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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 Beloved  
&  
Part of God's Family***



## Grace United Church

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

### Director of Music

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

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**Sunday, September 3, 2023**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship Leader, Liz Church.**

**WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE**

**Prelude:** "Meditation on "Eventide" - Wm Henry Monk

**Welcome / Announcements: Brian & Linda Brooks**

**Opening Worship: Voices United # 220**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;  
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health  
And salvation.  
Come, all who hear:  
Brothers and sisters draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, above all things so mighty reigning,  
Keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
How all you need has been  
Met by God's gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work  
And defend us;  
Surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
Who out of love will befriend us.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath come now with praises  
Before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from God's people again:  
Gladly with praise we adore him.

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### **Opening Prayer (together)**

**We come into Your House this day to magnify Your Name. We bow before You in adoration and thanksgiving. May our offering of worship be pleasing and acceptable to You, O Living God. Amen.**

### **Territorial Acknowledgment (read by Liz)**

We acknowledge the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that we are on today - Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Huron-Wendat people have shared this area. We acknowledge the importance of the lands, which we each call home. We strive to reaffirm our commitment and 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: We are a blessed people, worshipping together. We share with confidence 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 to all.**

### **Hymn: Voices United # 567**

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

1. Will you come and follow me  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown.  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
In you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind

And never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
In you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see  
If I but call you name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
And never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
And do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean  
I you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you: you hide  
If I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
And never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the word around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound  
In you and you in me?
5. Christ, your summons echoes true  
When you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
And never be the same.  
IN your company I'll go

Where your love and footsteps show  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
In you and you in me.

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Music: Scottish traditional, arr. The Iona Community 1987.

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### **An Affirmation of Hope: Voices United # 656**

We affirm our hope that a new day is dawning upon us. We affirm our vision of a new heaven and a new earth. We affirm our belief that the love of God which is greater than all understanding has the power to unite us to participate in the creation of a new world. We affirm the hope that turns suffering into a creative process. We affirm the hope that enables us to act. God we hope: help us to hope together.

### **Spiritual Focus:**

Whatever you are striving for in this life, make sure it is God-centered.

### **Prepare Our Hearts for Prayer:**

#### ***Voices United # 672 "Take Time to Be Holy"***

- 1) Take time to be holy, speak oft with the Lord;  
Abide in him always and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

- 2) Take time to be holy, let him be your guide,  
And run not before him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrows, still follow the Lord,  
And looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.
- 3) Take time to be holy, be calm in your soul,  
Each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
Thus led by spirit to fountains of love,  
You soon shall be fitted for service above.

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## **WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES**

### **Time with the Young at Heart**

#### **Illumination Hymn: Voices United # 501**

*"Break Now the Bread of Life"*

- 1) Break now the bread of life, Saviour, to me,  
As once you broke the loaves beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;  
My spirit waits for you, O Living Word.
- 2) Bless your own truth, dear Christ, to me, to me,  
As when you bless the bread by Galilee;  
Then shall ass bondage cease, all fetters fall,  
And I shall find my peace, my all-in-all.

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**Prayer for Illumination:**

As we read Your Word, dear Lord, we are open to being refreshed and renewed. Help us to receive Your Word, teach us to love it and strengthen us to obey it. Give Light to our souls. Amen.

**Scripture Reader: Linda Brooks**

**Reader:** We listen for the Sacred Story,

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

**Matthew 16:21-28 New Life Version**

From that time on Jesus began to tell His followers that He had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. These hard things would come from the leaders and from the head religious leaders of the Jews and from the teachers of the Law. He told them He would be killed and three days later He would be raised from the dead. Peter took Jesus away from the others and spoke sharp words to Him. He said, "Never, Lord! This must not happen to You!" Then Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are standing in My way. You are not thinking how God thinks. You are thinking how people think."

Jesus said to His followers, "If anyone wants to be My follower, they must forget about themselves. They must take up their cross and follow Me. If anyone wants to keep their life safe, they will lose it. If anyone gives up their life because of Me, they will save it. For what does a person have if they get all the world and lose their own soul? What can a person give to buy back their soul?"

The Son of Man will come in the greatness of His Father with His angels. Then He will give to every person as they have worked. For sure, I tell you, there are some standing here that will not die until they see the Son of Man coming as King."

**Psalm 26:1-8 The Voice Paraphrase**

Declare my innocence, O Eternal One!

I have walked blamelessly *down this path*.

I placed my trust in the Eternal and have yet to stumble.

Put me on trial and examine me, O Eternal One!

Search me *through and through*—from my deepest longings to every thought that crosses my mind.

Your unfailing love is always before me;  
I have journeyed down Your *path of truth*.

My life is not wasted among liars;  
my days are not spent among cheaters.

I despise every crowd intent on evil;  
I do not commune with the wicked.

I wash my hands in *the fountain of innocence* so that I might join *the gathering that surrounds* Your altar, O Eternal One.

*From my soul*, I will join the songs of thanksgiving; I will *sing and proclaim* Your wonder *and mystery*.

Your house, home to Your glory, O Eternal One, *radiates its light*. I am fixed on this place *and long to be nowhere else*.

**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: "Taking Up The Cross? Never! Always! "**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

**Prayer Hymn: Voices United # 400**

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

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 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:**

***Sending People to School—Together: Patti Talbot's Work***

**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 # 537 (Tune: Amazing Grace – VU #266 )**

*"Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands"*

- 1) Your work, O God, needs many hands  
To help you everywhere,  
And some there are who cannot serve  
Unless our gifts we share.
- 2) Because we love you and your work,  
Our offering now we make:  
Be pleased to use it as your own,  
We ask for Jesus' sake.

