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**The 2023 Directory will be out soon**

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**If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again.**

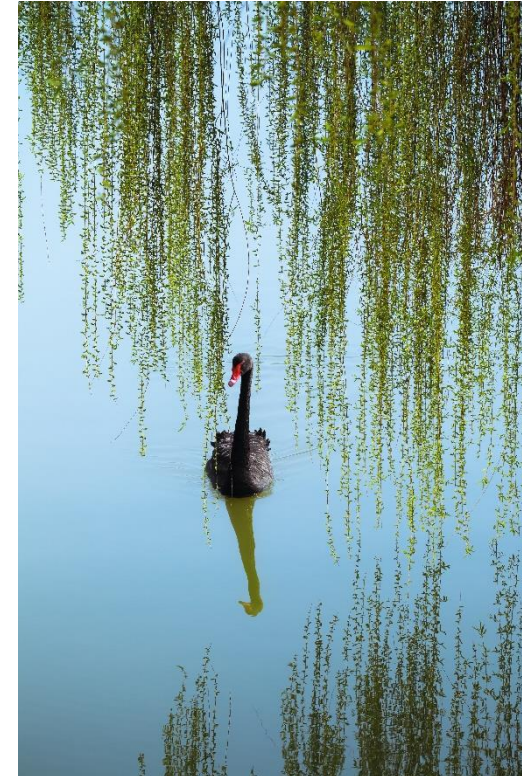
*Service will also be shown live on YouTube.*

<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

120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7

### Ordained Minister

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro B.A., B.Th., M.Div.

### Director of Music

Mr. Paul Harding, B. Mus., B. Ed.

### Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

**July 30, 2023**

*Ninth Sunday of Pentecost*

### **Order of Worship**

*International Day of Friendship <sup>1</sup>*

**WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE**

**Prelude:** *Meditation on "Friendship" - Charles Converse*

**Welcome – Marg Worth**

### **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.**

**1**

<sup>1</sup> International Day of Friendship was designated by the United Nations General Assembly (U.N.). On July 30, we step back and get thankful for these relationships worldwide, as they promote and encourage peace, happiness, and unity. - <https://nationaltoday.com/international-day-of-friendship/#:~:text=International%20Day%20of%20Friendship%20was,The%20U.N.-> July 16, 2023

## Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

### **Spiritual Focus:**

*"...Faith is about seeing – seeing something others do not..."*

**Rev. Dr. David Lose**

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

*(The Christ candle is lit.)*

### **Call to Worship:**

Dearly Beloved,  
We look for God in the dramatic.  
We discover God in the ordinary.  
God invites us to slow down,  
Breathe in Grace and Exhale Love into this world.  
God invites us to see beyond seeing, to know beyond knowing.  
Therefore, come and be filled by the Living Water  
For your own sake and the sake of the world.

*(Please stand as able)*

### **Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #602**

*"Blest be the Tie that Binds"*

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Maker's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;

**2**

our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share each other's woes,  
each other's burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

4 This glorious hope revives  
our courage on the way;  
that we shall live in perfect love  
in God's eternal day.

Words: John Fawcett 1782, alt.

Music: attrib. Johann G. Nägeli 1728; arr. Lowell Mason 1845

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*(Please be seated)*

### **Prayer of the Day (All):**

Holy God, we try to fix and fasten you, but you will not be stayed.  
You are love in motion: always breathing us into being, calling us to  
serve, sustaining us in the wilderness. Come to us as the morning  
breaks. Soften what has grown dry and brittle in our hearts until we  
worship you wholeheartedly and live respectfully with each other. WE  
pray in the name of Jesus our friend and teacher. **Amen.**

*(Please stand as able)*

### **Song for the Journey: Voices United #288**

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;

as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

***Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!***

***Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!***

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

***Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!***

***Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!***

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.

***Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!***

***Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!***

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**Time with Youth and Young at Heart**

*"small – Yet IMPORTANT!"*

**Song of Illumination: Voices United # 361**

*"Small Things Count"*

- 1 Small things count, so Jesus said:  
cups of water, crumbs of bread,  
small things done because we're kind  
count as big things in God's mind.
- 2 Small things make the big things grow:  
grains of yeast inside the dough,  
puffs that fill a big balloon,  
notes that make a happy tune.
- 3 Every hair that's on our head,  
every sparrow, Jesus said,  
God takes care of, counts and knows,  
God loves us from top to toes!

