Jesus the bread of Life One: Jesus the True Vine
All: Thanks be to God! **All: Thanks be to God**

Song After Communion Voices United # 467

"One Bread, One Body"

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Your Generosity Matters: *"There's One Church - The Universal One"*

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

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

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 # 289

"It Only Takes a Spark"

- 1 It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you spread God's love to everyone,
you want to pass it on.
- 2 What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.
- 3 I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found -
on God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top; (Praise God)
I want my world to know:
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (from the Oratorio "Solomon")* - G. F. Handel

Welcome

as we gather for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or a newcomer to this Community of Faith, either in person or virtually, we extend a warm welcome. May you come in as a stranger but depart knowing you are part of the family. Thank you for joining us, we look in seeing you again.



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 Susan Tindal

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	30	\$632.00	\$117.00	
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.

Thank you to all who helped with the concert last night, especially, Cliff Edwards, Sheri Shenton and Paul Harding. We appreciate your time and dedication to Grace United.



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.



We are having a Tupperware Party and you are invited.



Today, Sunday October 2nd in the church hall at 1:30pm.

Ruth DD will be here to share some recipes and tricks with you.

Join us if you can and bring a friend.

If you can not attend you can place and order on-line, orders are shipped right to your home.

Here is the link to Ruth DD's page.

<https://my.tupperware.ca/ruthdemirdjianduench/>

Copy and paste into your browser, click on open parties and select "Fundraiser for Grace United".

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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The 2022 Directory is available in the Narthex

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

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-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.**