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**The 2023 Directory will be out soon**

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**If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again.**

*Service will also be shown live on YouTube.*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg>

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**The service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.**

Welcome  
To  
Grace United Church



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” —*John 8:12*



**Grace United Church**

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May 28, 2023

**Pentecost Sunday**

Eighth Sunday of Easter

Worship Leader, Rev. Kathy Walton

*Order of Worship*

**WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE**

**Prelude:** *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* - J.S. Bach

**Welcome – Diane Nuttall**

**Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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

**Spiritual Focus:**

*Hearing the Good News in our own languages.*

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

*(The Christ candle is lit.)*

**Gathering Call (Responsive)** (from Psalm 104)

One: When we look around us, we see the hand of God

**All: Earth, Air, Fire and Water, all declare God's glory**

One: The very gift of Life and Breath comes from God's vast care.

**All: We have gathered this day to sing God's praise, to hear God's Word, to bless God for the gifts given and to open our hearts to God's Wisdom. Let us share our praise together.**

*(Please stand as able)*

**Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United # 222**

***"Come Let Us Sing"***

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,  
we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise,  
so joyfully thank God for our days.
- 2 O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;  
God's living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,  
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
- 3 You dwell among us and cause us to pray,  
and walk with each other following your way;  
our precious brothers and sisters will grow  
in the fulfilling love they know.
- 4 Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing  
to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low,  
let your praises endlessly flow.



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Piano arrangement Jean Strathdee 1976

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*(Please be seated)*

**Gathering Prayer (All):**

**Gracious God, you who give all that we have and all that we are capable of being, gather us in and ground us in you. Help us to be the Good News you send into the world you love so dearly. Set your Spirit aflame in our hearts so that we may love as you do. In Christ's own name we pray. Amen.**

**Song of Assurance: Voices United # 373**

***"As Comes the Breath of Spring"***

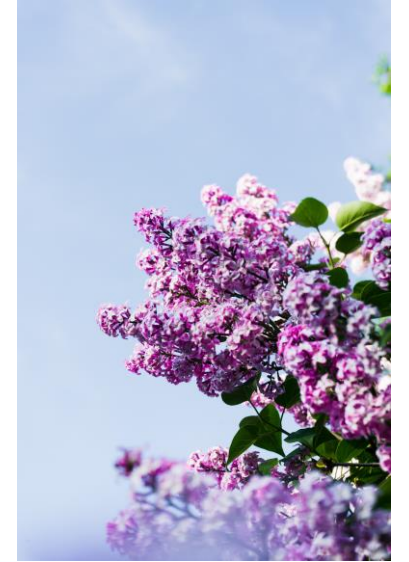
- 1 As comes the breath of spring  
with light and mirth and song,  
so does your Spirit bring  
new days brave, free, and strong.  
    You come with thrill of life  
    to chase hence winter's breath,  
    to hush to peace the strife  
    of sin that ends in death.
- 2 You come like dawning day  
with flaming truth and love,  
to chase all glooms away,  
to brace our wills to prove  
    how wise, how good to choose  
    the truth and its brave fight,  
    to prize it, win or lose,  
    and live on your delight.

- 3 You come like songs at morn  
that fill the earth with joy,  
till we, in Christ newborn,  
new strength in praise employ.  
    You come to rouse the heart  
    from drifting to despair,  
    through high hopes to impart  
    life with an ampler air.
- 4 You breathe and there is health;  
you move and there is power;  
you whisper, there is wealth  
of love, your richest dower.  
    Your presence is to us  
    like summer in the soul;  
    your joy shines forth and then  
    life blossoms to its goal.

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Music: Charles J. Dale 1904

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**WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES**

**Time with Youth and Young at Heart**

**Prayer of Illumination (All)**

**Holy One, in the words that we share from the stories of our faith, awaken our spirits to the wonder of your love, and the gifts of your people. Open the ears of our hearts, that our mouths and our hands may be more effective in sharing your good news. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Scripture Reader: Bruce Wilson**

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,  
**All: our ears and hearts are open.**

**First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 (NIV)**

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

**Second Reading:**

**Acts 2:1-21 The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost**

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from

heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.  
Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.  
I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.  
The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.  
And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

May the Spirit of Wisdom add understanding to these words.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** *This is the Day* - Dale Peterson

**Reflection:** *New Way, New Words*

**Hymn:** *Voices United #194*

**"Filled with the Spirit's Power"**

- 1 Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord  
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.  
O Holy Spirit, in the church today  
no less your power of fellowship display.
- 2 Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,  
that unity may be our great desire.  
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,  
and readiness in each to work for all.

