



Grace United Church

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2022 - Order of Worship

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

(17 October of Every Year)



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Meditation on "Softly and Tenderly"*

Welcome – Mary Haussler

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

"And what does the LORD require of you?

To Act Justly and to Love Mercy and to Walk Humbly with Your God..."

Micha 6:8

(Please stand as able)

Call to Worship (Responsive)¹

One: There is a great longing for justice making and keeping

All: a hunger for justice's waters, a thirst for righteousness's ever-flowing streams.

One: There is a spiritual poverty that accompanies all other forms of poverty

All: fragmented and dislocated community, frustrated values, webs of indifference.

One: We are called to be attentive,

All: faithful in sharing what we can out of the resources and connections that are at hand.

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Song of Praise: Voices United # 460 - *Tune: Hyfrydol VU 333*

"All Who Hunger"

- 1 All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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(Please be seated)

A Gathering Prayer (All):

Holy One, there are times when charitable food, even warm suppers and timely hampers, do not satisfy the deeper and wider longings for justice. The emptiness in people's bellies and pocketbooks are not the only realities. As we crave the food of justice, so we feel cravings for fairness and equality. Embarrass us,

even trick us, into breaking cycles and systems of indifference that breed cynicism and unfair distributions of power. In the name of Jesus the Christ, your challenging and nourishing presence in our midst. Amen.

WE SEEK WISDOM

Song of Illumination: Voices United # 471

"Eat This Bread and Never Hunger"

Refrain: Eat this bread and never hunger,
drink this cup and never thirst;
Christ invites us to the table
where the last become the first.

1 Asking for a cup of water,
Jesus touched forbidden ground;
and the woman, with a question,
told the world what she had found.

Refrain: Eat this bread and never hunger,
drink this cup and never thirst;
Christ invites us to the table
where the last become the first.

2 Walking down a desert highway,
Jesus healed a man born blind;
soon the man became a witness
to the truth we seek and find.

Refrain: Eat this bread and never hunger,
drink this cup and never thirst;
Christ invites us to the table
where the last become the first.

3 Weeping for his friend at graveside,
Jesus felt the pain of death;
yet he knew God's power to waken:
living water, living breath.

Refrain: Eat this bread and never hunger,
drink this cup and never thirst;
Christ invites us to the table
where the last become the first.

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Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey

Deuteronomy 16:18-20 (NRSV)

You shall appoint judges and officials throughout your tribes, in all your towns that the Lord your God is giving you, and they shall render just decisions for the people. You must not distort justice; you must not show partiality; and you must not accept bribes, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of those who are in the right. Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue, so that you may live and occupy the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Micah 6:6-8 (NRSV)

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a

year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Anthem – *He Touched Me* – Wm. Gaither, arr. Daniel Self

Life Lesson "God's JUSTICE is for ALL!"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Song of Hope and Healing Voices United #229

"God of the Sparrow" (verses, 1, 4, 5, 6)

- 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
- 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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Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer of Jesus (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: *"Your Generosity at Work in Ukraine"*

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: Voices United # 701

"What Does the Lord Require of You"

1 What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?

2 Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.

3 To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):

**Holy Just One, we know that money or show-and-tell splashes of
charity alone cannot solve the pain and shame of poverty.
We confess that there is a spiritually pervasive poverty that can
only be overcome by changing people's minds and hearts, and
then, changing the web of interlocking systems that belittle and
disempower so many of us, near and far. We offer our treasures
and offer up the prayers of our hands and our hearts, so that all of
your children may live in true dignity. In the name of Jesus,
himself poor, we pray. Amen.**

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: 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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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Fantasia in C - J.S. Bach*

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 Belated Birthday to Brian Tunnicliffe, Bert Petro and Susan Barwell. Happy Birthday this week to Susan Tunnicliffe, Helen Johnston and Neil McCarney.

Happy 43rd Wedding Anniversary to Brad & Anne Curtis.

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. ****

NOTE – Due to privacy laws and confidentiality, the names of people on our list are not printed in the Order of Service.

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/>

Readers & Ushers needed

Session is looking for people who would like to be a Reader and or Usher for Sunday Services. If you are interested, please, speak to one of the greeters today or contact a member of Session or the Church Office.

Offerings October 2022

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local
Oct 2	33	\$1447.00	\$372.00	0
Oct 9	44	\$ 645.00	\$170.00	0
Oct 16	41	\$ 727.00	\$282.00	\$100.00
Oct 23				
Oct 30				
PAR	n/a			
BMO	n/a			

Thank you for your offerings
(PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR ENVELOPE)

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.



Community Kitchen Cooking Program

Learn to cook and you get to enjoy what you have made after the session.

Community Kitchen event Dates:

October – Fall Comfort Classics

Thursday, October 27th – 4pm to 6pm

November – Easy Peasy Breakfast Dinner

Wednesday – November 16th 11am to 1 pm

Wednesday, November 23rd 4pm to 6pm



Register for the session you would like to attend.

Call 613-382-0165 or email Marian at marianmcleod@gmail.com. Please register at least 2 days prior to the session. *Vegetarian options will be covered.*

All are welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact information:

Office (Laurie) 613-382-2161 grace.gan@outlook.com
Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
8:00am to 1:00 p.m. **(Closed on Wednesdays)**

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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, October 30th – 10:30am Sunday Worship

Grace United Church 186th Anniversary Sunday

Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson

Sunday, November 6th – 10:30am Sunday Worship

All Saints Day and Remembrance Day Service

Worship Leader, Liz Church, Music Leader, Doug Gifford

Sunday, November 13th – 10:30 am Worship Service

Worship Leader, Liz Church, Music Leader, Doug Gifford

Sunday, November 20th – 10:30am Worship Service

Christ the King Sunday & Universal Children's Day

Worship Leader, Liz Church, Music Leader, Doug Gifford

Saturday, November 19th – 2:00pm – Family Magic Show

With Crafts and light refreshments – All are welcome. More details to come

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.