

**Official Board Meeting
Today, following service.**

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The 2024 Directory will be out when the information is received.

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>

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**



Rideau Lakes Township - Photo by: Rev. Takouhi - May 9, 2021

Where Everyone is Part of the Family

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Worship is a Lifestyle NOT an Event

(Remember to pass this bulletin to someone else

You never know how you will Bless them)



Grace United Church

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

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May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

The Month of May is Asian Heritage Month.

Officially recognized in Canada since 2002, this is a time to prayerfully reflect on the contributions of Asian Canadians to Canadian society.

WE GATHER AS A RESURRECTION PEOPLE

Prelude: Meditation on "Jesus Loves Me"

Welcome – Mary Haussler

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:

"...there is nothing God will permit to remain between us and God's love. Love will conquer. Love will prevail. Love will win..."¹



Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Call to Worship

One: We are one,

All: One in the body of Christ.

One: We are one,

All: One in the household of God.

One: We are one,

All: Mother, father, sister, and brother,

Gramma and Grampa, aunt or uncle,

nephew or niece...single or in community...

One family connected by God's love.

One: So we come together...

All: as God's family, brought together at Christ's call—to sing, to pray, to share, and to worship God. Alleluia!

Richard Bott, St. Andrew's (Haney), Maple Ridge, B.C.

(Please stand as able)

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)

A Prayer for Asian Heritage Month (All):

As we celebrate this Asian Heritage Month, receive our thanksgiving,
O God, for the abundance of diverse cultures from Asia even in this
land we call Canada.

We pray for those who have come from various places in Asia, that they
may be accepted and the values they contributed to different Canadian
communities will be honored.

May we learn from one another and grow in respect and
understanding.

We pray, O God, for your guidance and strength as we face the
challenges of racial discrimination that affects the diverse Asian
communities in this country and other parts of the world. May we be

one in building a colourful and just society, where all peoples are honored and respected.
 We also ask your Spirit for the healing of the wounds of those who experienced hatred and violence.
 May they find support and shelter in their communities they deem safe.
 We ask for your blessing for those who continue to build connections between different cultures and communities.
 And may their efforts, O God, contribute richly toward harmony, compassion and justice.
 In this celebration month, may we learn from one another, grow and continue to celebrate our contribution ¹ *no matter where our heritage is from. We are ALL rooted in you* ². **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

"How Can We Show Love?"

(Please stand as able)

Song of Illumination: Voices United #365

"Jesus Loves Me"

1 Jesus loves me, this I know,
 for the Bible tells me so;
 little ones to him belong,
 in his love we shall be strong.
 Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

1 Rev. Ronnie Magno is originally from Cebu Conference Inc., of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, and currently serves at Grace-St. Andrew's United Church, Arnprior ON

2 Italics- added by Rev. Takouhi

2 Jesus loves me, this I know,
 as he loved so long ago,
 taking children on his knee,
 saying, 'Let them come to me.'
 Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

3 Jesus loves me still today,
 walking with me on my way,
 wanting as a friend to give
 light and love to all who live.
 Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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Music: William Batchelder Bradbury 1862

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(Please be seated)

Scripture Reader: Shirley Clark

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Gospel of John 15:9-17 (NRSV)

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy

may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

For the Sacred Story is God's story,

All: for the Sacred Story is our story,

Reader: for the Sacred Story is our source and inspiration.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *People Need the Lord* – Nelson, McHugh – arr. Mary MacDonald

Life Lesson "What a friend we have in Jesus..."

Song of Assurance: Voices United #664

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,

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O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.

Words: Joseph Medlicott Scriven ca. 1855

Music: Charles Crozat Converse 1868

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of Hope and Healing

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

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.**



Your Generosity Matters: A Beacon of Hope

Invitation to Offer Ourselves, Finances, Gifts and Talents to God



It was just over a month ago that we celebrated Christ's rising from the dead and walking among us. But the media distracts us, our activities keep us busy, and we forget that this is still Eastertide and that we are to honour this time of physical communion with Christ. It's hard to feel the spirit with inflation taking a toll on our income, family responsibilities, maybe

working more than one job, and just the state of the world! Yet Christ is there. When we give generously and freely, we are bringing the spirit of Christ to everywhere our gifts reach. Let us present our offering. WE give as able.

Our Offerings are Received - Music

(Please stand as able)

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

Music: Johann Balthasar König 1738; adapt. William Henry Havergal 1847
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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):

In our busy lives and in our quiet times, Jesus, you are with us. We offer our gifts and those given through PAR and online for the work of God's church to bring Christ's presence into people's lives. **Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #602

"Blest be the Tie that Binds"

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;

the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.

