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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 Sunset – Promises a Sunrise" (Portland, ON)- October 8, 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 8, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost - Order of Worship



Why Worship Matters

Part Five- God Sends Us into the World

THANKS-GIVING SUNDAY

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Organ Prelude: "In Christ there is No East or West"

(Traditional Afro-American melody)

Welcome – Joan MacKinnon

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... God Sends Us into the World...
To be the Voice of God's Heart, & the Flesh of God's Word..."*

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Call to Worship (Responsive): Ps. 19:1–4

One: The heavens declare the glory of God!

All: **The skies proclaim God's handiwork.**

One: The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,

All: **the night expounds God's knowledge without a word,
and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.**

One: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation
in declaring God's glory with a Thankful Heart!

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise 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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(Please be seated)

Prayer of Approach (All): Ps. 103:1–2; Isa. 58:12–14

Holy One, we bless you with all that is within us as we remember
your gifts to us. Open our hearts to helping those most in need, that
our community, nation, and the entire world be rebuilt and restored.
Through Your Love. With thanks-giving we pray. **Amen.**

(Please stand as able)

Song Praise & Thanksgiving: Voices United #256

"O God Beyond All Praising"

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

- 2 The flower of earthly splendour in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you our God most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown,
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.
- 3 Then, hear O gracious Saviour, this song of praise we sing.
May we, who know your favour, our humble service bring;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

"Thanks-GIVING: Gratitude & Generosity Go Hand in Hand"

Song of Commitment: Voices United #575

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

- 1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

- 2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Words and music: African-American spiritual
Music arr. Wendell Whalum
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Scripture Reader: Dave Charles

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.

Epistle to the Hebrews 12:18-29 (New Revised Version)

not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire,
and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet,
and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word
be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was
given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to
death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble
with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the

living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal
gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in
heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous
made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the
sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See
that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not
escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how
much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!
At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet
once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This
phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that
is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.
Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let
us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with
reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader: This is the witness of the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *"There's Something About That Name"* - Stan Pethel

Life Lesson: *"God Sends Us to the World..."*

To FACE fear with FAITH. "

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Song of Hope & Healing Voices United # 703

"In the Bulb There is a Flower"

- 1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;

in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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Prayers of Hope and Healing:

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary version - All):¹

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: *Geeta's Story*

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

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

Prayer after Offering (All):

Holy One, we give you thanks and praise for your love is abundantly poured in us and upon us. Accept the offering of our lives in union with Christ's offering for us and make us humble and obedient servants who will work for your good pleasure; through Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour to you - Triune God. **Amen.**

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Commitment: Voices United #586

"We Shall Go Out with the Hope of Resurrection"

- 1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.
- 2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,

we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

Words: June Boyce-Tillman 1993

Music: Traditional Irish melody, arr. John Barnard 1982

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Sending Forth & Benediction (Responsive)

One: Dearly Beloved,

Despite Your Fears go forth in Faith,

All: We go in Faith,

trusting in the God who heals every infirmity.

One: Dearly Beloved,

Despite despair go forth with Hope,

All: We go with Hope, trusting the One,

who never leaves us nor forsakes us.

One: Dearly Beloved,

Despite Scarcity, go forth in Abundance.

All: We go in Faith,

trusting in the God who provides ALL our needs.

One: And Now May the God of Grace, Generosity and Provision

bless your going out and coming in

lying down and working hard.

No matter where you are – May You always inhale Grace and
Exhale Gratitude. Go in Peace.

All: Amen.

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: "I Can See Clearly Now" (written by Johnny Nash in 1972)
Doug Gifford with Christina Kaya singing harmony.

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 Thanksgiving Everyone!!

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 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 October 2023

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local/Benevolent
Oct 1	39	\$ 1408.00	\$207.50	0
Oct 8				
Oct 15				
Oct 22				
Oct 29				
PAR				
BMO				

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.

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 8 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Morning Worship, Rev. Takouhi
Monday, October 9 10 – 11:30 6:30 pm	Office Closed – Thanksgiving CPHC – Fall Prevention YOGA
Tuesday, October 10 9 – Noon 5:30 – 7:30pm	Office 8am to 1 pm Quilters Bootcamp/Zumba
Wednesday, October 11 10 to 12 pm 3:30 pm	Office Closed Seniors Association - French Class YOGA
Thursday, October 12 1 – 2 pm 5:30 to 7:30	Office 8am to 1 pm Seniors Association - MELT Bootcamp/Zumba
Friday, October 13 2:00 pm 10 – 11:30 am	Office 8am to 1pm Fox Run Chapel Service CPHC Fall Prevention
Saturday, October 14	Office Closed
Sunday, October 15 10:30 am Worship Following Service	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi Session Meeting

Stewards Meeting – Monday, October 16th at 10am, Meeting Room
Trustees Meeting - Monday, October 16th at 4:00pm – Meeting Room

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