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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 Beloved

&

Part of God's Family



Grace United Church

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Sunday, August 20, 2023

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader, Liz Church.

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Organ Prelude

Welcome / Announcements: Colleen Harding

Opening Worship: Voices United # 395

"Come in, Come In and Sit Down" (Part of the Family)

Come in, come in and sit down,
You are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
And we are a part of the family.

- 1) You know the reason why you came,
Yet no reason can explain;
So share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
For we are a part of the family.

Come in, come in and sit down,
You are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
And we are a part of the family.

- 2) God is with us in this place,
Like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
For we are a part of the family.

Come in, come in and sit down,
You are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
And we are a part of the family.

- 3) There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
We re he branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
But we are a part of the family.

Come in, come in and sit down,
You are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
And we are a part of the family.

- 4) There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
There's yoke that is easy and burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
For we are a part of the family.

Come in, come in and sit down,
You are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
And we are a part of the family.

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Opening Prayer (together)

Today, our Creator, we have come to be refreshed.

**We have come to give praise to You and
we have come to share with each other.**

We give this service of worship to You.

Bless our offering of love.

All this we ask, in Your precious name. Amen

Territorial Acknowledgment (read by Liz)

"We acknowledge the Indigenous Peoples of all the lands that we are on today. We take these moments to acknowledge the importance of the lands, which we each call home (pause for reflection). We do this to reaffirm our commitment and our responsibility to improve relationships between nations and to increase our own understanding of local Indigenous peoples and their cultures.

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: As people who are free to worship, we acknowledge that
Christ is the Light of the World.

**All: And that we will take the light of Christ with us out into
the world, and share God's love as opportunities are given
to us.**

Hymn: Voices United # 675

"Will Your Anchor Hold"

- 1) Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,
when the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain?

Refrain We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

- 2) It will surely hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers tell that the reef is near;
though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,
not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.

Refrain We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

- 3) It will surely hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill our latest breath;
on the rising tide it can never fail
while our hopes abide within the veil.

Refrain We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

4) When our eyes behold, through the gathering night,
the city of gold, our harbour bright,
we shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore,
with the storms all past for evermore.

Refrain We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

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Passing of the Peace

Spiritual Focus: Tough times will come. Are you ready to stand firm?

Prepare Our Hearts for Prayer: Voices United # 375

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time with the Young at Heart

Illumination Hymn: Voices United # 498 (Tune VU# 220)

"God, Who Has Caused to be Written"

- 1 God, who has caused to be written your word
for our learning,
grant us that, hearing, our hearts may be
inwardly burning.
Give to us grace,
that in your Son we embrace
life, all its glory discerning.
- 2 Now may our God give us joy, give us peace
in believing
all things were written in truth for our thankful receiving.
As Christ did preach,
o'er all the world love must reach:
grant every day love's achieving.

- 3 God, should the powers of the earth and
the heavens be shaken,
grant us to see you in all things, our vision awaken.
Help us to see,
though all the earth cease to be,
your truth shall never be shaken.

Words: Herbert O'Driscoll ca. 1968

Music: *Tune VU 220 Lobe den herren* – Stalsund Gesangbuch 1665

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Prayer for Illumination:

Your Word is precious to us. As we read it today, may we be aware in a new way of its meaning. May it speak directly to us. We ask, Lord, that the paraphrase we are reading from will guide us to the truths You have for us. Amen

Scripture Reader: Barb Jenkins

Reader: We listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Psalm 67 New Life Version

May God show loving-kindness toward us and bring good to us.
May He make His face shine upon us.
May Your way be known on the earth, and Your saving power among all nations.
May the people praise You, O God.
May all the people praise You.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy.
For You will be fair when
You judge the people and rule the nations of the earth.
May the people praise You, O God.
May all the people praise You.
The earth has given its fruit.
God, our God, will bring good to us.
God will bring good to us, and all the ends of the earth will fear Him.

Matthew 15: 10-28 The Message

He then called the crowd together and said, "Listen, and take this to heart. It's not what you swallow that pollutes your life, but what you vomit up."