- 2 Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.
- 4 This glorious hope revives
our courage on the way;
that we shall live in perfect love
in God's eternal day.

Words: John Fawcett 1782, alt.

Music: attrib. Johann G. Nägeli 1728; arr. Lowell Mason 1845
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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: *Prelude in G minor - 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.

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 Dave, Betty, John, Mackensie, Maryfil, Nicole, Max and Angus.

Happy Anniversary to Steve & Connie.

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

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.

Congratulations and thank you to the organizers of, "The Bobby Concert" held on Thursday, April 25th. It was a wonderful evening of music and very well attended.

Revenue \$2810.00 less (Expenses \$1022.40) = Proceeds \$1787.60

MAKE SURE YOUR NAME & THE AMOUNT ARE ON YOUR DONATION

ENVELOPES. 2024 Envelopes are out and ready for pick up.

If you would like envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet available on the table in the Narthex.

Offerings April 2024

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
April 7	40	\$ 1237.50	\$ 287.50	\$ 270.00
April 14	34	\$ 837.50	\$ 407.50	\$ 35.00
April 21	38	\$547.50	\$ 157.50	\$250.00 **
April 28	39	\$112.50	\$ 152.50	\$40.00
PAR		\$1870.00	\$ 278.50	\$ 57.50
BMO		\$ 550.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00

****\$200 for Count Your Blessings and \$50 for Community Kitchen**

Thank you for your generosity.

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 are located on the table in the Narthex.

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/>



Gananoque Choral Society Concert

Theme - On Broadway

**Today, Sunday, May 5th, 2:30 pm -
at Lansdowne United Church**

Admission: Adults \$15, Children under 14 yrs \$5, Family \$30

Tickets available at the door.



Thursday, May 16th

from 1-3 in the afternoon

Cleaning Bee in the Sanctuary

Join us



call Tammy:

613-328-7766



CARDS

Session is looking for donations of cards,

Sympathy, Get Well Soon & Thinking of you.

*If you have cards you would like to donate,
Place them in the box located in the Narthex.*



**Humankind – June 22, 2024 @ 2 p.m. and 7 P.M.
Joel Stone Park**

A 45-minute experience through movement and music of the story of the 117.5 million displaced persons in the world today.
Organized by Deb Donaldson. 613-453-4190



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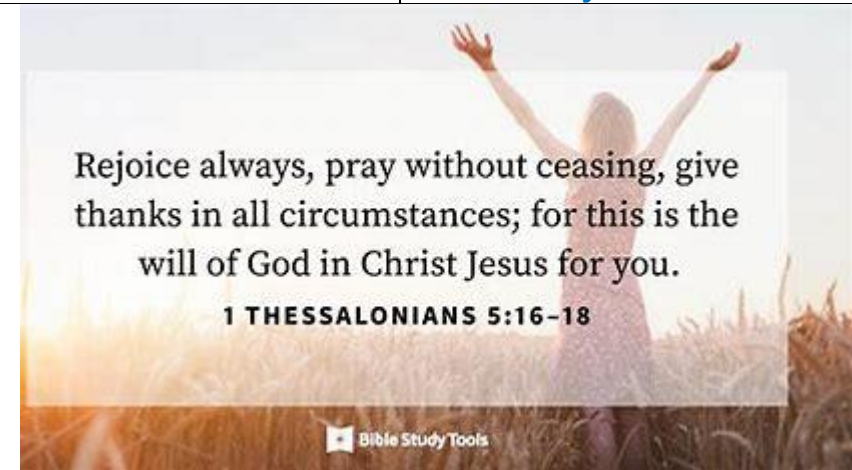
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22 June 2024. 2 and 7 pm
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Contact Deb Donaldson for more info 613-453-4190

Coming up this week at Grace United...

Sunday, May 5th 10:30 am Worship Following Service	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev Takouhi Official Board Meeting
Monday, May 6	Office 8am – 1pm
Tuesday, May 7 9am – 12pm	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters Pie Makers
Wednesday, May 8 10:30 am	Office Closed Seniors French Class
Thursday, May 9 10:30 to 12 pm 1:30 – 2:30	Office 8am – 1pm Choir Practice (10:30 – 12pm) Seniors – MELT Fitness
Friday, May 10 10:00am	Office 8am – 1pm Stewards Meeting
Saturday, May 11 9:30 – 2pm	Office Closed Community Kitchen (Session Full)
Sunday, May 12 10:30am Morning Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson Mothers Day



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18