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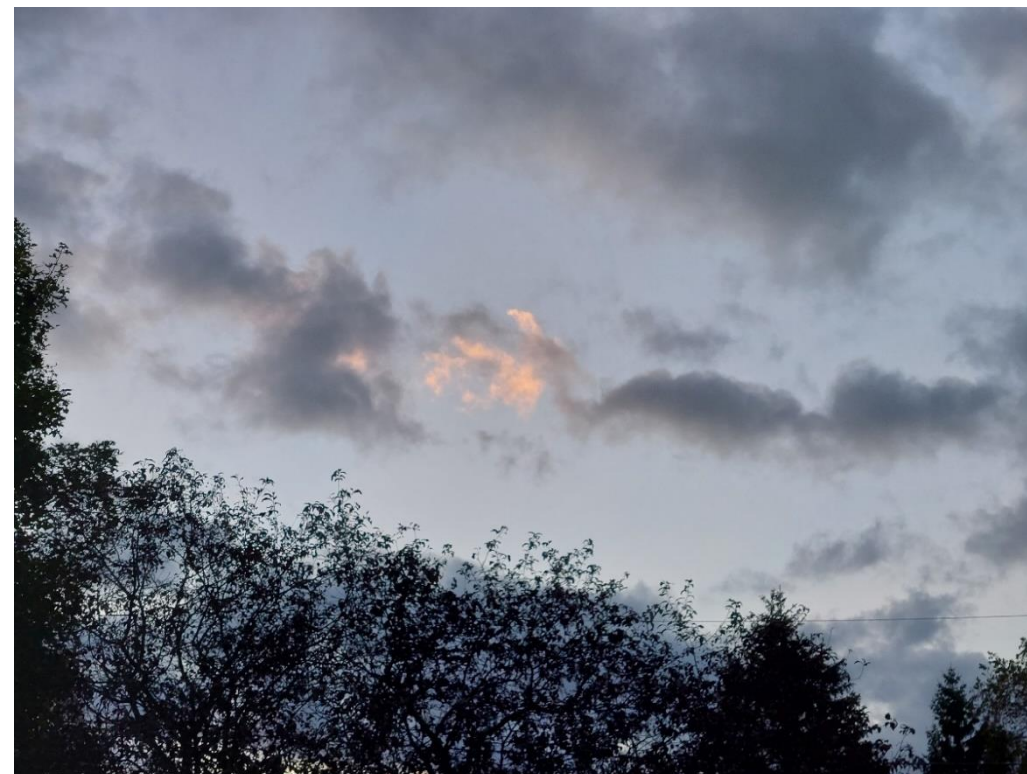
**If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again, watch on YouTube**

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



*"Change of Seasons" (Portland, ON)- September 17, 2021-by: Rev. Takouhi*

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



## 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

**September 17, 2023**

*Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost - Order of Worship*

### **Why Worship Matters**

### **Part Two- We Approach God**

**WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE**

**Organ Prelude:** *Meditation on "Maryton" - Henry Percy Smith*

**Welcome – Denise Wood**

### **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...*

*We Approach God - Not because God needs our worship and praise; but we Approach God because we need God's Light and Love to be evident, On, In and Through us..."*

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

*(The Christ candle is lit.)*

### **Call to Worship (Responsive): Hos.11:3–4**

Leader: We are children of God, learning to walk.

**All: Day by day, we are learning to be the church.**

Leader: God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk.

**All: God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.**

*(Please stand as able)*

### **Gathering Song of Praise Voices United #625**

*"I Feel the Winds of God"*

- 1 I feel the winds of God today;  
today my sail I lift,  
though heavy oft with drenching spray  
and torn with many a rift;  
if hope but light the water's crest,  
and Christ my bark will use,  
I'll seek the seas at his behest,  
and brave another cruise.
- 2 It is the wind of God that dries  
my vain regretful tears,  
until with braver thoughts shall rise  
the purer, brighter years;

if cast on shores of selfish ease  
or pleasure I should be,  
O let me feel your freshening breeze,  
and I'll put back to sea.

- 3 If ever I forget your love  
and how that love was shown,  
lift high the blood-red flag above;  
it bears your name alone.  
Great pilot of my onward way,  
you will not let me drift.  
I feel the winds of God today;  
today my sail I lift.

