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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>

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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**



***Where Everyone is Part of the Family***

***&***

***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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**Ordained Minister**

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro B.A., B.Th., M.Div.

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

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**Grace United Church**

**Tammy Fergusson Licensed Lay Worship Leader**

**May 19, 2024**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**We Gather As A Resurrection People**

**Organ Prelude:** *Meditation on "Spirit of Gentleness" - James Manley*

**Welcome: Wes Rideout**

**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 Centre Our Hearts for Worship.)*

**Spiritual Focus:**

The Spirit is interceding in our lives, stoking the winds of change. May we feel the winds of God on our faces and the flames of Pentecost bringing us together in celebration and unity.

*Right Reverend Dr. Carmen Lansdowne - United Church Moderator*

**Lighting the Christ Candle** *(The Christ candle is lit.)*

We light this candle to welcome the presence of the risen Christ here with us today.

We light this candle remembering a time when the Spirit came down like flames of fire, praying that we too, may be warmed, inspired, and ignited by the dancing flames of the Spirit working in us in this time of worship and all the days of our lives.

*Robert Cosby, Trinity UC Thunder Bay Ont.*

**Call to Worship** *Romans 8:26-27*

Glory to God,  
Creator, Teacher,  
And the Holy Spirit.  
The Spirit that intercedes our every thought,  
With sighs too deep for words.  
God searches the heart,  
And knows what is the mind of the Spirit.  
The Spirit given today to help in our weakness.

**Prayer of Approach**

**O God of wind and fire, we come to be with you.**

**Energize us with power and jubilation.**

**Loosen our spirits that we might share messages of inclusion.**

**Open our hearts that we might receive your call to action.**

**Fill us up, O God of glory**

**With your Divine Spirit.**

*Laura Turnbull, Penticton, BC*

*(Please stand as able)*

**Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #264**

***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise;  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee!

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith 1867, alt. 1987

Music: Welsh folk song, arr. John Roberts (Henllan) in Caniadau y Cyssegr 1839

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*(Please be seated)*

**WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES**

**Time with Youth and Young at Heart** The Spirit Moves Us!

**Prayer for the Young at Heart** *Responsive*

**All: May the Spirit of the Lord**

One: Be in my head, that it may think in kindness.

**All: May the Spirit of the Lord**

One: Be in my ears, that they may hear your words.

**All: May the Spirit of the Lord**

One: Be in my mouth, with laughter, joy and silence.

**All: May the Spirit of the Lord**

One: Be in my hands, in my feet and in my heart.

**All: May all of God be in all of us,**

**Filling us up with your trust and love.**

*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Illumination: Voices United #375**

***Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness***

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.

2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes.

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions your people arise.

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.

Words and music: James K. Manley 1975

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*(Please be seated)*

**Scripture Reader:** Vicki Leakey

**Scripture: Acts 2: 1-21(NRSV)**

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

**All: Our ears and hearts are open.**

**In the Scripture Reading of Acts 2: 1-21, we hear about Luke's account of the coming of the Holy Spirit. This event was anticipated by promises made in both the Gospel of Luke and in the Book of Acts. At the end of the reading, Peter stands to explain what they just witnessed. He quotes Jeremiah 2: 28-32 as proof that God's promise was fulfilled. Peter's Pentecost speech signals the beginning of the Christian witness that was promised.**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power. 'All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean? 'But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

### **Peter Addresses the Crowd**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader: 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:** *He Touched Me - William Gaither, Daniel Self*

**Life Lesson** Let us Be Spirit-Filled People ... Tammy Fergusson

*(Please remain seated)*

**Song of Assurance: Voices United #376** Spirit of the Living God

1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

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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.**



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

*(Please stand as able)*

**Offertory Song: Voices United #541** Praise God From Whom All  
Blessings Flow

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 of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**Life-giving Spirit,**

**Bring to the bones of these gifts**

**The flesh of our actions,**

**And the breath of our caring, that our church and our service to  
others**

**May come to life in your name.**

*Celebrate God's Presence A Book of Services*

*(Please be seated)*

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

*(Please stand as able)*

### **Song of Going Forth: Voices United #574**

#### ***Come, Let Us Sing Of A Wonderful Love***

- 1 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,  
tender and true, tender and true,  
out of the heart of the Father above,  
streaming to me and to you:  
wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.
- 2 Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell  
joyfully came, joyfully came,  
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,  
sharing their sorrow and shame,  
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,  
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.
- 3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;  
why do they roam? why do they roam?  
Love only waits to forgive and forget;  
home, weary wanderers, home!  
Wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.
- 4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!  
Come and abide, come and abide,  
lifting my life till it rises above  
envy and falsehood and pride:

seeking to be, seeking to be  
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

Words: Robert Walmsley ca. 1900.

Music: Adam Watson.

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### **Sending Forth**

Go now as a Spirit-filled people,  
Full of God's bold transformation.  
Filled with Christ's gentle leadership.  
Gifted by the Holy Spirit.  
Now and always

### **Benediction**

And may God surprise you on your way  
May Christ Jesus be your company,  
And the Holy Spirit lift up your life.  
*Celebrate God's Presence A Book of Services*

### **Choral Amen**

**Organ Postlude:** March from "Occasional Overture" - G.F. Handel

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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.***



**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 Betty & Christina.**

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	37	\$ 872.50	\$ 172.50	\$ 32.50
May 19				
May 26				
PAR				
BMO				

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**A Celebration of Life for Charlie Donevan will be held here at Grace United on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. We need a few volunteers to Usher and operate the Elevator. If you can help, contact Laurie in the office. 613-382-2161. Thank you in advance.**

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)

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](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/>

**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.



# Grace United Church

120 Pine St., Gananoque

Presents,

## "Triola Trio"



## "Melodia" Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

a delightful evening of  
string music and a harmony  
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**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 19 10:30 am Worship	<b>Office Closed</b> Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson
<b>Monday, May 20</b>	<b>Office Closed Victoria Day</b>
Tuesday, May 21 9am – 12pm	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> Quilters
Wednesday, May 22	<b>Office Closed</b>
Thursday, May 23 10:30 to 12 pm 1:30 – 2:30	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> Choir Practice (10:30 – 12pm) Seniors – MELT Fitness
Friday, May 24	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b>
Saturday, May 25	<b>Office Closed</b>
Sunday, May 26 10:30am Morning Worship	<b>Office Closed</b> Worship Leader, Rev Takouhi