- 3 Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace  
with your compassion all the human race.  
Like wind and fire with life among us move,  
till we are known as Christ's, and Christian prove.

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

### Prayers of Hope and Healing

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER, A Paraphrase: Voices United #916 (All):**

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and what shall be.

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come  
on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Your Generosity Matters:** *Your Gifts Nurture Safe Spaces for Sharing*

**Our Offerings – Supporting God’s Ministries:**

*Our offerings make the deserts sing with Living Water  
and quench the thirst of many who thirst.*



*(Please stand as able)*

**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 after Offering (All):**

Creator God, you have blessed our lives with relationships that both  
inspire and challenge.  
We offer these gifts so that we might continue to build relationships  
with one another and with your whole creation.  
Bless these gifts that they may bring wholeness and life abundance to  
all your people.  
We pray. **Amen.**

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

*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 512**  
***“Lord You Give the Great Commission”***

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission:  
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.
- 2 Lord, you call us to your service:  
'In my name baptize and teach.'  
That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervour, draw us  
closer in community;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.
- 3 Lord, you make the common holy:  
'This my body, this my blood.'  
Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us

share your children's liberty;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
'Father, what they do, forgive.'  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
to a just society;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
'I am with you to the end.'  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

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## **Sending Forth & Benediction**

### **Choral Amen**

**Postlude:** *Intrada and March* - Henry Purcell

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## *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.***

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### **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.***

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### **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 AylIn McCauley and Tammy Fergusson**

**Happy 62<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Doug & Betty Wooding**

**Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary added to our announcements contact Laurie at the church Office and give her the details.**

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We regret to announce the passing of Jack Hatch on Sunday, May 21, 2023 in Belleville. Our sincere condolences to Georgia and family on the loss of a husband, father and friend. Jack was a very active member of Grace United Church when they lived in Gananoque, he will be missed by many. A celebration of life is planned for June 28 at 2pm, the Highline Hall, Belleville St., Wellington.

We regret to announce the passing of Joan Simpson on Monday, May 22, Joan was a dedicated and active member of Grace United and will be deeply missed by her family and friends as well as the Grace United Church and the UCW. Our Sincere condolences to Joan's family and friends. Service details are with Tompkins Funeral home, visitation is Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 9 pm. The service will be at Tompkins on Friday, June 2 at 11:00 am with a reception at Grace United Church.

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)  
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If you would like envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet available on the table in the Narthex.

**Offerings May 2023**

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local
May 7	44	\$ 627.50	\$152.50	
May 14	47	\$ 639.50	\$ 177.50	
May 21	39	\$ 787.5	\$ 212.50	\$40.00
May 28				
PAR		\$ 1210.00	\$343.50	\$ 12.50
BMO				

**Thank you for your generosity.**

***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)*

**Coming up this week at Grace United....**

A monthly calendar is also available in the Narthex.

<b>Sunday, May 28</b> 10:30 am	<b>Office Closed</b> Morning Worship Rev. Kathy Walton
<b>Monday, May 29</b>	<b>Office 8 to 1pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 30</b> 9 – Noon 8:30 to noon <b>1:00 pm</b> 5:30 pm	<b>Office 8 am to 1 pm</b> Quilters Pie Makers <b>MELT Exercise</b> Boot Camp
<b>Wednesday, May 31</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Thursday, June 1</b> 10:30 am 5:30 pm	<b>Office 8 am to 1 pm</b> Choir Practice Boot Camp
<b>Friday, June 2</b> 10:00 to 12:00 12:00 -	<b>Office 8 am to 1 pm</b> Conversational French Funeral Reception
<b>Saturday, June 3</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>HoozHear? Concert</b>