Later his disciples came and told him, "Did you know how upset the Pharisees were when they heard what you said?" Jesus shrugged it off. "Every tree that wasn't planted by my Father in heaven will be pulled up by its roots. Forget them. They are blind men leading blind men. When a blind man leads a blind man, they both end up in the ditch." Peter said, "I don't get it. Put it in plain language." Jesus replied, "You, too? Are you being willfully stupid? Don't you know that anything that is swallowed works its way through the intestines and is finally defecated? But what comes out of the mouth gets its start in the heart. It's from the heart that we vomit up evil arguments, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, lies, and cussing. That's what pollutes. Eating or not eating certain foods, washing or not washing your hands—that's neither here nor there." From there Jesus took a trip to Tyre and Sidon. They had hardly arrived when a Canaanite woman came down from the hills and pleaded, "Mercy, Master, Son of David! My daughter is cruelly afflicted by an evil

spirit." Jesus ignored her. The disciples came and complained, "Now she's bothering us. Would you please take care of her? She's driving us crazy." Jesus refused, telling them, "I've got my hands full dealing with the lost sheep of Israel." Then the woman came back to Jesus, dropped to her knees, and begged. "Master, help me." He said, "It's not right to take bread out of children's mouths and throw it to dogs." She was quick: "You're right, Master, but beggar dogs do get scraps from the master's table." Jesus gave in. "Oh, woman, your faith is something else. What you want is what you get!" Right then her daughter became well

Reader: Here ends today's readings.

May the Spirit of Wisdom add understanding to these words.

All: Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music

Reflection: "Can we really be ready for this thing called Life?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:

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
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:

Being There for Refugees and Migrants in Morocco

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 Hymn: Voices United # 540

"Grant Us, God, the Grace

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

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Offertory Prayer

Our hearts are filled with praise to You, our Creator. We give back to You, through our monetary gifts, a portion of our wealth. We also pledge ourselves as part of this offering. Help us to recognize those who are in need and to reach out to them. Amen.

GOD SEND US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

Closing Hymn: Voices United # 684

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

- 1 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:
- 2 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.
- 3 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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Commissioning and Benediction

May the blessing of God go before you. May grace and peace abound. Be guided by the Spirit and spread God's love to the world. As you go, walk in the Light of God. Know God's presence in your life. And may the Spirit of God keep you, now and forever.

Choral Benediction: More Voices # 215

"Peace Be With You"

Peace be with you, peace forever,

Peace be with you, my friends.

Till we meet again, may God be with you.

Peace, peace, peace.

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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 Jack Petch and Michelle Denis.

Happy 56th Wedding Anniversary to Rhea & Murray Roantree.

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.

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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/>

Thank you for your Sunday offerings.
 A summary of offerings received will be available in the Aug 27th
 Order of service, when Laurie returns.

**PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT
 ON YOUR DONATION ENVELOPES**

If you are a guest and would like a receipt, your full name and mailing address are required. Please fill in a guest/visitor envelope.
 Donation envelopes are still available, there is a sign-up sheet available on the table in the Narthex.



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

Coming up this week at Grace United....

Sunday, August 20 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Morning Worship, Liz Church
Monday, August 21	Office 8am to 1 pm
Tuesday, August 22 9 – Noon 5:30 – 6:30pm	Office 8am to 1 pm Quilters BootCamp
Wednesday, August 23	Office Closed
Thursday, August 24 1 to 2 pm 5:30 to 6:30	Office 8am to 1 pm Chair YOGA Bootcamp
Friday, August 25	Office 8am to 1pm
Saturday, August 26	Office 8am to 1 pm
Sunday, August 27 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Liz Church

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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.

Tower Of Song..

Grace United Church celebrates the Birthday of the Canadian Icon **LEONARD COHEN..**

Thursday, Sept. 21st, 7:30pm

Join Paul Harding, Cliff Edwards, Chantal Thompson and their very talented group of musicians, as they perform "Suzanne", "Bird On A Wire", "I'm Your Man", "Dance Me" and many other great Leonard songs.

Join us at **Grace United Church**
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Tickets \$20.00 per person

Tickets are available in advance at the church office. Call 613-382-2161