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Music: (Tune: Mozart VU 506) unknown

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**Scripture Reader: Dianna Grier**

Reader: We listen for the Sacred Story,

**All: our ears and hearts are open.**

**Gospel of Matthew 13:31-33, 44-48 (NRSV)**

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

May the Spirit of Wisdom add understanding to these words.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Ministry of Music:**

*"The Sound of Music" - Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein*

**Soloist: Alison Palmer**

**Life Lesson:** *"Faith: Wholehearted EMBRACE!"*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

### **Song of Hope & Healing More Voices # 14**

*"Where Two or Three are Gathered in My Name" (4X)*

Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
I am there, I am there.

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### **Prayers of Hope and Healing:**

#### **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (All)<sup>1</sup>:**

*Offering this prayer in unison brings us together and the words illustrate our common journey.*

Our Parent, who is among us, blessed be your Creation.  
May your reign be a reality here on earth.  
May we become more interested in building your kin-dom here and  
now than in waiting for it to come down from above.  
Let us share our bread with those who hunger.  
Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.  
Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil.  
For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth.  
**Amen.**

### **Your Generosity Matters: *Learning Gospel at Camp***

#### **Invitation to Generosity (Call to Offering)**

*God has blessed us beyond measure and our own generosity is an opportunity to use a portion of our blessings to share with others.*

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.manyvoices.org/blog/resource/contemporary-lords-prayer> - July 12, 2023

### **Offertory Song: Voices United #541**

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow?"*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

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### **Prayer after Offering (All):**

We dedicate our lives to you this day, O God,  
and seal that promise by way of this offering.  
We give out of the abundance of our hearts,  
that the treasure of your kingdom may be shared with many.  
Thank you for giving us grateful hearts and a spirit of generosity for  
the flourishing of your realm. May Your Kin-dom be evident. **Amen.**

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

*(Please stand as able)*

### **Song of Commitment: Voices United #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.

**Refrain:**

***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.

**Refrain:**

***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.***

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**Sending Forth & Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude:** *Recessional on "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*  
*arr. P. Harding*

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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.***

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**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.*

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**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 Brad Curtis, Dianna Grier, Linda Brooks and a very  
special Birthday to Charlie Donevan, who celebrates his 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
this week.**

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

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Thank you to our guest musician today, soloist Alison Palmer. Alison is currently performing the role of Baroness Elsa Schraeder in "The Sound of Music" at the Thousand Islands Playhouse. We appreciate her time and talents.



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.

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**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 July 2023**

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local/Benevolent
July 2		\$ 2477.50	\$ 192.50	0
July 9	40	\$727.50	\$152.50	0
July 16	50	\$ 743.50	\$ 202.50	\$ 30.00
July 23	40	\$ 661.50	\$ 152.50	0
July 30				
PAR		\$ 1195.00	\$ 333.50	\$ 12.50
BMO		\$ 450.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00

Thank you for your generosity.

**Coming up this week at Grace United....**

<b>Sunday, July 30</b> 10:30 am Worship <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> Morning Worship Rev. Takouhi <b>Official Board Meeting</b> (Following Service)
<b>Monday, July 31</b>	<b>Office 8 am to 1 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, Aug 1</b> 9- Noon 5:30 – 6:30pm	<b>Office 8 am to 1 pm</b> Quilters BootCamp
<b>Wednesday, Aug 2</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Thursday, Aug 3</b> 1 to 2 pm 5:30 to 6:30	<b>Office 8 am to 1 pm</b> <b>Chair YOGA</b> Bootcamp
<b>Friday, Aug 4</b>	<b>Office 8 am to 1 pm</b>
<b>Saturday, Aug 5</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Sunday, Aug 6</b> 10:30 am Worship	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi</b>

**NOTICE – the church office will be closed, August 7<sup>th</sup> to August 21, while Laurie is away on holiday.**

**Coming Events this Fall/Winter**

**Tower of Song Concert** - September 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm

**Turkey Dinner** (Tickets will be available soon)

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Gananoque Curling Club.

**Turpins Trail Concert** – Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

**Bob Burtch, Blue Grass Concert** – Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Market** – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Do you have a fundraising idea or want to help with Fundraising? The Stewards would love to hear from you. Their contact information is on the back cover.