



**Grace United Church**

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**Ordained Minister**

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**November 13, 2022**

**Order of Worship**

**Worship Leader, Liz Church**

**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE**

**Prelude:** "Air from Suite in D Major" J.S. Bach

**Welcome – Shirley Clark**

**Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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

**Spiritual Focus:**

*"Strive always to be God's light in the world so others can see Jesus"*

*(Please stand as able)*

**Call to Worship (Responsive) Psalm 136: 1-3**

One: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good

**All: For His steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Give thanks to the God of gods,

**All: For His steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**All: For His steadfast love endures forever.**

**Song of Praise: Voices United - #395**

*"Come In, Come In and Sit Down"*

**Refrain**

***Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family***

***We are lost, and we are found, we are a part of the family.***

- 1 You know the reason why you came.  
Yet no reason can explain,  
So, share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
For we are a part of the family.

**Refrain**

***Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family***

***We are lost, and we are found, we are a part of the family.***

- 2 God is with us in this place,  
Like a mother's warm embrace.  
We're all forgiven by God's grace.  
For we are a part of the family.

**Refrain**

***Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family***

***We are lost, and we are found, we are a part of the family.***

- 3 There's life to share in the bread and the wine.  
We are the branches, and Christ is the Vine.  
This is God's temple, it's not your or mine,  
But we are a part of the family.

**Refrain**

***Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family  
We are lost, and we are found, we are a part of the family.***

4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all.  
There's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.  
So come in and worship and answer the call,  
For we are a part of the family.

**Refrain**

***Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family  
We are lost, and we are found, we are a part of the family.***

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*(Please be seated)*

**A Gathering Prayer (All):**

**We meet in Your place of worship this day and we ask that You will bless us. Bless the singing of your praise, the reading of your Word, the prayers that will be heard. May You be pleased with our praise and worship this day. Bless us as we meet together. Dear Lord we pray. Amen**

**WE SEEK WISDOM**

**Song of Illumination: Voices United # 589 (vs. 1, 3, 4)**

*"Lord, Speak To Me"*

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak  
In living echoes of Your tone;  
As You have sought so let me seek  
Your straying children, lost and lone.

3 O teach me so that I may teach  
The precious truths which Your impart;  
And wing my words that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart.

4 O fill me with Your fullness, Lord;  
Until my very heart o'er-flows.  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Your love to tell, Your praise to show.

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**Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey**

**Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 12 (New Living Translation)**

In that day you will sing: "I will praise you, O LORD! You were angry with me, but not any more. Now, You comfort me. See, God has come to save me. I will trust in Him and not be afraid. The LORD GOD is my strength and my song; He has given me victory."

With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation! In that wonderful day you will sing: "Thank the LORD! Praise his name! Tell the nations what he has done. Let them know how mighty he is!

Sing to the LORD, for he has done wonderful things. Make known his praise around the world. Let all the people of Jerusalem shout his praise with joy! For great is the Holy One of Israel who lives among you."

## **Gospel Reading - Luke 21: 5-19 Living Bible**

Some of his disciples began talking about the beautiful stonework of the Temple and the memorial decorations on the walls.

But Jesus said, “The time is coming when all these things you are admiring will be knocked down, and not one stone will be left on top of another; all will become one vast heap of rubble.” “Master!” they exclaimed. “When? And will there be any warning ahead of time?” He replied, “Don’t let anyone mislead you. For many will come announcing themselves as the Messiah, and saying, ‘The time has come.’ But don’t believe them! And when you hear of wars and insurrections beginning, don’t panic. True, wars must come, but the end won’t follow immediately — for nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be great earthquakes, and famines in many lands, and epidemics, and terrifying things happening in the heavens.

“But before all this occurs, there will be a time of special persecution, and you will be dragged into synagogues and prisons and before kings and governors for my name’s sake. But as a result, the Messiah will be widely known and honored. Therefore, don’t be concerned about how to answer the charges against you, for I will give you the right words and such logic that none of your opponents will be able to reply! Even those closest to you—your parents, brothers, relatives, and friends will betray you and have you arrested; and some of you will be killed. And everyone will hate you because you are mine and are called by my name. But not a hair of your head will perish! For if you stand firm, you will win your souls.

## **Philippians 1: 1-11 Living Bible**

This letter is from Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus. I am writing to all of God’s holy people in Philippi who belong to Christ Jesus, including the church leaders and deacons. May God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

So, it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News. God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus.

