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

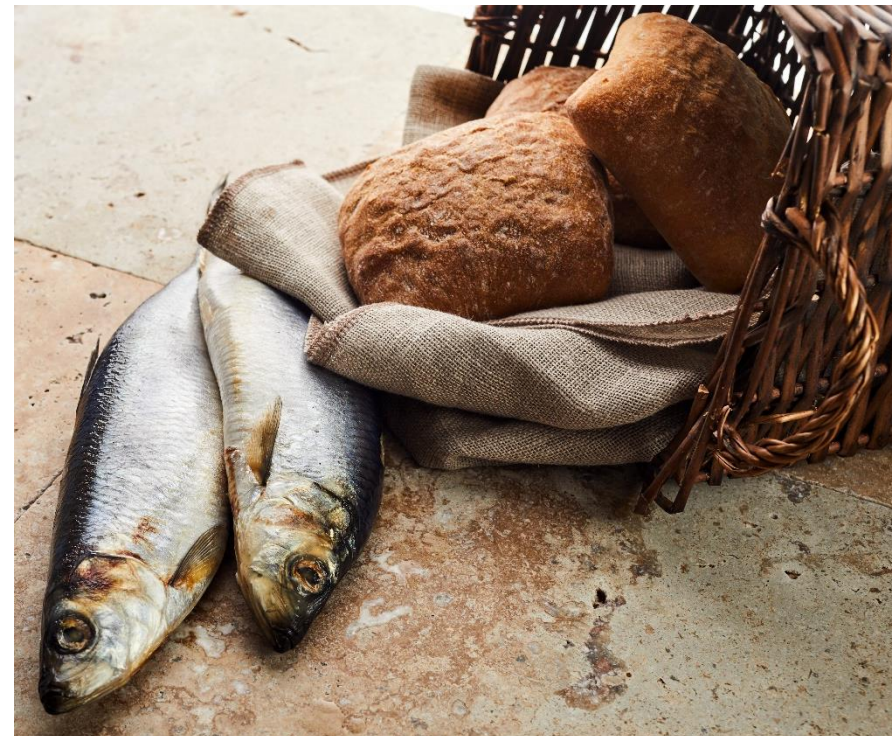
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The service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.

WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH



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



Grace United Church

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August 6, 2023

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost - Order of Worship

Emancipation Sunday¹ – August 1, 1834

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Organ Prelude

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.

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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¹ Emancipation Day is the day when the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833 became law across the British Empire, including Canada on August 1st, 1834. On this day, the practice of slavery officially ended for millions of African people and their descendants in Canada and around the world. – July 26, 2023 -

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

Spiritual Focus:

*"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well".*

Psalm 139:14

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Call to Worship:

God meets us in our greatest need,
and satisfies us with divine presence and provision.
In gratitude, let us worship the Creator God
who invites us for Loving Relationships.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #238

"O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)"

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;

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when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Words: Carl Gustav Boberg ca. 1885, trans. Stuart K. Hine ca. 1839

Music: Swedish melody; arr. Stuart K. Hine 1949

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(Please be seated)

Prayer of the Day (All):

Life-changing God, you have touched us and transformed us to reach out to all who hunger for what only you can give. Keep our feet in your paths and bless us to multiply blessings to others, through Jesus Christ our Friend and Redeemer. **Amen.**

(Please stand as able)

Song for the Journey: Voices United #460

"All Who Hunger"

1 All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Words: Sylvia Dunstan. Music: Tune Hyfrydol VU 333. Rowland Huw Pritchard 1831
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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

"A Child Helps!"¹

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!

Words: Shirley Erena Murray
Music: Tune Mozart VU 506. Composer unknown.

Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey

Reader: We listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43 (NRSV)

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

May the Spirit of Wisdom add understanding to these words.

All: Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: *Climb Every Mountain* (from "The Sound of Music")

- Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein

Soloist: Anne-Marie Ramos

Our thanks to Anne-Marie Ramos for sharing her talents with us in our worship this morning. Ms. Ramos is currently in "The Sound of Music" at the 1000 Islands Playhouse, in the role of Sister Sophia, as well as understudying Elsa. Thank you, Annie

Life Lesson: "Miracles Require Our Participation!"

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.

Words and music: Bruce Harding, 2002, after Matthew 18:20

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Prayers of Hope and Healing ¹:

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

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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: Learning, Teaching and Loving

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.

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.

Words: Thomas Ken

Music: Genevan Psalter 1551

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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.**

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Commitment: Voices United #606

"In Christ There is No East or West"

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great family of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
all children of the living God
are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christ-like souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Words: John Oxenham 1908

Music: African-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. by Harry T. Burleigh 1939
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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude



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 Claire Bass

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

Canadian born Armenian-Indian soprano, Anne-Marie Ramos has established herself in the world of oratorio, opera and musical theatre. Ms. Ramos is a graduate of the University of Toronto vocal music program, where she performed with the opera school division. Roles that have brought Ms. Ramos acclaim have included: Princess Tuptim in The Stratford Festival of Canada's production of The King and I, Goddess Diana in Shakespeare's



Pericles; Sydney in The National Arts Centre production of Abigail Richardson's Dora Mavor award winning Sanctuary Song; and most recently Countess in The Marriage of Figaro. Ms. Ramos most recently debuted, as Mother Abbess, in The Sound of Music with the internationally acclaimed Vancouver Arts Club Theatre. Anne-Marie Ramos was recently honoured to receive the prestigious Tyrone Guthrie Award from The Stratford Festival of Canada for her contribution to the arts.



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.

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		\$ 990.00	\$205.00	\$145.00
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....

Sunday, August 6 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Morning Worship Rev. Takouhi
Monday, August 7	Office Closed
Tuesday, August 8 9 – Noon 5:30 – 6:30pm	Office Closed Quilters BootCamp
Wednesday, August 9	Office Closed
Thursday, August 10 1 to 2 pm 5:30 to 6:30	Office Closed Chair YOGA Bootcamp
Friday, August 11	Office Closed
Saturday, August 12	Office Closed
Sunday, August 13 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi

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

Coming Events this Fall/Winter

Tower of Song Concert - September 21st, 7:00pm

Turkey Dinner (Tickets will be available soon)

Thursday, October 5th at the Gananoque Curling Club.

Turpin's Trail Concert – Thursday, October 19th

Bob Burtch, Blue Grass Concert – Saturday, November 25th

Christmas Market – Saturday, December 2nd

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.