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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>

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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



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June 25, 2023

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Canada Day Sunday

Order of Worship

Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Prelude: *Meditation on "He Leadeth Me"* - William Bradbury

Welcome – Brian Brooks

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

O Canada! Where pines and maples grow.

Great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow.

How dear to us thy broad domain, from East to Western Sea.

Though land of hope for all who toil!

Thou True North, strong and free!

(2nd verse O Canada words by Robert Stanley Weir 1908)

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Call to Worship (Responsive):

One: We open ourselves to the One who gave us life.

All: We bring ourselves before God our Creator.

One: We come to pray, to sing; to dance with God's Spirit.

All: Come, followers of Jesus, people of God.

One: Let us worship God, who is the centre of our circle,
the source of reconciling love.

All: We gather as Canadians

One: Called to service in Christ's name.

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Prayer of the Day

Creator God, you have blessed us with a land of abundance to live in; a land that provides for us. A land that offers us a place of silence and tranquility. A land that is home.

Dear Lord, we honour the First Peoples who have lived in and cared for this land for thousands of years. Help us truly appreciate what we have received in this land, as we offer our thanks to you for this abundance.

Help us appreciate the diversity of this country and the blessing of all the people who reside here. Thank you for allowing everyone the freedom to worship as we individually choose. Thank you for our places of worship and for the people who worship and give thanks with us. Receive our prayer as we lift our voices to you in praise.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise:

Voice United #524 "O Canada"

O Canada, our home and native land,
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise: the True North, strong and free;
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Words: Robert Stanley Weir 1908

Music: melody Calixa Lavallée ca. 1880, harm. William Smith Dingman ca. 1930

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

Experiencing the Desert

(Please stand as able)

"The Butterfly Song" from All God's Children Sing pg. 32

If I were a butterfly
I'd thank you Lord for giving me wings
If I were a robin in a tree
I'd thank you Lord that I could sing
If I were a fish in the sea
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee
But I just thank you Father for making me me

CHORUS:

*For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus and you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me me*

If I were an elephant
I'd thank you Lord by raising my trunk
If I were a kangaroo
You know I'd hop right up to you
If I were an octopus
I'd thank you Lord for my fine looks
But I just thank you Father for making me me

CHORUS:

*For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus and you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me me*

If I were a wiggly worm
I'd thank you Lord that I could squirm
If I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear
I'd thank you Lord for my fuzzy wuzzy hair
If I were a crocodile
I'd thank you Lord for my great smile
But I just thank you Father for making me me

CHORUS:

*For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus and you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me me*

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Song of Assurance:

Voice United #291 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

- **Refrain:**
**All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.**
- 1 Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.
 - **Refrain:**
**All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.**
- 2. The purple-headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.
 - **Refrain:**
**All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.**
- 3. The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

- **Refrain:**
**All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.**
- 4. The rocky mountain splendour,
The lone wolf's haunting call,
The great lakes and the prairies,
The forest in the fall:
 - **Refrain:**
**All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.**
- 5. God gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.
 - **Refrain:**
**All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.**

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander 1848, alt.

Music: 17th-century English melody, adapt. and arr. Martin Shaw 1915

Scripture Reader: Linda Brooks

Reader: Listen to the Sacred Story.

All: Our ears and hearts are open.

Genesis 21:8-21 (NRSV Bible)

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader: For the Sacred Story is our source and inspiration.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *He Touched Me* - Wm. J. Gaither, arr. Daniel Self

Life Lesson: Interrupted by God ... Tammy Fergusson

Solo: *How Can It Be?* Words: Tammy Fergusson, Music: Tim Hallman

Soloist - Tammy Fergusson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Song of Trust: Voices United #649 "Walk With Me"

Refrain

Walk with me, I will walk with you

And build the land that God has planned

Where love shines through

- 1) When Moses heard the call of God
He said, "Lord, don't send me."
But God told Moses, "You're the one
Set my people free."

Refrain

Walk with me, I will walk with you

And build the land that God has planned

Where love shines through

- 2) Now Peter was a most unlikely
Man to lead the flock;
But Jesus knew his holiness
And he became the Rock.

Refrain

***Walk with me, I will walk with you
And build the land that God has planned
Where love shines through***

- 3) Young Mary Magdalene was sure
Her life could be much more.
And by her faith she dared to let
God's love unlock the door.

Refrain

***Walk with me, I will walk with you
And build the land that God has planned
Where love shines through***

- 4) And when you share your faith with me
And work for life made new,
The witness of your faithfulness
Calls me to walk with you.

Refrain

***Walk with me, I will walk with you
And build the land that God has planned
Where love shines through***

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Prayers of Hope and Healing:

The Prayer that Jesus taught His followers

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:

The Path toward Healing: Murray Pruden's Work

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Creative and renewing God, we give thanks to you for the blessings we enjoy in this country; the diverse beauty of each province, from lakes to prairies, from mountains to coasts; the resources and opportunities to learn and grow and leave our mark; and the freedom to live and love, being true to ourselves. Bless these offerings as you have blessed our lives. Inspire us to discover beauty in those who hold approaches different from our own, to create opportunities for diversity to surprise

and to flourish, and to share the abundance of your love without limit or restriction. Amen.

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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 Going Forth

More Voices #138 “My Love Colours Outside the Lines”

1) My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;

and takes me into places where I’ve never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines

2) My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I’ve never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We’ll never walk on water
if we’re not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we’ll never move the gravestones
if we’re not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

3) My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I’ve never been
before, throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

We’ll never walk on water
if we’re not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we’ll never move the gravestones if we’re not prepare to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

4) My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I’ve never been
before, throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Fantasia in C - 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 Anne Curtis.

Happy 44th Anniversary to Neil & Gillian McCarney.

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 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	46	\$ 837.00	\$ 152.50	\$ 20.00
June 18	42	\$ 717.00	\$152.00	\$ 40.00
June 25				
PAR		\$1210.00	\$343.5	\$12.50
BMO				

Thank you for your generosity.

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EMAIL SCAM ALERT!!

Dear Everyone

I have received e-mails indicating that someone is going around asking money under my name.

Please, Please, Please, As I said before, I say it again, I will never ASK for money or Gift cards from anyone at the church, as it is unethical for ministers to do such things.

We take Boundary Courses EVERY 5 years through the United Church.

If you get such e-mails, Call Me and ask, never reply to the e-mail...

PLEASE do NOT fall prey for such schemers.

Please be vigilant and do not FALL for such scams...

Love always,
Rev. Takouhi

Coming up this week at Grace United....

A monthly calendar is also available in the Narthex.

Sunday, June 25 10:30 am	Office Closed Morning Worship Tammy Fergusson
Monday, June 26	Office CLOSED - Laurie on Holiday
Tuesday, June 27 9 – Noon 5:30 – 6:30pm	Office 8 am to 1 pm Quilters BootCamp
Wednesday, June 28 10:30am 6pm – 9pm	Office Closed Stewards Meeting <i>Condo Meeting (Denise)</i>
Thursday, June 29 11:00 am ??	Office 8 am to 1 pm Memorial Service (Dick Abrams) <i>Hall – Pie Baking</i>
Friday, June 30 8 am - ?? 8am to 4 pm	Office 8 am to 1 pm Pie Baking Home safety – Babysitting course
Saturday, July 1st <i>Pie Baking ??</i>	Office Closed <i>Canada Day - Ribfest - Pies</i>
Sunday, July 2nd 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi
Monday, July 3rd	Office CLOSED – Canada Day