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**The 2023 Directory are out on the table in the Narthex**

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**Order of Service Dedication**

Today's Order of Service is dedicated by  
Diane Kirkby & Tom Marlor.

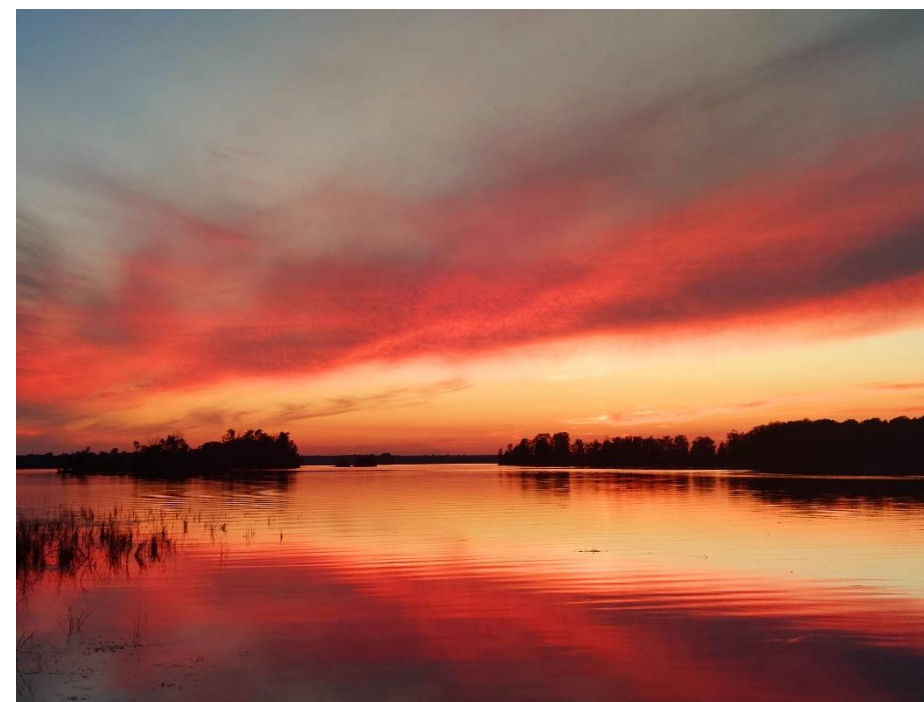
In Loving Memory of our Parents  
Irene & Jack Kirkby (2002 and 1986)  
Gananoque Cemetery

And

Lily & Thomas Marlor (1993 and 1997)  
Bowman United Church Cemetery, Ancaster Ontario



# WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH



*"Sunset over Big Rideau Lake" (Portland, ON)- September 10, 2022-by: Rev. Takouhi*

***Where Everyone is Part of the Family  
&  
Worship is a Lifestyle NOT an Event***



## Grace United Church

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### 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

**September 10, 2023**

*Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost - Order of Worship*

### ***Why Worship Matters – Part One***

**WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE**

**Organ Prelude:** *Thanks Be to Thee - G. F. Handel*

**Welcome – Raymond Shea**

### **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

*“Worship Matters Because...*

*Worship reminds us of the Love of God.*

*Adds understanding to our hearts and minds.*

*And changes our lives and the world to the better...”*

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

*(The Christ candle is lit.)*

### **Call to Worship:**

Dearly Beloved,

Come as you are – The God of Love is Here,

The God of Grace is your shelter...

The Sovereign One calls you beloved.

Come and taste that God is Good

and join in the Creation’s Song of Praise.

*(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!

Words: Reginald Heber ca. 1820, alt.

Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1861. Public domain.

*(Please be seated)*

### **Prayer of Approach (All):**

Almighty God, Creator of all things seen and unseen, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, You share Your Power of Love and Mercy with all unconditionally. You cast out evil, tear down walls of division, comfort and challenge Your people, and show signs of Your realm present in the world. Grant us courage to lift the discouraged, strengthen the doubting, and join with all who seek to thank You for Your Goodness. Glory be to you, the Triune God who we honour, worship and praise - One God Forever. **Amen.**

*(Please stand as able)*

### **Song Praise & Thanksgiving: Voices United #223**

*"Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing"*

1 Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise:  
your mercies are endless, and righteous your ways;  
your servants proclaim the renown of your name  
who rules over all and is ever the same.

2 Again we rejoice in the world you have made,  
your mighty creation in beauty arrayed,  
we thank you for life, and we praise you for joy,  
for love and for hope that no power can destroy.

