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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**



"God's Guiding Light" – (Thousand Islands Parkway, ON)- November 25, 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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November 12, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Organ Prelude: *Arioso - J.S. Bach*

Welcome – Vicki Leakey

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:

"...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord..."

Joshua 24:18

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Call to Worship:

People of God, listen:

the Lord has done marvelous things.

Teach your children all that God has done so that they may live in hope...

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #245

"Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet"

- 1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or
snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

Words and music: Natalie Sleeth

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(Please be seated)

Prayer of the Day (All):

O great and loving God, your wisdom is radiant and unfading,
easily discerned by all who seek your way. When faithful men and
women live in love and work for justice, heaven breaks into earth.
Give us the grace to live confidently and expectantly, trusting that the
Lord of history, who has been approaching from all eternity, comes
into life continually with compassion, redemption, and hope. **Amen.**

(Please stand as able)

Song Praise & Thanksgiving: Voices United #567

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

- 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?



- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Words: The Iona Community.

Music: Scottish traditional, arr. The Iona Community 1987.

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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

"The Most Important Things" (Based on Matthew 22:34-40)

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

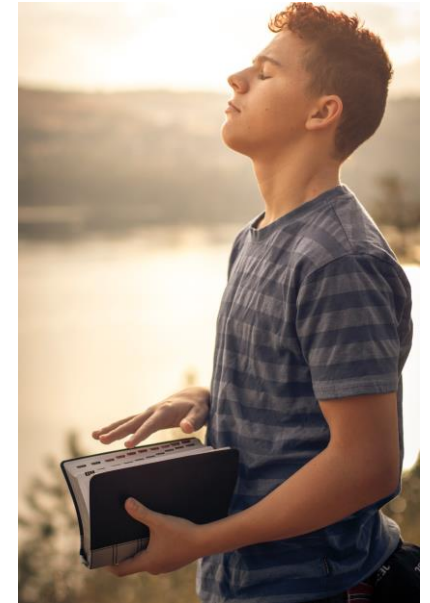
Music arr. Wendell Whalum

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Scripture Reader: 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.



Hebrew Scriptures - Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-18, 22-25 (NRSV)

Joshua Challenges the People to Choose God.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors — Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, **choose this day whom you will serve**, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but **as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.**" Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." ... And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign

gods that are among you, and **incline your hearts to the Lord**, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day...

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Fly Away Home* - arr. Mary MacDonald

Life Lesson: *"Faith is How We Live & NOT What We Believe"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Song of Hope & Healing Voices United # 560

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

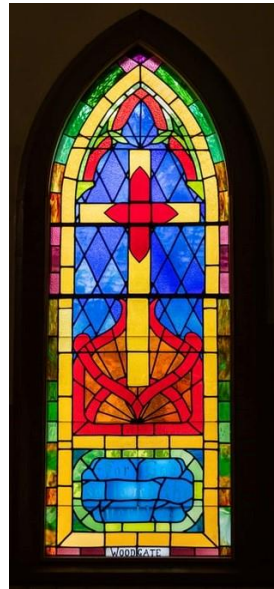
- 1 O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
teach me thy secret, help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
with some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.
- 3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee,
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sure and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,

4 in hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden, 1879, alt.
Music: Henry Percy Smith, 1874.
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Prayers of Hope and Healing **The Lord's Prayer**

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: "Why I Give" – Paul Scott

Invitation to Giving & Sharing

Each day of our lives we are presented with opportunities to respond to God's love and give of ourselves in faithful service. There are many ways to give, each according to our own abilities, all gifts working together for

the sake of the mission and ministry entrusted to us by God. You are invited to give, as able, to support the work of God through this Community of Faith.

Offertory Song: Voices United #542

"We Give You But Your Own"

We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.

Words: William Walsham How 1858, alt.
Music: Johann Balthasa König 1738. adapt. William Henry Havergal, 1847.
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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

O great and loving God, we give you thanks that you have given your faithful people a love for justice and the gift of generosity. Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness as we await the coming of your peace. **Amen.**

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Hope & Going Forth Voices United #634

"To Abraham and Sarah"

1 To Abraham and Sarah
the call of God was clear,
'Go forth and I will show you
a country rich and fair.

You need not fear the journey
for I have pledged my word,
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'

2 From Abraham and Sarah
arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey
on God's abundant grace;
and in their heart was written
by God this saving word:
'that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'

3 We of this generation
on whom God's hand is laid,
can journey to the future
secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness
and trusting in this word:
'that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'



Words: Judith Fetter 1984

Music: (Aurelia VU 331) Samuel S. Wesley 1864

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Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Prelude No. 8 in Gm - J.S. Bach*

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 this week to Joan MacKinnon, Brian Brooks and Rev. Takouhi.

