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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.

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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May 26, 2024 - Order of Worship

Trinity Sunday



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

Organ Prelude: *Meditation on "NICÆA" - John Bacchus Dykes*

Welcome – Joan MacKinnon

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:

"Trinity: Unity in Diversity that Transforms EVERYTHING!"

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Gathering Call:

Blessed be God,
Eternal Majesty, Living Word, Abiding Spirit.
Glory to the Triune God forever and forever. Amen.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise & Worship: Voices United #315

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth
and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber ca. 1820, alt.

Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1861

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(Please be seated)

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Prayer of the Day (All):

Holy God, source of all goodness.

You give life beauty and Love and No One can be separated from.

Teach us how to love each other through your perfect Love, so we may
have life, and have it abundantly, with you, in Christ, and through the
Holy Spirit. The Triune God of LOVE. **Amen**

Scripture Reader: Dave Charles

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Epistle: Romans 8:12-17 (NRSV):

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So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live
according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will
die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will
live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you
did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have
received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very
Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if
children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact,
we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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: *Peace Like a River* - arr. Joel Raney

Life Lesson: *“Trinity: Respectful Relationships...”*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(Please stand as able)

Song for Baptism: Voices United # 644

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

1 I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.



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- 2 I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.
- 3 When you heard the wonder of the word,
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
- 4 If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.
- 5 In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young.
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
- 6 When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.
- 7 I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

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(Please be seated)

Lighting of the Family Memorial Candles

(Susan (Schellenberger) Wright; Holly (Wright) Schueler; and Taylor Wright)

Minister: *(Mark 10:13-16)* People were bringing little children to Jesus.
The disciples rebuked those who brought them.
Jesus saw this and said to them

All: "Let the little children come to me..."

Minister: Members and friends in and through Christ,
today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism through the Gift
of Grace. Ordinary element such as water helps us experience
a Sacred moment through The Spirit.

**All: We are one body and one spirit. Our Hope is rooted in the
Creator, who continues to create in, through and with us.**

Minister: There is One God, One Faith, One Baptism,
One Creator of us all.

Session Rep.: On behalf of the congregation of **Grace United Church**,
I present *Nolan Richard Grahame Schueler* the son of *Christopher
Martin Schueler & Holly Yvonne Doris Wright* for initiation into the
Body of Christ.

COMMITMENT OF PARENTS

Minister: *Chris & Holly* today is a very special day. You have decided
to Baptize your son *Nolan*. The act of Baptism is accepting the claim
that your child is called **Beloved by God**, and you accept this gift with
gratitude. As parents, you are entrusted to nurture and guide your
child in the path of God's Light.

I ask you now, in the presence of God and of this community:

✚ Do you confess your faith in God as Creator; Jesus the embodiment of God's Love; and the Spirit God's presence in and among us?

Parents: We do, God being our helper.

✚ Do you commit yourselves to follow the way of Love as demonstrated in the life of Jesus in your private and public life?

Parents: We do, God being our helper.

✚ Will you support the life and work of the church in this community and/or wherever you are found?

Parents: We will, God being our helper.

✚ Will you share your faith with your child, and ensure that the Compassionate Teachings of Jesus are planted in him?

Parents: We will, God being our helper.

COMMITMENT OF GODPARENTS

Minister: *Taylor & Brittany (Wright); Keith & Aime (Schueler)* as godparents will you grow in faith with *Nolan*, trusting that, "You are not alone, you live in God's world"?

Godparent: We will, God being our helper.

Minister: Recognizing that many persons nurture and influence the life of a child, will you support *Nolan* and his parents as he grows in faith?

Godparent: We will, God being our helper.

Minister: Sharing your faith is the most precious gift to *Nolan*.
We are glad to hear and to witness your commitment.

COMMITMENT OF CONGREGATION

Minister: As a baptized and baptizing church let us covenant with this family, one another, and God.

All: As a baptized and baptizing church, we commit ourselves anew to nurture and support one another.

Minister: Let us stand as able and say together the New Creed
(Please stand as able)

All: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

A New Creed - The United Church of Canada, General Council, 1968

(Please be seated)

Pouring of Water

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive)

Minister: Creator God, you formed this world out of the dark waters of chaos. And time and again you have saved us as we have passed through the dark waters of life.

All: We remember the flood and your gracious promise sealed in the rainbow. We remember Jesus, and the way he was protected by the waters of Mary's womb. We remember John, and the way he baptized. We remember the disciples, and the way in which they shared in the ministry of Jesus, his death, resurrection, and the sharing of the Gospel throughout the world.



