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The 2023 Directory are out on the table in the Narthex

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



"Every Child Matters" (Gan., Town Hall)- September 25, 2022-by: Rev. Takouhi

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



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Truth & Reconciliation Sunday

September 24, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost - Order of Worship

Why Worship Matters

Part Three - We Seek Wisdom

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Organ Prelude:

Meditation on "When Mothers of Salem" - W. M. Hutchings

Welcome – Shirley Clark

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 Seek Wisdom - Because God's Wisdom is Full of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love ..."

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Call to Worship (Responsive): Ps. 33:20–22

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield.

All: Our hearts are glad because we trust in God's holy name.

Leader: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

All: even as we hope in you.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise Voices United #288

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

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(Please be seated)

Prayer of Approach (All):

God of grace, who are we that you should care for us?
Yet you surprise us with Grace, infuse us with Hope, and teach us a
better way. Today we seek Your Wisdom once again to guide us, as we
open our hearts, minds and souls to be filled with Your Presence and
Your Presence Alone, to help Your Realm be evident in this world. We
humbly pray. **Amen.**



WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

"What is the Bible Good For?"

Song of Illumination: Voices United # 376

"Spirit of the Living God"

- 1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
- 2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

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Scripture Reader: Tom Currie

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.

Hebrews 1: 1-3 (New Revised Version)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the
prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he
appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Second Reading James 3:13-18 (New Revised Version)

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

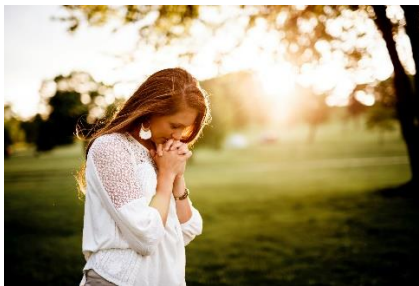
Reader: This is the witness of the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Open My Eyes that I May See - arr. Hal Hopson*

Life Lesson: *"We Seek Wisdom:*

Wisdom of God Empowers Us..."



Song of Assurance: Voices United # 644

"I Was There to hear Your Borning Cry"

- 1 I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
- 2 I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.
- 3 When you heard the wonder of the word,
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
- 4 If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.
- 5 In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young.
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
- 6 When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

7 I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

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Prayers of Hope and Healing

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

Invitation to Partner up with God to Help Make Miracles Visible.

*God has blessed us beyond measure and our own generosity is an
opportunity to use a portion of our blessings to share with others.*

The Lord's Prayer as our Offertory Prayer

(contemporary version - All):¹

Our Parent, who is among us,
blessed be your Creation.

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

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.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

(Please stand as able)

Song of Commitment: 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;
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!

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: *Finale on "O Store Gud" - Swedish Melody*

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 Leanne Crawford.

Congratulations to Marg & Mel Worth, who are celebrating their 68th Wedding Anniversary today.

[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 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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e-transfer to grace.gan@outlook.com

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

https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf

by CreditCard 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	32	\$ 982.50	\$ 222.50	\$ 25.00
Sept 17	36	\$ 1097.50	\$ 152.50	
Sept 24				
PAR				
BMO				

Thank you for your generosity.



Thanksgiving Pies for Sale

Place your Order now.

Give Carol a call at 613-382-4376

Apple, Blueberry, Bumbleberry,
Cherry, Peach, Strawberry,
Strawberry/Rhubarb, Rhubarb \$15
each
and Raspberry \$20 each

Coming up this week at Grace United....

Sunday, September 24 10:30 am Worship/Baptism Following Service	Office Closed Morning Worship, Rev. Takouhi Trustees MEETING
Monday, September 25 10 – 11:30 6:30 pm	Office 8am to 1 pm CPHC – Fall Prevention YOGA
Tuesday, September 26 9 – Noon 8:00 5:30 – 7:30pm	Office 8am to 1 pm Quilters Pie Making Bootcamp/Zumba
Wednesday, September 27 10 to 12 pm 3:30 pm 4:00 pm	Office Closed Seniors Association - French Class YOGA Community Kitchen
Thursday, September 28 10 – 11:30 am 1 – 2 pm 5:30 to 7:30	Office 8am to 1 pm CPHC - Fall Prevention Seniors Association - MELT Bootcamp/Zumba
Friday, September 29 10 – 11:30 am	Office 8am to 1pm CPHC Fall Prevention
Saturday, September 30 6 – 8 pm	Office Closed First Peoples Circle - Kitchen
Sunday, October 1 10:30 am Worship Following Service	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi Pot Luck – the Way Forward

Coming Events this Fall/Winter

Tuesday, October 3rd at the Gananoque Curling Club.

See Insert in Bulletin.

Turpin's Trail Concert – Thursday, October 19th

Bob Burtch, Blue Grass Concert – Friday, November 24th

Christmas Market – Saturday, December 2nd

Saturday, September 30th 11:00 AM – Little Shoes Memorial Ceremony (Gananoque Town Hall), **Reconciliation Walk** and Church Delegations, and gathering at the First Peoples Park for Ceremonies and Teachings. These events will all be underscored with live drumming and singing by several participants. Rev. Takouhi and Tammy Fergusson will be representing Grace United Church. We encourage many to join as able at this very important event for the Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada.



"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



Gananoque Access to Food Network (GFAN) presents: Learn how to make nutritious and inexpensive food on a budget.

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 – Harvest Supper

Come and join us for a delicious supper

Time: 4pm for those who want to learn how to prepare the meal
5:15 for those who are not able to help prepare.
5:30 Presentation/Gardens – Forman Farms
6pm (approx.) Supper

Please call **Marian @613-382-0165 by Monday September 25th** to ensure a seat and that we have plenty of food. Bring a clean container.....we share leftovers!!

Wednesday, October 18th – Soup Fest!!

Come join us for a warm bowl of soup, biscuits, and dessert.

We have invited area Chefs to share their favourite soups with us. They will serve their special soups and offer tips on how to make them inexpensively! What a treat!

Dessert and rolls will be made by our Community Kitchen Chefs, Julie, reg and Jacquie, volunteers, and participants in the kitchen.

Time: 4pm for those who want to learn to make rolls and desserts
5pm The Chefs will arrive.
5:15 – 5:30pm – Soup will be served.

Wednesday, November 29th – Getting Ready for Christmas

Enjoy the smells and sounds of our pre-Christmas session.....Cookies, squares, goodies, galore, hints for preparing inexpensive special Christmas fare from our special Chefs, Julie & Reg. Christmas music will be in the air!

Time: 4pm for those who want to learn how to make the goodies
5:30pm for those who are unable to help with the preparation.

5:45pm – FOOD!

Location: Grace United Church has generously provided its Kitchen and auditorium for our sessions