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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



***Where Everyone is Part of
God's Family***



Grace United Church

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July 2, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Prelude: *Music Alive – Sherry Sewepagaham © 2011*

This English/Cree song was composed especially for the NAC *Music Alive* Program

Welcome – Christina Gordon & Julie Price

Land Acknowledgement (Responsive):

One: Grace United Church takes seriously the commitments made to First Nations communities through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report, especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

All: Therefore, we acknowledge, this day, that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the original nations of this land, and we acknowledge with respect, their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

“God’s economy, where those who give to others are rewarded by their heavenly father, even if they give just a cup of cold water to someone who needs it...”

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Call to Worship:

God calls us by name into the presence of holiness as God’s holy people. We answer this call by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of God’s own Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Come, let us worship God with unwavering Joy.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #315

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth
and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1861
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(Please be seated)

Prayer of the Day (All): John 1:12, 13; 3:5, 6

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Father and Mother to us all, who gives us birth by water and Holy Spirit, teach us how to live always in integrity of body, mind, and spirit, in obedience to your love, in the name of Jesus, who is our example to follow always. **Amen.**

(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**

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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 waking 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

"Actions Show Who We Belong To..."

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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.

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Scripture Reader: Julie Price

Reader: We listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

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.

Gospel of Matthew 10:40-42 (NRSV)

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Reader: Here ends today’s reading.

May the Spirit of Wisdom add understanding to these words.

All: Thanks be to God.

Organ Solo: *Variations on “Amazing Grace”*
from “Virginia Harmony 1831”

Life Lesson

“God’s Economy: Acts of Compassion, & Small Gestures Through Grace”

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: Christina Gordon

Inspiring Generations to Lead

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 and Loving God, we offer to you today what you have given to us
in joy with love for the common good. Bless these gifts, givers, and
receivers so that we can give you our richest praise in the name of
Jesus Christ the Lord. **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: *Finale on "How Great Thou Art" – Swedish Melody*

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 Norine Gordon, Brenda Lussier and Rhea Roantree.

Happy 44th Anniversary to Peter & Catherine Mills

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

A huge **Thank you** to our Pie Making Group "Pies for God's Sake". This group, under the leadership of Tom & Carol Currie sold pies and RibFest. We appreciate all the work and dedication of this amazing group. Numbers are still tabulated.



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	25	\$ 1212.50	\$ 197.50	\$ 45.00
PAR		\$1210.00	\$343.5	\$12.50
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Thank you for your generosity.

Photo Directory Photos

Julie Price is going to have her photo booth set up for July 2 & 9 to take pictures of ALL who have missed out on this amazing opportunity to be part of Grace United Church's Family Album.

Coming up this week at Grace United....

A monthly calendar is also available in the Narthex.

Sunday, July 2 10:30 am	Office Closed Morning Worship Rev. Takouhi
Monday, July 3	Office CLOSED – Canada Day Holiday
Tuesday, July 4 9 – Noon 5:30 – 6:30pm	Office 8 am to 1 pm Quilters BootCamp
Wednesday, July 5	Office Closed
Thursday, July 6 1 to 2 pm 5:30 to 6:30	Office 8 am to 1 pm Chair YOGA Bootcamp
Friday, July 7 8am to 4 pm	Office 8 am to 4 pm Home safety – Babysitting course
Saturday, July 8 <i>Pie Baking ??</i>	Office Closed <i>Canada Day - Ribfest - Pies</i>
Sunday, July 9 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi

EMAIL SCAM ALERT!!

A few members of Grace church have received an email from someone pretending to be Rev. Takouhi, asking for gift cards or money. This is a scam; it is NOT Rev. Takouhi, she would never ask you for money. If you receive an email like this delete it right away and block the sender. Unfortunately, Rev. Takouhi can not stop these emails. Reminder to always be diligent, never answer email requests asking for money or gifcards.