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

Don't Forget your Fundscrip Orders!!

Christmas is coming and Gift Cards make a great gift. Did you know that as well as retail store gift cards, you can purchase gas & grocery cards? You can place your own order and have the gift cards shipped right to your home or we can order them for you. Order forms are on the table at the back, orders will be sent in Nov 12th. Contact Linda Brooks 613-382-2385

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/>

Our Annual Red Wagon Food Drive will begin on November 26th.

Here is a list of items for each date.

Monetary Gifts are also appreciated.



November 26th - Personal Items, Cleaning products

Toilet Paper, Paper towels, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Toothbrushes, Feminine products, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Household Cleaning products.

December 3rd - Breakfast Items

Various Cereal, Oatmeal, Instant Oatmeal, Jams & Jellies, Peanut Butter, & Peanut Butter substitutes, Pancake Mix and syrup.

December 10th Canned goods

Tuna, Salmon, Flaked Chicken or Ham, Spam, Vegetables, Tomatoes, Chunky Soups, Stews, Mayonnaise, Ketchup.

December 17th - Snack Items & Miscellaneous.

Juice Boxes, Kids snack packs, Peanut free snacks, Granola bars, Crackers, Cookies, Popcorn, Cake mixes.

Christmas Market – Saturday, December 2nd

Donations of NEW or GENTLY USED ITEMS appreciated for the Raffle Table & Silent Auction. If you would like to donate a "Theme" Basket for the Market, please contact Laurie or sign the sheet at the back of the church. We will also need Baked Goods for our Bake Table, cakes, cookies, squares, fudge, breads etc.

Anyone who would like to help with this event is welcome. We need helpers for cleanup, servers, kitchen helpers, bake table, ticket sellers. Sign-up Sheets at the back of the 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 November 2023

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent	Anniversary
Nov 5	66	\$ 2062.50	\$ 207.50	\$20.00	\$110.00
Nov 12					
Nov 19					
Nov 26					
PAR					
BMO					

Thank you for your generosity.

UCW meeting on Monday November 20th at 1:30 pm. They will be making Their annual Christmas cards for shut-ins.

Everyone is asked to bring a few cookies to share.

All ladies are welcome.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 – 4:45 p.m. Rev. Peter Bartlett will join us in the church hall to guide us with our Way Forward, our third step, which is "WHERE IS GOD CALLING US TO GO?"

Come and join us and help us journey on together.

Coming up this week at Grace United...

Sunday, November 12 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Morning Worship, Rev. Takouhi
Monday, November 13 10 – 11:30 6:30 pm	Office CLOSED – Vacation Day CPHC – Fall Prevention YOGA
Tuesday, November 14 8 am - noon 9 – Noon	Office 8am to 1 pm Pie Makers Quilters
Wednesday, November 15 10 to 12 pm 3:30 pm 4:45 pm	Office Closed Seniors Association - French Class YOGA The Way Forward
Thursday, November 16 1 – 2 pm 5:30 to 7:30	Office 8am to 1 pm Seniors Association - MELT Bootcamp/Zumba
Friday, November 17 10 – 11:30 am	Office 8am to 1pm CPHC Fall Prevention
Saturday, November 18	Office Closed
Sunday, November 19 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Rev Takouhi

Laurie will be away, Monday November 13th – Vacation Day

Coming Events this Fall/Winter

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

Tickets available at the church office 613-382-2161, the Gananoque Visitors Centre 613-382-8044, at Sunday morning Service or online. Visit our Facebook page for a link to purchase tickets.

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Bob Burtch and his bluegrass band feature some of North America's finest bluegrass players. Bob, known as the top bluegrass mandolin player, plays to sold out crowds everywhere he performs. Now is a rare opportunity to see him play and sing live.

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**BOB BURTCHE
BLUEGRASS**

Bob Burtch - Mandolin, Guitar, Vocals
Wayne Abrams - Guitar, Vocals • Mary Abrams - Vocals
Shawn Kellett - Fiddle • Ted Pelow - Banjo • Bill Lansdell - Bass

Friday, Nov. 24, 2023
Grace United Church
120 Pine St., Gananoque
7:30 p.m.
Tickets - \$25

Available at the 1000 Islands Visitors Centre
10 King Street East, Gananoque
or call the Church Office 613-382-2161

Visit Grace United Facebook page for a link to purchase tickets by Credit Card
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