

Coming up this week at Grace United....

A monthly calendar is also available in the Narthex.

Sunday, June 18 10:30 am	Office Closed Morning Worship Rev. Takouhi
Monday, June 19	Office 8 to 1pm
Tuesday, June 20 9 – Noon 5:30 – 6:30pm	Office 8 am to 1 pm Quilters BootCamp
Wednesday, June 21	Office Closed
Thursday, June 22 3:30pm to 7:30pm	Office 8 am to 1 pm Community Kitchen
Friday, June 23	Office CLOSED – Laurie on Holiday
Saturday, June 24 3:00 pm	Office Closed <i>Wedding</i>
Sunday, June 25 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson
Monday, June 26	Office CLOSED – Laurie on Holiday

Today's Dedication

Today's Order of Service is dedicated to the memory of Janet Harding, who was an enthusiastic member of Grace Church her entire life, as a member of the Choir, the Session, the Sunday School and Church Historian.

*Fondly remembered by sons,
Paul & John Harding and families.*

**WELCOME
TO
GRACE UNITED CHURCH**



(Picture: Credit to Indigenous Ministries and Justice – The United Church of Canada)



Grace United Church

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June 18, 2023

Indigenous Sunday

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada

Father's Day

Third Sunday of Pentecost

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Prelude: *Meditation on "Softly and Tenderly"* - Will L. Thompson

Welcome – Colleen Harding

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:

"..this is God's world, and in spite of all evidence to the contrary, one day it will conform to God's will and to God's way."

Rev. Dr. Cleophus J. LaRue

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Call to Worship (Responsive):

One: Beloved, return to the Triune Holy God who calls you to steadfast love.

All: We come willingly

One: The Lord desires love, not sacrifice.

All: We come willingly

One: Return to the One who heals and binds, revives and raises up.

All: We come willingly

One: The Lord desires knowledge, not burnt offerings.

All: We come willingly and Rejoice in the name of the ONE, Who was and is and forever shall be. The Source of All Life, Light and Love. Amen.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #296

"This is God's Wonderous World"

- 1 This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;

I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.

3 This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Words: Malthie Davenport Babcock 1901, alt.

Music: English traditional melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard 1915; adapt. Stanley Oliver 1929
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(Please be seated)

PRAYER of ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Responsive)¹

One:

We acknowledge...

that we are gathered here today

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¹ Written by: Kevin John Sailor & Frayne McCarthy

on the unceded land of the First Peoples of Turtle Island.
This, we will not forget.

We acknowledge...

that it is by the grace of the First Peoples
that we have been able to make our home here, on their land;
where we are free to live, work, and gather together in peace.
For this we are thankful.

We acknowledge...

the harm that was done / is being done
to our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters
by the Settler Community.

We recognize the part that we have played
and continue to play,
whether actively or passively,
unwittingly or deliberately,
in this terrible ongoing history.
For these trespasses, we are truly sorry.

**All: And so, we now pledge to do better,
And we humbly commit ourselves to the just pursuit
of Truth and Reconciliation.
For Christ's help with this promise
to the First Peoples, we pray. Amen**



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(Please stand as able)

Song for the Journey: More Voices #135

"Called by Earth & Sky"

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified
Called by earth and sky**

1. Precious these waters endless seas, deep ocean's dream
Waters of healing, rivers of rain
The wash of love again

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified
Called by earth and sky**

2. Precious this gift the air we breathe, wind born and free
Breath of the Spirit blown through this place
Our gathering and our grace

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified
Called by earth and sky**

3. Precious these mountains ancient sands, vast fragile land
Seeds of our wakening rooted and strong
Creation's faithful song

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified
Called by earth and sky**

4. Precious the fire that lights the way, bright dawning day
Fire of passion sorrows undone
Our faith and justice one

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified
Called by earth and sky**

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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

"Planting Seeds of Love..."

Song of Illumination: Voices United #382

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

- 1 Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.
- 2 Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.
- 3 Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Words: Edwin Hatch, 1878

Music: Robert Jackson 1887

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Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey

Reader: We listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Gospel of Matthew 9:35—10:23 (NRSV)

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness... Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.[Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you

enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

May the Spirit of Wisdom add understanding to these words.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem – *Thy Will Be Done* - Joyce Eilers

Soloist: David Grant

Life Lesson *"Harassed & Helpless, OR Prepared & Eager?"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Voices United # 400 – "Lord listen to your children praying" (x2)

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

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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:

The Path toward Healing: Murray Pruden's Work

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):

Holy God, who gives life, nourishment, and strength to all creation, we
thank you: for the community of faith you have built, for your servants
who have held fast to you through centuries, for the teachings and the
witness of our ancestors, for the gospel's welcome to all in need, for
the healing that comes from your watchfulness. Bless these gifts that
all may be nurtured in truth. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Commitment: Voices United #575

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

- 1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Words and music: African-American spiritual
Music arr. Wendell Whalum. Public Domain.

Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Prince of Denmark March* - attrib. Jeremiah Clarke

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 Eileen Thomson and Laurie Cadue.
Happy Anniversary to Brian & Susan Tunncliffe.**

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.



Grace United Church has a hearing assistance system which broadcasts via Bluetooth. If you have a Bluetooth setting on your hearing aid, you can pair it with the church's PA system. If you have Bluetooth earbuds or headphones, you can do the same. Ask Paul Harding for assistance.

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 CreditCard 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	46	\$ 837.00	\$ 152.50	\$ 20.00
June 18				
June 25				
PAR				
BMO				

Thank you for your generosity.

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.* 😊



**Food Bank Sunday, June 25th
Wish List this month.**

canned pasta, apple juice, orange juice
peanut butter, chunky soups

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Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
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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>

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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.