

Welcome
To
Grace United Church

Today's Dedication

*Today's service is dedicated,
in loving memory of my daughter,
Sharon Price
1956 - 2021*

*Never forgotten,
Always loved.*

*Merna Price, Mom
Dr. Brian Price, Brother*





Grace United Church

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June 11, 2023

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada

Second Sunday of Pentecost

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Prelude: *Improvisation on "Jesus Loves Me"*

Welcome – Raymond & Pamela Shea

Land Acknowledgement:

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:

"Called by God, as disciples of Jesus, The United Church of Canada seeks to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, and daring justice." ¹

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Call to Worship (Responsive) ² :

One: Why? That is the question. Why are we here?

Is it convention, a loyalty to the traditions of our parents?

All: Our parents were guides but being here is our choice.

One: Is it habit, the practice of a lifetime?

All: Habits we perform without thinking but being here is our choice.

One: Is it friendship, the tie to others?

All: These ties bind us but being here is our choice. We choose to come

One: for our lives to be transformed

All: for the transformation of the world.

Let us come and worship God!

¹ The United Church of Canada vision reflects what the church aspires to be over a 5- to 10-year span. – <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/our-call-and-our-vision#:~:text=Called%20by%20God%2C%20as%20disciples,inspiring%20worship%2C%20and%20daring%20justice.> - June 4, 2023

² *ibid*

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #567

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

- 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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(Please be seated)

Invitation to Confession:

It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick, says Jesus.
Let us confess the afflictions that separate us from God's love so that we
can receive the care of the ultimate physician.

Prayer of Confession (All): Gen. 12:1–9; Matt. 9:9–13

God of calling, you called Abraham and Matthew and gave them the strength they needed to follow you. You also called a people and cared for and nurtured that people so that they could live life in your abundance. You also call us, but sometimes we prefer to close our eyes and cover our ears, turning our backs to your will. Forgive us, O God, and grant us the confidence and the hope that we need to follow when you call. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Beloved, Jesus was delivered to death because he boldly disturbed the status quo. But death did not have the last word. God knows our needs and offers forgiveness, embraces us with empowering love and courage beyond measures so that we can carry on the work that Jesus began over two thousand years ago. Therefore, rejoice and be glad you are Beloved, Empowered, and Forgiven Child of God. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Song of Unity: Voices United #357

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" (1-4)

- 1 Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.
- 2 First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

- 3 Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee!
And how the Master, ready and kind,
chided the billows and hushed the wind.
- 4 Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas! Jesus is king!

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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

"Jesus shows us how to love one another."

Prayer of Illumination (All)

May your word fall into our hearts this day, O God, as breath comes into dust, as water feeds rivers and fields, rich with healing, abundant, alive, and true. **Amen**

Song of Assurance: Voices United #365

"Jesus Loves Me"

- 1 Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.
*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

2 Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, 'Let them come to me.'
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

3 Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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Scripture Reader: Raymond & Pamela Shea

Reader: We listen for the Sacred Story,
All: our ears and hearts are open.

Gospel of Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (NRSV)

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said,

"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."
While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

May the Spirit of Wisdom add understanding to these words.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Peace Like a River* - arr. Joel Raney

Life Lesson "*Casting, Mending, Working, & Healing...*"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Song of Trust: Voices United #625

"I Feel the Winds of God"

- 1 I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest,
and brave another cruise.
- 2 It is the wind of God that dries
my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise
the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease
or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze,
and I'll put back to sea.
- 3 If ever I forget your love
and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above;
it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way,
you will not let me drift.
I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift.

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Prayers of Hope and Healing:

The Lord's Prayer (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:

Preserving Language through the Mohawk Language Bible

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):

Ancient of Days, you call us not just to give us the blessing of being called your people, but also to be a blessing for all people on this earth. Give us the wisdom and the courage to be a blessing to this community and to this world. Through these offerings may we be channels of your compassion and healing to others, for the sake of Jesus, Your Love, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Assurance: Voices United #639

"One More Step Along the World I Go"

1 One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:

**Refrain: *And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.***

2 Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:

**Refrain: *And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.***

3 As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:

**Refrain: *And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.***

4 Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:

**Refrain: *And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.***

5 You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:

**Refrain: *And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.***

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Prelude No. 2 in D minor - 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.

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 Rev. Takouhi or the church office if there is someone you know who is in need or a visit, in hospital or any other needs.

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 Doreen Wilson and Nancy Abrams

Raymond and Pamela Shea are proud to announce the wedding of their daughter Brianna and Matthew Wellington on June 24th at Grace United Church at 3 pm. Please come and help us celebrate this joyous occasion. A special warm welcome to all friends of Brianna's grandparents Walter and Marilyn Humphrey.

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

We regret to announce the passing of Richard (Dick) Abrams on Tuesday June 6th at Carveth Care Centre. Our sincere condolences to Nancy, Jonathan, David, Jennifer and their families as well as Dick's extended family and friends. Visitation is June 28th at Tompkins Funeral Home, Memorial Service at Grace United on June 29th.

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.

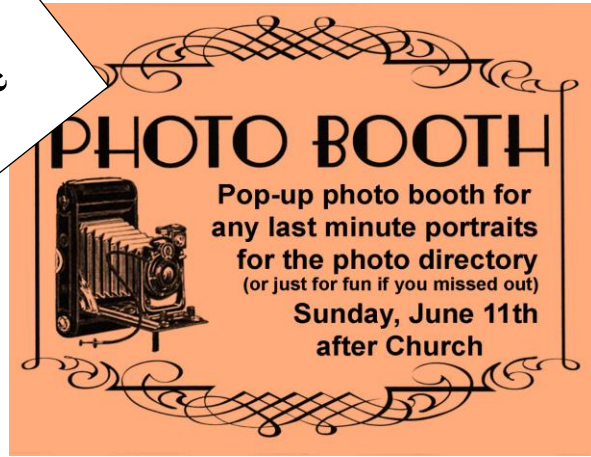
Offerings June 2023

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local/Benevolent
June 4	40	\$ 962.50	\$ 182.50	\$ 20.00
June 11				
June 18				
June 25				
PAR				
BMO				

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

**Today
After Service**



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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-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.

Coming up this week at Grace United....

A monthly calendar is also available in the Narthex.

Sunday, June 11 10:30 am	Office Closed Morning Worship Rev. Takouhi
Monday, June 12	Office 8 to 1pm
Tuesday, June 13 9 – Noon	Office 8 am to 1 pm Quilters
Wednesday, June 14	Office Closed
Thursday, June 15	Office 8 am to 1 pm
Friday, June 16 10 to 12	Office 8 am to 1 pm Conversational French
Saturday, June 17	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 closest to the kitchen in the hall.

Also, if you are bringing treats in for a meeting, please take the leftovers home with you. *Our fridge seems to accumulate some science experiments.* 😊