Words: Jessie Adams 1907

Music: English and Irish traditional melody, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams 1906

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*(Please be seated)*

### **Invitation to Prayer of Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (All):** Ps. 107:7; Hos.11:1–11

Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways on account  
of your love for us. Yet we do not always follow your call; we turn  
away from you and go our own way. Forgive us, and return us to our  
rightful home in you, we humbly pray. **Amen.**

### **Assurance of God's Love**

*(Please stand as able)*

### **Song Praise & Thanksgiving: Voices United #227**

*"For the Fruit of All Creation"*

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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## **WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES**

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

*"We Want to Be LIKE Jesus"*

*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Illumination: Voices United # 359**

*"He Came Singing Love"*

- 1 He came singing love and he lived singing love;  
he died singing love.  
He arose in silence.  
For the love to go on we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.
- 2 He came singing faith and he lived singing faith;  
he died singing faith.  
He arose in silence.  
For the faith to go on we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.
- 3 He came singing hope and he lived singing hope;  
he died singing hope.  
He arose in silence.  
For the hope to go on we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.
- 4 He came singing peace and he lived singing peace;  
he died singing peace.  
He arose in silence.  
For the peace to go on we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.

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**Scripture Reader: Barb Jenkins**

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 103 (New Revised Version)**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—  
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love  
and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your  
youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in  
steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger  
forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us  
according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast  
love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so  
far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has  
compassion for those who fear him.

**Second Reading from the New Testament**

**Epistle to the Hebrews 4:14-16 (New Revised Version)**

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the  
heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our

weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader: This is the witness of the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** *He* - Richard Mullan, arr. P. Harding

**Life Lesson:** *"We Approach God:  
To be Aware of God's Love and Mercy."*

## 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.  
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: *Breaking Down Barriers to Education***

#### **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

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Permission requested without reply.



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

**Prayer after Offering (All):**

Holy One, we give you thanks for the richness of our lives. Bless these tithes and offerings, that they might be used as expressions of your steadfast love for those in need near and far. **Amen.**

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

*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Commitment: Voices United #633**

*"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"*

- 1 Bless now, O God, the journey  
that all your people make,  
the path through noise and silence,  
the way of give and take.  
The trail is found in desert  
and winds the mountain round,  
then leads beside still waters,  
the road where faith is found.
- 2 Bless sojourners and pilgrims  
who share this winding way,  
whose hope burns through the terrors,  
whose love sustains the day.  
We yearn for holy freedom  
while often we are bound.  
Together we are seeking  
the road where faith is found.

- 3 Divine Eternal Lover,  
you meet us on the road.  
We wait for lands of promise  
where milk and honey flow.  
But waiting not for places,  
you meet us all around.  
Our covenant is written  
on roads, as faith is found.

Words: Sylvia Dunstan 1989

Music: "Aurelia" (VU #331) Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1864

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**Sending Forth & Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Organ Postlude: *Finale on "Aurelia"* - S. S. Wesley**

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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.**

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.

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.

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**Offerings September 2023**

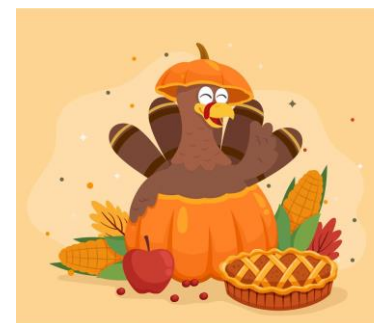
Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local/Benevolent
Sept. 3	<b>29</b>	<b>\$ 1117.60</b>	<b>\$ 157.10</b>	<b>0</b>
Sept 10	<b>32</b>	<b>\$ 982.50</b>	<b>\$ 222.50</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
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## Coming up this week at Grace United....

<b>Sunday, September 17</b> 10:30 am Worship Following Service	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Morning Worship, Rev. Takouhi</b> Session Meeting
<b>Monday, September 18</b> 10 – 11:30 1:30 pm 6:30 pm	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> CPHC – Fall Prevention UCW Meeting (meeting room) YOGA
<b>Tuesday, September 19</b> 9 – Noon 8:00 5:30 – 7:30pm	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> Quilters Pie Making Bootcamp/Zumba
<b>Wednesday, September 20</b> 10 to 12 pm 3:30 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> Seniors Association - French Class YOGA
<b>Thursday, September 21</b> 10 – 11:30 am 1 – 2 pm 5:30 to 7:30 <b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> CPHC - Fall Prevention Seniors Association - MELT Bootcamp/Zumba <b>Tower of Song Concert</b>
<b>Friday, September 22</b> 10 – 11:30 am	<b>Office 8am to 1pm</b> CPHC Fall Prevention
<b>Saturday, September 23</b> <b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Wedding</b>
<b>Sunday, September 24</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b>	<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>



**"To build a bridge, each side must have its own foothold."**

September 29th, 30th, and October 1st, 2023, Gananoque, Ontario  
 Admission to all events is free, thanks to our generous sponsors