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### **Offertory Prayer**

**All that we have, dear Lord, has been given to us in generosity, through Your love. As we have given back to You a portion of our abundance, accept and use these gifts for the extension of Your Kingdom. Amen**

## **GOD SEND US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH**

### **Closing Hymn: Voices United # 509**

*"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"*

- 1) I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart*

- 2) I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have born my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,

Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them,  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

- 3) I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them,  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart*

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### **Commissioning and Benediction**

This day I send you out with God's blessing. And as His Scripture speaks to us, we hear these words from Romans 15: 5,6 - May God, who gives



patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with each one. Amen

### **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:** Finale on 'Hyfrydol' - Henry Coleman

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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.***

Our sincere gratitude to Liz Church, our Lay Minister this morning. Liz is covering services and pastoral care while Rev. Takouhi is on vacation. We appreciate Liz's time and dedication.

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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 Belated Birthday to Dave Charles.**

**Happy 67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Jack & Gloria Petch and Happy 52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Denise & Darryl Wood.**

**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.



Denise Wood will be selling tickets to the Concert and the Turkey Dinner this morning at the back of the church.

There are some 8 x 10 Photos from IPC ready for pick up at the back of the church. Please check to see if yours is there. If you have not received your Photo yet, let Julie Price know.

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](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)

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[https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form\\_par-authorization.pdf](https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf)

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<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 August 2023**

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local/Benevolent
Aug 6	34	\$852.50	\$152.50	0
Aug 13	47	\$ 1277.50	\$ 152.50	0
Aug 20	31	\$ 712.50	\$ 172.50	0
Aug 27	39	\$1277.50	\$ 202.00	\$ 50.00
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....**

<b>Sunday, September 3rd</b> 10:30 am Worship	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Morning Worship, Liz Church</b>
<b>Monday, September 4th</b>	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm CLOSED - Labour Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 5th</b> 9 – Noon 5:30 – 7:30pm	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> Quilters Bootcamp/Zumba
<b>Wednesday, September 6th</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup></b> 10 – 11:30 11am 5:30 to 7:30	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> CPHC - Fall Prevention Service at Carveth Bootcamp/Zumba
<b>Friday, September 8</b>	<b>Office 8am to 1pm</b>
<b>Saturday, September 9</b>	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b>
<b>Sunday, September 10</b> 10:30 am Worship	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Worship Leader, Liz Church</b>

**Coming Events this Fall/Winter**

**Tower of Song Concert** - September 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30pm

Tickets are \$20/person available from members of the church, at the church office or the Gananoque Visitors Centre.

**Turkey Dinner** (\$20 Tickets available now) Eat in or Take-out

**Tuesday, October 3rd** at the Gananoque Curling Club.

See Insert in Bulletin.

**Turpin's Trail Concert** – Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

**Bob Burtch, Blue Grass Concert** – Friday, November 24<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.

## What is Messy Church?



Prior to Covid, Grace Church offered a monthly Messy Church to interested families and individuals in our community. Messy Church is an alternative form of worship for all ages that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. It is part of an international organization that began in England in 2004. Although it is aimed primarily at families, Messy Church is non-denominational, and open to anyone in the community who wishes to attend. Our only stipulation is that children must be accompanied by an adult. However, adults do not need a child to attend. It is Bible-based and Christ-centred and typically includes a welcome, a creative time to explore the biblical theme with activities, games and crafts; a celebration time involving a Bible story, prayer, and songs; and a sit-down meal together.

Our Messy Church was shut down unexpectedly by Covid but there has been interest expressed in reviving it. However, presenting Messy Church needs a committee of about 10 individuals who are interested in planning the program, preparing and supervising crafts and preparing the meal. Are you interested in becoming involved in this form of outreach to our community? Then you are invited to attend a preliminary planning meeting on **Monday, September 11, at 2:30 pm, downstairs here at the church.** If you are interested but not able to attend this meeting, or have more questions, please speak to Colleen Harding or Barb Jenkins.

## How can EOORC churches support the people of Ukraine?

Based on discussions with UCC, (Ukrainian Canadian Congress) support for the people of Ukraine can best be done through the UCC, (United Church of Canada) and ACT, (Action by Churches Together). Financial support through the United Church of Canada

<https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/ukraine-crisis>

**Option One:** The United Church is involvement in relief work generally. You can donate marked Ukraine Relief and it will be forwarded appropriately. The usual means of donating apply, envelope, PAR, cheque and any of the electronic means listed at your local congregation who will provide the usual tax receipt.

**Option Two:** referred to Doctors without borders:

<https://www.doctorswithoutborders.ca/about-msf/msf-canada/>

Canada Ukraine Surgical Aid Program The Canada Ukraine Surgical Aid Program – CUSAP is a humanitarian surgical aid initiative that provides life-changing care to patients affected by the war in Ukraine. The surgery mission model is based on the organization and mobilization of a self-sufficient multidisciplinary surgical team comprising all requisite staff, surgical hardware and supplies. The goals of the program are to provide comprehensive state-of-the-art multidisciplinary trauma care and post-trauma reconstruction to both civilian and military casualties of war in Ukraine, and to provide support to Ukrainian health care professionals through education in trauma reconstruction.