I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ<sup>[b]</sup>—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.

**Anthem – Lord I Stretch My Hands to You – Jay Althouse**

**Life Lesson** “Love Overflowing”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

### **Song of Hope and Healing Voices United #375**

*"Spirit, Spirit of gentleness" (refrain only)*

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
Stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

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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:** *"Artist in Residence Gives Back"*

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

*God has provided for each of us and in return we offer back to Him a portion of His provision so that others can be helped through the work of His Church*

#### **Offertory Song: Voices United # 541**

***"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Words: Thomas Ken ca. 1674

Music: Genevan Psalter 1551

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#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

We thank You, our God, that You give the gift of abundant, eternal life. Your generosity overflows to us. Everything we have is a gift from You. As our offerings are given to You, it is in thanks for the abundant blessings You have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto You, our God, forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.



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

*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 420**

*"Go To The World" – (v. 1,2,4)*

- 1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth  
Go preach the Cross where Christ renews life's worth.  
Baptising as the sign of our rebirth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 2 Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's Presence in each time and space.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 3 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send.  
For I am with you 'til the age shall end.  
When all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen'!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Words: Sylvia Dunstan 1985

Music: Ralph Vaughn Williams 1906

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**Sending Forth & Benediction (together):**

**A Prayer for the Journey – Voices United # 648**

**God of the Way, You are the road we travel, and the sign we follow; You are bread for the journey, and the Wine of arrival. Guide us as we follow Your way, holding unto each other, reaching out to Your beloved world.**

**And when we astray, seek us out and find us. Set out feet on the path again, and lead us safely home.**

**In the name of Jesus, our Companion, we pray. Amen.**

(Janet Cawley, 1996)

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude: "Fifty Miles of Elbow Room" F.W. McGee**



*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 Joan MacKinnon, Rev. Takouhi and Brian Brooks.**

**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](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)

Sign-up for PAR Forms [https://united-](https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf)

[church.ca/sites/default/files/form\\_par-authorization.pdf](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 November 2022**

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local	Anniversary
Nov 6		\$ 907.00	\$ 172.00	\$ 20.00	
Nov 13					
Nov 20					
Nov 27					
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.**



Thank you to our guest Worship Leader, Liz Church and our guest organist, Doug Gifford for leading our service this morning. Rev Takouhi and Paul are away enjoying a much-deserved vacation.

**Pie Baking Team are looking for Rhubarb**

If you have an abundance of Rhubarb in your freezer the Pie Baking Team would love to have some. Please contact Elaine Davidson at 613-382-3772.

**Community Kitchen Cooking Program**

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

**Community Kitchen event Dates:**

**November – Easy Peasy Breakfast Dinner**

Wednesday – November 16<sup>th</sup> 11am to 1 pm

Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 4pm to 6pm

Register for the session you would like to attend.

Call 613-382-0165 or email Marian at [marianmcleod@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**Helpers Needed for the Christmas Market**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm**

**Sign up sheets are on the table**

**Baked goods for the Bake table and Baskets or Items are needed for the Raffle & Silent Auction as well.**

## FOODBANK

The foodbank needs Laundry Soap, Shampoo & Dish soap

### Family Magic Event

With Christina Kaya as “Nunny Bags”  
Saturday – November 19, 2022 at 2:00pm

In Grace Church Hall

All are welcome

There will be Crafts. Music, Snacks  
and or course



### Fundscrip

Don't forget about Fundscrip. To date, Grace United has received \$1,239.37 in donations. Thank you.

If you would like to Order Gift Cards for Christmas, the order needs to go in by November 27<sup>th</sup> for the cards to be picked up December 4<sup>th</sup>. Forms are on the table in the Narthex.

You can also have Gift Cards delivered right to your home, by setting up an account with Fundscrip. If you need help please speak with Denise, Linda, Vicki or Laurie.

### Contact information:

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

**Rev. Takouhi (direct Line) 613-777-0880**  
**Email: [RevTakouhi@Terraautopia.ca](mailto:RevTakouhi@Terraautopia.ca)**

**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**

**VIBE (Book Study) – Resumes, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm – Family Magic Show**

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

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am Worship Service**

*Christ the King Sunday & Universal Children's Day*

**Worship Leader, Liz Church, Music Leader, Doug Gifford**

**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – First Sunday of Advent – HOPE**

**Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi, Music Leader Doug Gifford**

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas Market**

### 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.