

WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>

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Service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.



Christian Family Sunday | The United Church of Canada (united-church.ca)

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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Director of Music

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

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May 12, 2024

Christian Family Sunday

Order of Worship

Tammy Fergusson, Licensed Lay Worship Leader

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 "Promise" Natalie Sleeth*

Welcome – Colleen Harding

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: John 17:20

I ask not only on behalf of them, but also on behalf of those who will believe me...that they may all be one



Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Call to Worship *(Psalm 1)*

Happy are those who delight in the ways of the Lord!

We are like trees planted by the water,

And by the Holy Spirit, we shall bear fruit in our own season

For God watches over us like a Mother caring for her family.

Prayer of Approach *(Responsive)*

One: Parents and children, siblings and cousins,

Grandparents and Greats -

Aunts, Uncles and more -

All: Family in God's love!

One: By adoption, by choice,

By birth, or just because -

All: Family in God's love!

One: People well known,

People never met,

People near, people far -

All: Family in God's love!

One: Come as you are.
Come as you will be
Come worship all you
Who are ...

All: Family in God's love!

Richard Bott

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United # 395

Come In, Come In and Sit Down

Refrain Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

1 You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. Refrain

2 God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. Refrain

3 There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. Refrain

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4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. Refrain

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(Please be seated)

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

Can you give me a helping hand?

Prayer for the Young at Heart

**All: Dear Creator God,
Ready are our hands to service,
At home, at school, at play.
Here our feet can carry us,
With good decisions made.
Now our hearts can feel the love,
That Jesus once showed us.
Prepared are we to serve the Lord,
For the Kingdom of God.**

(Please stand as able)

Song of Illumination: Voices United #606

In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,

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but one great family of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

3 Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
all children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christ-like souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Words: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.

Music: "St. Peter" Alexander Robert Reinagle ca. 1830

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(Please be seated)

Scripture Reader: Pam Shea

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

John 17: 6-19' I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they

have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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: *Come Christians Join to Sing* - arr. Joel Raney

Life Lesson: *Just Like A Mother's Love* - Tammy Fergusson

Song of Assurance: Voices United #679

Let There Be Light

- 1 Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face;
- 2 open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace;
- 3 perish the sword,
perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain;
- 4 hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be your name;
- 5 your kingdom come,
your spirit turn to language,
your people speak together,
your spirit never fade;
- 6 let there be light;
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of Hope and Healing

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: Educating Future Leaders

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

Please 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):

**Creator God,
Long ago, you made this world,
So wonderful was your work, that you blessed it saying,
"Be fruitful and multiply!"
We share in God's first joy
And the abundance found within our church
As you provide for us, we provide for you.
Bless these monetary gifts given to Grace United today
And may it be enough for the works of your blessings.**

(Please be seated)

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

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #635

All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

- 1 All the way my Saviour leads me;
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy
who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in him to dwell,
for I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.
- 2 All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see!
- 3 All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
'Jesus led me all the way!'

Words: Fanny Crosby 1875

Music: Robert Lowry 1875

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

*Go now in peace, never be afraid
 God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day
 Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
 Know God will guide you in all you do.
 Go now in love, and show you believe.
 Reach out to others so all the world can see.
 God will there watching from above.
 Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
 Amen. Amen. Amen.*

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(Please be seated)

Organ Postlude: *Trumpet Voluntary in D - Jeremiah Clarke*

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 Gloria, and Diane.
 Happy Anniversary to Paul & Colleen**

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.

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 May 2024

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
May 5	46	\$ 842.50	\$ 187.50	\$ 0.00
May 12				
May 19				
May 26				
PAR				
BMO				

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.

120 Pine ST. Gananoque, On K7G 1C7,

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/>

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.*

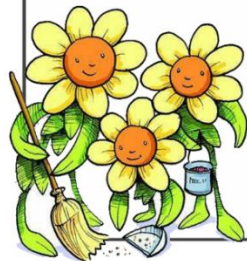


Thursday, May 16th

from 1-3 in the afternoon

Cleaning Bee in the Sanctuary

Join us



call Tammy:

613-328-7766



Rev. Takouhi will be away for **Study Leave & Long Weekend May 11 – 22 (Inclusive)**. This is her annual preaching conference. This year it is held in Pittsburgh. The Theme for the week is: **"Sustaining and Nurturing the Preaching Life"**. This is a very important conference where Rev. Takouhi nourishes her soul, so that she can be refreshed and rejuvenated – to Give her best to all God has Called her to serve.

Next two Sundays, May **12 & 19**, Worship Celebration will be led by **Tammy Fergusson**, For any **Pastoral Care Emergencies Liz Church** can be reached at: **902-441-5357**.

Please pray for your minister and Many others who will be travelling to this conference. May you ALL be Blessed as You continue to Celebrate God's Presence amongst you. Amen.

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

Sunday, May 12 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson
Monday, May 13	Office 8am – 1pm
Tuesday, May 14 9am – 12pm	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters Pie Makers
Wednesday, May 15 10:30 am	Office Closed Seniors French Class
Thursday, May 16 10:30 to 12 pm 1:30 – 2:30	Office 8am – 1pm Choir Practice (10:30 – 12pm) Seniors – MELT Fitness
Friday, May 17	Office 8am – 1pm
Saturday, May 18	Office Closed
Sunday, May 19 10:30am Morning Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson
Monday, May 20th Victoria Day	Office Closed



**God be with our family
From the youngest to the oldest
Lighting up our relationships,
Showing grace into our troubles**

**God be with our family
Weaving love into our work
Our rest and our play
Amen**