3 We praise you for Jesus, our Master and Lord,  
the might of his Spirit, the truth of his word,  
his comfort in sorrow, his patience in pain,  
the faith sure and steadfast that Jesus shall reign.

Words: R.B.Y Scott 1938

Music: Welsh folk song; arr. John Robers in Caniadau y Cyssegr 1839

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## **WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES**

### **Time with Youth and Young at Heart**

*"Why Go to Church?"*

### **Song of Illumination: Voices United # 357**

*"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" (Verses 1-4)*

1 Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

2 First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,  
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

- 3 Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea  
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee!  
And how the Master, ready and kind,  
chided the billows and hushed the wind.
- 4 Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas! Jesus is king!

Words: William H. Parker 1885

Music: Frederick Arthur Challinor 1903

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### **Scripture Reader: Pamela Shea**

Reader: God offers to us, through prophets and apostles,  
words of life which in faith become the Living Word.

**All: Let us listen for that Living Word.**

### **Psalm 27**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is  
the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and  
foes— they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though  
war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house  
of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal

me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will  
offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make  
melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in  
anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake  
me, O God of my salvation!

If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my  
enemies.

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses  
have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the  
living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for  
the Lord!

### **Second Reading from the New Testament**

#### **Epistle to the Hebrews 10:22-25 (NRSV)**

let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our  
hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed  
with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without  
wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how  
to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to  
meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,  
and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader: This is the witness of the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** *Peace Like a River* - arr. Joel Raney

**Life Lesson:** "Stick to Faith!"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

### **Song of Hope & Healing More Voices # 90**

*"Don't Be Afraid" (2X)*

Don't be afraid.

My love is stronger,

my love is stronger than your fear.

Don't be afraid.

My love is stronger and I have promised,  
promised to be always near...

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

#### **The Lord's Prayer (contemporary version - All):<sup>1</sup>**

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.

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

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: Providing Tuition Assistance**

#### **Invitation to Generosity**

*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: More Voices #185**

*"Ev'ry Day is a Day of Thanksgiving" (2X)*

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.

God, you've been so good to me.

Ev'ry day you're blessing me.

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.

I will glorify you, O my Lord, today!

Words and Music by Leonard Burks  
Lgb3@prodigy.net  
Permission requested without reply

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

Triune God, through Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit,  
You offer Hope to the despairing, Healing to the sick, and Release from  
bondage to all who are chained. We dedicate these gifts to Your work  
of Love and we ask that You sanctify and multiply these gifts to fulfill  
Your Purpose as we work and await the time when all creation is one in  
Your Love. We pray Humbly. **Amen.**

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

*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Commitment: Voices United #424**

*"May the God of Hope Go with Us"*

- 1 May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.
- 2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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**Sending Forth & Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Organ Postlude:** *Trumpet Voluntary in D - Jeremiah Clarke*

*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 Ron Cavanaugh, Carol Currie, Derryl Wood and Thomas Marlor**

**Happy Anniversary to Doug & Liz Dennison.**

[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.

**UCW Meeting – Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm, church meeting room.**

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)

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) Forms

[https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form\\_par-authorization.pdf](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 September 2023**

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local/Benevolent
Sept. 3	29	\$ 1117.60	\$ 157.10	0
Sept 10				
Sept 17				
Sept 24				
PAR				
BMO				

Thank you for your generosity.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>

<https://www.facebook.com/GraceUnitedChurchGananoque>

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

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

<b>Sunday, September 10</b> 10:30 am Worship	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Morning Worship, Rev. Takouhi</b>
<b>Monday, September 11</b> 10 – 11:30 2:30 pm	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> CPHC – Fall Prevention <b>Messy Church Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 12</b> 9 – Noon 5:30 – 7:30pm	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> Quilters Bootcamp/Zumba
<b>Wednesday, September 13</b> 3:30 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> YOGA
<b>Thursday, September 14</b> 10 – 11:30 am 10:30 am 11am 5:30 to 7:30 7:00 pm	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> CPHC - Fall Prevention <b>Stewards Meeting (Church)</b> Service at Carveth Bootcamp/Zumba <b>Session Meeting (ZOOM)</b>
<b>Friday, September 15</b> 10 – 11:30 am	<b>Office 8am to 1pm</b> CPHC Fall Prevention
<b>Saturday, September 16</b>	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b>
<b>Sunday, September 17</b> 10:30 am Worship	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi</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>

## 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.

