

Welcome
To
Grace United Church

Bulletin Dedication

*Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Howard Lynwood (Lyn) Gordon.
March 5, 1925 to June 8, 2014*

*No Word can tell,
No tears express,
The love, the loss, the emptiness
You are not just a memory,
Or a part of the past,
You are mine to remember,
As long as life lasts.*

*Never forgotten and forever missed,
by wife Christina.*





Grace United Church

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June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada

Holy Trinity Sunday

Union Sunday of the United Church of Canada

98th Anniversary (June 10, 1925)

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Prelude: *Arioso* - J.S. Bach

Welcome – Susan Barwell

Land Acknowledgement:



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This Community of Faith celebrates National Indigenous History Month and takes seriously the commitments made to First Nations through the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.

Therefore, we acknowledge, the original nations of this land – and recognize, with respect, a rich history, filled with spirituality, rich culture, and work together to make this world a better place for All People.

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

“Trinity: Love, & Grace Produce Courageous Communities...”

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Gathering Call: 2 Cor. 13:13

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #331

“The Church’s One Foundation”

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.
- 2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, 'How long?'
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5 We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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(Please remain standing as able)

A New Creed – Our Affirmation of Faith ¹(All):

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

¹A New Creed is a brief and well-loved affirmation of faith used widely in our worship (1968; rev. 1980, 1995).

(Please be seated)

Song of Unity: Voices United #402

"We are One" (1, 2, & 4)

- 1 We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.
- 2 We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.

4 We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

"Three in One"

Prayer of Illumination (All)

Whisper into our ears, O Spirit, the Holy Word of Life.

Remind us again, who we are and to whom we belong so that we may live with gratitude for all that you have done. **Amen.**

Scripture Reader: Shirley Clark

Reader: We listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Genesis 1: 1-2, 27, 31-2:1 (NRSV)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a

wind from God swept over the face of the waters. So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude.

Psalm 8 (NRSV)

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 (NRSV)

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

May the Spirit of Wisdom add understanding to these words.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *God of Love - Mark Wilson*

Life Lesson *"Living in Peace: One Mind, One Love..."*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Song of Trust: Voices United #652

"Be Still My Soul"

- 1 Be still, my soul, for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your saviour and your guide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend
through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul, your God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey
the voice that once the waves' wild fury stayed.
- 3 Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever in God's peace;
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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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 Generosity Inspires Healing through Storytelling

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

*Jesus sends his disciples into the world to bless all.
With God's love, in the Holy Spirit, let us give as we are able to make a
difference in this World for God's glory.
We receive this morning's offering.*

Offertory Song: More Voices #191

"What Can I Do?" (3x)

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 after Offering (All):

For all that you have given us, we thank you, gracious God. For day and night, evening and morning, for land and sea, for fish and birds, plants and animals, for humankind, and for your Son, who came among us and showed us that giving is always better than receiving. Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through our gifts, that all people may have joy and peace. **Amen.**

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Assurance: Voices United #703

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

1 In the bulb there is a flower;
 in the seed, an apple tree;
 in cocoons, a hidden promise:
 butterflies will soon be free!

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In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence,
 seeking word and melody;
 there's a dawn in every darkness,
 bringing hope to you and me.
 From the past will come the future;
 what it holds, a mystery,
 unrevealed until its season,
 something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;
 in our time, infinity;
 in our doubt there is believing;
 in our life, eternity.
 In our death, a resurrection;
 at the last, a victory,
 unrevealed until its season,
 something God alone can see.

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Air in D - 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.

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.

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 Tom Currie and to Mel Worth who celebrates his 90th Birthday this week.

Happy 39th Wedding Anniversary to Tammy & Angus Fergusson.

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

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 Pre-Authorized Remittance (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/>

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR DONATION ENVELOPES

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	36	\$ 1272.50	\$ 172.50	
PAR		\$ 1210.00	\$ 343.50	\$ 12.50
BMO		\$ 450.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00

Thank you for your generosity.

PHOTO BOOTH

Pop-up photo booth for any last minute portraits for the photo directory (or just for fun if you missed out)

Sunday, June 11th after Church

United Church Lapel Pins are available for all who would like one. Donations are appreciated. The pins are located on the table with the Sunday Donation Envelopes at the back of the church.

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The 2023 Directory will be out soon

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>

<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.

Coming up this week at Grace United....

A monthly calendar is also available in the Narthex.

Sunday, June 4 10:30 am Following Service	Office Closed Morning Worship Rev. Takouhi Session Meeting
Monday, June 5	Office 8 to 1pm
Tuesday, June 6 9 – Noon 5:30 pm	Office 8 am to 1 pm Quilters Boot Camp
Wednesday, June 7	Office Closed
Thursday, June 8 10:30 am 1 to 2 pm 5:30 pm	Office 8 am to 1 pm Choir Practice Melt Boot Camp
Friday, June 9 10 to 12	Office 8 am to 1 pm Conversational French
Saturday, June 10	Office Closed

Dishes & Miscellaneous Items– there are several dishes and other items that have been left at the church. If you are missing a bowl, platter, casserole dish or other, check the window closet to the kitchen in the hall.

