

*Welcome to Grace United Church*

*Today*

*We celebrate the*

*61st Anniversary*

*of the*

*United Church Women*



Today's Bulletin is dedicated  
with love and gratitude to all  
past, present, and future members  
of the United Church Women (UCW).  
On this the 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.  
1962 to 2023



*1962 to 2023*



**Grace United Church**

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**Director of Music**

Mr. Paul Harding, B. Mus., B. Ed.

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**Order of Worship**

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost - October 22, 2023

**We Celebrate with Thanksgiving**

**61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of**

**United Church Women (UCW)**



**WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE**

**Prelude:** "Down by the Riverside" spiritual ~1850

**Welcome – Community News - Birthdays & Anniversaries**

*(Linda Brooks)*

**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.**

**Lighting the Christ Candle –** *(Linda Brooks)*

**Centering Music:** *We Center our Hearts for Worship.*

**The Mission of UCW** *(Linda Brooks)*

*"Love God; foster Christian commitment, faithfulness, and spirituality. Promote respect and love for all God's creation."*

**Call to Worship (Responsive)***(Denise Wood)*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**Response: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**Response: It is meet and right so to do.**

Leader: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God.

**In Unison: Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name; evermore praising Thee, and saying:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy Glory.  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.**

*(Please remain standing as able)*

**Song of Praise: Voices United # 595** *(Denise Wood)*

*"We are Pilgrims on a Journey "*

- 1 We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 2 Sister, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.
- 6 Brother, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

*(Please be seated)*

**Psalm 96: 1-6 (All)** *Shirley Clark*

- <sup>1</sup>O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
- <sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.
- <sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.
- <sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup>Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

**The Prayer of Jesus (All)** *(Linda Brooks)*

**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**

**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**

**WE SEEK WISDOM**

**Scripture Reader:** *Shirley Clark*

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.**

**Exodus 33:12-17 (NRSV):** Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

Reader: This is the witness of the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem: "Lord, I stretch My Hands to You"**

Jay Althouse 1992 Hope Publishing Company

**Life Lesson "God Calls us to Offer our Time, Talents,  
and Treasures" Vicki Leakey**



## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*(Please stand as able)*

**Ministry of Music:**

**Preparing Our Hearts for Prayers of Hope and Healing:**

Voices United # 684 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

- 1 Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your healing power,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:
- 2 Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.  
O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.
- 3 Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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**Light the Candles: in honour of the founding members of UCW**

Denise Wood, Shirley Walker

**The Prayer of Hope and Healing** (Denise Wood)

From the **"Song of Faith" (All)**

We sing of a church

Seeking to continue the story of Jesus

By embodying God's Presence in the world

Our ancestors in faith

bequest to us experiences of their faithful living;

upon their lives our lives are built.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Honouring current and future UCW members:** (Marilyn Belbin)

**Life Your Generosity Matters – The Work of the UCW**

(Diane Nuttall)

**Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries** (Diane Nuttall)

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

**Offertory Song: Voices United # 537** (Diane Nuttall)

*Tune: Amazing Grace – VU #266*

***"Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands"***

- 1 Your work, O God, needs many hands  
to help you everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve  
unless our gifts we share.
- 2 Because we love you and your work,  
our offering now we make:  
be pleased to use it as your own,  
we ask for Jesus' sake.



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**The Vision of UCW: (All)** (Christina Gordon):

As women of faith,

We believe in nurturing Christian spirituality

by reaching out

through commitment and devotion

to all God's people

in the promotion of truth, justice, peace,

caring, and respect

for all throughout the earth, God's world;

We believe in honouring God the Creator,

and loving others through generous giving

and joyful living;

And we believe in affirming and

strengthening ourselves

both individually and together

through creative study, prayer, and action.



<p><b>GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH</b></p>
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*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 331** (Elaine Davidson):

*"The Church's One Foundation" (Verses 1, 2, & 5)*

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are his new creation by water and the Word;  
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be  
his living servant people, by his own death set free.
- 2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name professing and at one table fed,  
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

5 We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,  
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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**Prayer of Sending Forth UCW Prayer (All)** (Denise Wood)

And now, go with us, God into the days ahead.  
Strengthen us for peace.  
Give us wisdom, keep us humble,  
and may we live and work together,  
and so striving, build a new and better world for tomorrow. Amen.

**Benediction:** (Elaine Davidson)

May the LORD continue to bless you and keep you.  
May the LORD's face continue to shine upon you,  
And may the Presence of the Lord be evident to You today and always.  
Go in Peace.

**Amen**

**Choral Blessing – “Go Now in Peace”**

**Postlude: “Down to the River to Pray”** spiritual ~1850  
Christina Kaya & Doug Gifford & Choir



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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.**

*We regret to announce the passing of Jean Newbury. Jean passed away peacefully on October 12 with family members by her side. Our sincere condolences to Jean's family and friends. A celebration of life will take place at a later date.*

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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 Tunnicliffe and Helen Johnston.  
Happy 44<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Brad & Anne Curtis.**

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

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Thank you to all who attended and prepared for the concert on Thursday evening. We will have the results of the fundraising efforts for next week's Order of Service.

There are many ways you can partner up with God's Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference. by cheque.

120 Pine ST. Gananoque, On K7G 1C7,  
e-transfer to [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)

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

[https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form\\_par-authorization.pdf](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/>

**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	42	\$3007.50	\$ 302.50	\$ 130.00
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.**

**Coming up this week at Grace United....**

<b>Sunday, October 22</b> 10:30 am Worship	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Morning Worship, Rev. Takouhi</b>
<b>Monday, October 23</b> 10 – 11:30 6:30 pm	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> CPHC – Fall Prevention YOGA
<b>Tuesday, October 24</b> 9 – Noon	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> Quilters
<b>Wednesday, October 25</b> 10 to 12 pm 3:30 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> Seniors Association - French Class YOGA
<b>Thursday, October 26</b> 1 – 2 pm 5:30 to 7:30	<b>Office 8am to 1 pm</b> Seniors Association - MELT Bootcamp/Zumba
<b>Friday, October 27</b> 10 – 11:30 am	<b>Office 8am to 1pm</b> CPHC Fall Prevention
<b>Saturday, October 28</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Sunday, October 29</b> 10:30 am Worship	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Worship Rev Takouhi</b>

**Official Board Meeting – Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**following Soup & Bun**

**Coming Events this Fall/Winter**

**Bob Burtch, Blue Grass Concert** – Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

**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

Rev. Takouhi (613-777-0880) or [revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca](mailto:revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca)

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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.”**