

Rev. Takouhi will be away on Study Leave  
from October 16 – 22, to prepare for Advent.  
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**The 2023 Directory are out on the table in the Narthex**

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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-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.

# WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH



*"All Creation Proclaims God's Love" (Merrickville, ON)- October 21, 2022 - 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

**October 15, 2023**

*Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost*

### ***Order of Worship***

**WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE**

**Organ Prelude:** "People Get Ready" by Curtis Mayfield 1965

**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:**

*"...the whole fabric of our lives, using patterns of God has given us- patterns of justice, forgiveness, loving-kindness, peace." <sup>1</sup>*

*Barbara Brown Taylor*

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

*(The Christ candle is lit.)*

### **Call to Worship (Responsive):**

One: You have been called to the banquet.

**All: This is the feast.**

One: You have been summoned to the wedding.

**All: This is the feast of Life, Love and Light.**

One: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

**All: We have come to the banquet that has no end.**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

*(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!

<sup>1</sup> Barbara Brown Taylor, "Home by Another Way" a Cowley publications book- 1999– page 198

- 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):**

Holy God, you set before us every day a bounty of good things. Bring us to your feasting table, hungry for your Word, eager to rebuild the cities you have made, and ready to receive strangers so that we celebrate at all times and in all places the Peace which is life in you.

**Amen.**

*(Please stand as able)*

### **Song Praise & Thanksgiving: Voices United #217**

*"All Creatures of Our God and King" (verses 1, 3, & 5)*

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing:  
hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Bright burning sun with golden beam,  
soft shining moon with silver gleam,  
sing praises, sing praises,  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 3 Earth, ever fertile, day by day  
brings forth rich blessings on our way:  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,  
let them God's glory also show:  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 5 Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship God in humbleness:  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one:  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

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## WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

### Time with Youth and Young at Heart

*"Partying with GOD!"*

### Song of Commitment: Voices United #356

*"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"*

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and God's righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 3 We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.

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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.**

### Matthew 22:1-14 (New Living Translation)

#### Parable of the Great Feast

- 22 Jesus also told them other parables. He said, 2 "The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a king who prepared a great wedding feast for his son. 3 When the banquet was ready, he sent his servants to notify those who were invited. But they all refused to come!
- 4 "So he sent other servants to tell them, 'The feast has been prepared. The bulls and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the banquet!' 5 But the guests he had invited ignored them and went their own way, one to his farm, another to his business. 6 Others seized his messengers and insulted them and killed them.
- 7 "The king was furious, and he sent out his army to destroy the murderers and burn their town. 8 And he said to his servants, **'The wedding feast is ready,** and the guests I invited aren't worthy of the honor. 9 Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see.' 10 So the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests.
- 11 "But when the king came in to meet the guests, he noticed a man who wasn't wearing the proper clothes for a wedding. 12 **'Friend,'** he asked, 'how is it that you are here without wedding clothes?' But **the man had no reply.** 13 Then the king said to his aides, 'Bind his hands and feet and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'
- 14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

Reader: This is the witness of the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem: “I Believe”**

Al Stillman, Ervin M Drake, Irwin Graham, Jimmy Shirl

**Life Lesson:** “*The DRESS CODE for the Banquet of LIFE is...* ”

<b>WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE</b>
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**Song of Hope & Healing More Voices # 161**

*“I Have Called You by Your Name”*

- 1 I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you;  
all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.
- 2 I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name,  
speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus' body, given long ago.
- 3 I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out,  
choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

- 4 I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul,  
make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

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**Prayers of Hope and Healing/ The Lord’s Prayer (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,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**Your Generosity Matters:**

***Ecumenical Church Loan Fund: Anert’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: Voices United #541**

*“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (2X)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Words: Thomas Ken ca. 1674  
Music: Genevan Psalter 1551  
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**Prayer after Offering (All):**

God of compassion and generous love, we give you thanks for the riches of Earth, which sustain our lives and which you have created for our joy. We thank you for Jesus, whose life, death, resurrection, and ascension renews our strength and revives our hope. We give you thanks for the Holy Spirit, who comes among us, invites us to dine with each other and with you, and keeps us in faith. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need and the work of your church. In peace, we pray our thanksgiving. **Amen.**

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

*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Commitment: Voices United #581**

