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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

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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



"Light in Darkness" (Portland, ON)- October 9, 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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October 1, 2023 - Order of Worship

Worldwide Communion Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Why Worship Matters

Part Four - We Respond to God's Grace

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Prelude: *Passion Chorale*

mel. Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; harm. J.S. Bach, 1729

Welcome – Thomas Marlor

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 Respond to God's Grace - Because when we accept God's Grace and immerse ourselves in this Grace, Our Hearts, Minds, and Souls will Trust and Obey God's Instructions with JOY and Gratitude – And Help Transform this World..."

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Gathering Call: Ps. 82:3, 4

God gives justice to the weak and the orphan;
God rescues the weak and the needy.
Blessed be the One, Holy, Living and Loving God,
Who calls us to a sacred life.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #402

"We Are One"

- 1 We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.

2 We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.

3 We are one as we feast,
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine
there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come,
as we feed, we are fed;
and we feel God's refreshing grace
as we meet at table in this place.

4 We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

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Music: Jeeva Sam 1987; arr. David Kai 1995

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(Please be seated)

Invitation to Prayer of Confession:

Beloved let us Pray together the prayer of confession and approach our Creator with Humility and Trust. And we pray...

Prayer of Confession (All): Jer. 23:25–29

God of Goodness and Truth, sometimes we fail to seek after Your Wisdom and follow paths that lead us away from you. Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in Your Truth, that we may live in the fullness of life as you intended it from the very first moment of creation. We pray humbly and sincerely. **Amen.**

Assurance of God's Love

The God of the Journey is with you, calls you beloved and guides you on this path of life. Trust, Adhere and Follow on this path with Confidence.

WE SEEK WISDOM

Song of Devotion: More Voices #8

"And on This Path" (x2)

1- And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!

Words: Lynn Bauman

Music: Linnea Good 2003

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Time with Youth and Young at Heart:

"How Do You Respond to an AMAZING Gift?"

(Please stand as able)

Song of Devotion: More Voices #8

"And on This Path" (x2)

2- So enter in the gates of holiness are open wide,
So enter in the gates of holiness are open wide,
So enter in the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open Wide!
The gates are open wide!

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reader: Diane Kirkby

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 11:29-12:1 (NRSV)

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the

edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

Reader: This is the witness of the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Life Lesson *"Our Response to God's Love, Grace, and Wisdom...
Faith in Action!"*

WE SEEK PEACE & COMMUNION

Anthem: *Because He Lives - Wm. Gaither*

GOD'S BANQUET... OUR PARTICIPATION...

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks, Creator God, for you made the world and all that is in it. You called us into relationship with you, providing all we need for an abundant life..... With the faithful of every time, of every generation and every place, we pray the words of Jesus:

The Prayer of Jesus (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.**

One: You are Holy God, and blessed is Jesus. He turned away from violence, teaching the world the way of peace. He rejected power that corrupts, choosing instead to live as a servant among us. He did not turn stones into easy bread but instead offered us the bread of life—justice, freedom, spiritual health, and unconditional

love—so that we might never be hungry again. Showing the depth of your love, he offered us the cup of the new covenant, sealed with his Life.... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours. **Amen.**

Sharing of the elements – We come forward as able

Jesus the Bread of Life – Bread for the Journey.

Jesus the True Vine – The Cup of the New Covenant.

Post-Communion Prayer (All): God of the grain and the ground.

In this wilderness of life, you feed us with heavenly bread and satisfy our thirst with the True Vine. We praise you for this banquet, simple yet abundant. May we go forth from here and feed all who hunger and quench the thirst of all who thirst in the name of Jesus, the True Bread of Life. **Amen.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Song of Devotion: Voices United #545

“You Nourish Us” (x2)

You nourish us with food, O God,
for body and for soul;
our love and service is our thanks,
for life that's free and whole,
for life that's free and whole.

Words: Flora Litt and Wayne Irwin 1979

Music: (Tune: Amazing Grace VU #266) from Virginia Harmony 1831, harm. Adriano Secco
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(Please be seated)

Your Generosity Matters: *Education Beyond Classroom Walls*

Our Offerings – Supporting God’s Ministries:

*Mindful of the abundance we have received from God,
we offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love. We pray humbly and sincerely. **Amen.**

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #585

“Jesus Bids Us Shine”

- 1 Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.
- 2 Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.
- 3 Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:

sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Words: Susan Warner 1868, alt.
Music: Edwin O. Excell
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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Entrance of the Queen of Sheba (from “Solomon”) - G. F. Handel*

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 Susan Tindal.

Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary added to our announcements contact Laurie at the church Office and give her the details.

Congratulations and thank you to all who attended and participated in the "Tower of Song" concert on September 21st.

It was a full house and a wonderful evening of music.

Proceeds \$3215.50 Less Expenses (\$1395.50)

= proceeds \$1820.00



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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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 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	32	\$ 982.50	\$ 222.50	\$ 25.00
Sept 17	36	\$ 1097.50	\$ 152.50	
Sept 24		\$ 1522.50	\$ 377.50	\$ 20.00
PAR		\$ 1095.00	\$ 313.50	\$ 12.50
BMO		\$ 450.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00

If you are donating to the Memorial Fund, please specify "MEMORIAL FUND" on the envelope or e-transfer and make cheques out to "Grace United Church Memorial Fund."

Thank you for your generosity.

Turkey Dinner – SOLD OUT

Thank you for the support



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**

Turpin's Trail

in Concert

Thurs., Oct. 19, 2023, 7:30 pm

Grace United Church

120 Pine St., Gananoque On



Turpin's Trail is the Kingston, Ontario-based Celtic-Folk group made up of Chris Murphy, Jon McLurg, Noah St. Amand and Jess Wedden.

Turpin's Trail creates a unique blend of traditional Celtic tunes, folk ballads, and original compositions. Their performances are known for their infectious energy, tight harmonies, and captivating storytelling. Whether performing at festivals, pubs, or concert halls, the band never fails to engage and entertain their audience.

Tickets \$20.00 /pp and are available in advance at the church office. Call 613-382-2161, and the Gananoque Visitors Centre, 10 King St. E.,

Coming up this week at Grace United....

Sunday, October 1 10:30 am Worship Following service	Office Closed Morning Worship, Rev. Takouhi Potluck Lunch – the Way Forward
Monday, October 2 10 – 11:30 6:30 pm	Office 8am to 1 pm CPHC – Fall Prevention YOGA
Tuesday, October 3 9 – Noon 8:00 5:30 – 7:30pm	Office 8am to 1 pm Quilters Pie Making Bootcamp/Zumba
Wednesday, October 4 10 to 12 pm 3:30 pm 4:00 pm	Office Closed Seniors Association - French Class YOGA Community Kitchen
Thursday, October 5 10 – 11:30 am 11:00am 1 – 2 pm 5:30 to 7:30	Office 8am to 1 pm CPHC - Fall Prevention Service at Carveth Seniors Association - MELT Bootcamp/Zumba
Friday, October 6 10 – 11:30 am	Office 8am to 1pm CPHC Fall Prevention
Saturday, October 7	Office Closed
Sunday, October 8 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi

Coming Events this Fall/Winter

Turpin's Trail Concert – Thursday, October 19th

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

Christmas Market – Saturday, December 2nd



"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, 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. Please call **Marian @613-382-0165** to ensure a seat and that we have plenty of food. Bring a clean container.....we share leftovers!!