*“When We Are Living”*

- 1
- When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 2
- Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 3
- 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 4
- Across this wide world, we shall always find  
those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
but when we help them, or when we feed them,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Words: v. 1 Spanish anon., trans. Elise S. Eslinger 1983; vv. 2-4 Roberto Escamilla 1983,  
Trans. George Lockwood 1987  
Music: Spanish melody, harm. Carlton R. Young 1989  
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**Sending Forth & Benediction**

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: "Keep on the Sunny Side"  
by Ada Blenkhorn & J. Howard Entwisle 1899

*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 Brian Tunnicliffe, Bert Petro and Susan Barwell.**

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

Thank you to the organizers of the Turkey Dinner held on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and to the Curling Club for the delicious dinner. A wonderful meal was enjoyed by many.  
**Dinner \$1890.00 Silent Auction \$492.00 Less cost of Dinner (\$1380.00)  
Proceeds = \$1002.00**  
Thank you as well to the "Pies for God's Sake" team, who baked their hearts out and made more delicious pies. Over the Thanksgiving period \$2016.00 worth of pies were purchased.

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](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)  
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by CreditCard through CanadaHelps.  
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/>

**MAKE SURE YOUR NAME & THE AMOUNT ARE 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	42	\$ 1110.00	\$ 150.00	0
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.

**<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/events/turpins-trail-concert/>**

**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.

<b>Sunday, October 15</b> 10:30 am Worship Following Service	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Morning Worship, Rev. Takouhi</b> <b>Session Meeting</b>
<b>Monday, October 16</b> 10 – 11:30 10:00 am 4:00pm 6:30 pm	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> CPHC – Fall Prevention Stewards (Meeting Room) Trustees (Meeting Room) YOGA
<b>Tuesday, October 17</b> 9 – Noon 3:30 pm 7:30pm	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> Quilters YOGA Historical Society
<b>Wednesday, October 18</b> 10 to 12 pm  3:30 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> Seniors Association - French Class <b>NO VIBE – Rev. Takouhi on Vacation</b> Community Kitchen
<b>Thursday, October 19</b> 1 – 2 pm 5:30 to 7:30 7:30 pm	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> Seniors Association - MELT Bootcamp/Zumba Turpin's Trail Concert
<b>Friday, October 20</b> <b>10:00 am</b> 10 – 11:30 am	<b>Office 8am to 1pm</b> <b>Christmas Market Planning Meeting</b> CPHC Fall Prevention
<b>Saturday, October 21</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Sunday, October 22</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Worship Leaders United Church Women</b>

### Coming Events this Fall/Winter

**Christmas Market** – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>



**Grace United Church - The Way Forward**  
*Soup & Bun Lunch & Information Session*  
**October 29, 2023**

Dear Grace United Church,

Since February 2, 2023, we have embarked on a journey, **“The Way Forward”** to re-discover:

1. Who we are.
2. What we do.
3. What God is calling us to do.

This Community of Faith, Grace United Church, has been around since 1836, and has faced many changes which bring forth challenges as well. Growing pains are inevitable, and this is not unique to the Church but also to the world. Therefore, we have been wrestling to find the way forward to see where God is calling us to go and how we can get there. We took time through the Lenten Season to reflect on questions, and shared our answers through conversations and breaking bread.

**We all know that everything Good requires Time, Patience, and Process. We have arrived at the very last step of this process with the leadership of Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett, from our Regional Council; and we want to ensure that you are informed of what has taken place thus far, share this information with you, and make the time to listen to the ideas of those who have not been able to join us at these gatherings - we care about your opinion.**

Therefore, by God’s Grace, we are planning to gather on **October 29, 2023**, after worship and enjoy a soup and bun lunch for an hour, (We will respect this time limit so that everyone can get on with their other commitments on that day). Following this lunch, the Official Board will be meeting. Those who are not part of the OB are welcome to stay and see the work that is put in to carry the work of God through Grace United.






As I always say, we need your participation, because without **“U”** there is no church – we are all members of the Body of Christ.

If you have any questions or concerns, please connect with

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**Who Are You?**

-  **Hospitality & Discernment**
-  **Healing & Contemplation**
-  **Testimony & Diversity**
-  **Justice & Worship**
-  **Reflection & Beauty**



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October 1, 2023: Gathering

**“Nurtured by God’s Love to offer  
Worship, Hospitality and Healing.”**