Minister: So we come before you today, grateful for the promise and the power of water. We pray that your Holy Spirit blesses this gift and this child who will receive it. Embrace him in your Love and Cover him in your Peace.

All: Amen.

Baptism in the Name of the Triune God

Blessing / Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Laying On of Hands – Prayer



PRESENTATIONS

Session Rep. Presents the *Baptismal Candle & Baptism Certificate*

(The baptismal candle is lit from the Christ Candle, signifying the light of Christ, and presented to the parents on the child's behalf)

Session Rep.: *Nolan Richard Grahame Schueler*, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works for the glory to God.

Amen

Caring & Sharing Team Member: *Prayer Blanket*

Minister: Presentation of a Bible

INTRODUCTION TO CONGREGATION

Minister: Members of **Grace United Church** I introduce to you, *Nolan Richard Grahame Schueler* a child of God, member of the Body of Christ. We welcome him into the Household of Faith, with deep Joy and Thanksgiving.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song after Baptism: Voices United #: 452

"You Have Put On Christ"

You have put on Christ,

In Christ you have been baptised.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Words: from the Rite of Baptism ICEL, ca 1969

Music: Howard Hughes 1977

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

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



God asks us, "Whom shall I send?"

And through our gifts, we say to God, "Here I am, send me!" There is a purpose for everything you have been given and for everything that you give. Respond from the fullness of your heart and your love for the world God created, and trust that God will use it for good.

Let us now present our gifts.

Our Offerings are Received – *Organ: Father in Heaven – G.F. Handel*

(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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(Please Remain standing)

Offertory Prayer: 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.**

(Please be seated)



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

(Please stand as able)

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

Postlude: *"The Rejoicing"* - G.F. Handel

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 Shirley & Alyn.

Happy Anniversary to Laurie & Gerard.

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.

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, or 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/>

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	32	\$ 877.75	\$ 152.50	\$ 0.00
May 26				
PAR				
BMO				

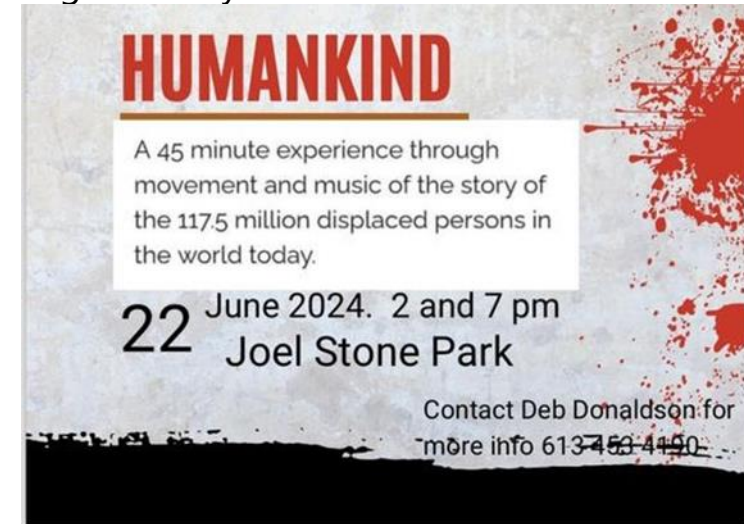
Thank you for your generosity.

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



Grace United Church

120 Pine St., Gananoque

Presents,

"Triola Trio"



"Melodia"

Thursday, June 20th

7:30pm

a delightful evening of
string music and a harmony
of beautiful voices.

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Half Moon Bay Services Resume – June 30th - List of Speakers

June 30

Reverend Erin Burns
Director of Faith & Spiritual Life
& Interfaith Chaplain
Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario

July 14

The Reverend Mike Keville
CrossRoads Community Church
Chittenango, N.Y.

July 28

Reverend David Stevens
Boyd's United Church
Boyd's Settlement, ON

July 07

Reverend Marianne Emig Carr
First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, ON
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church,
Caintown, ON

July 21

The Right Reverend Mary Gibson-Irwin
Bishop, Anglican Diocese of Montreal
Montreal, P.Q.

August 07

Reverend Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro
Grace United Church
Gananoque, ON

August 11

Reverend Mark Pierce
Retired, United Methodist Church
Cape, Vincent, N.Y.

Coming up this week at Grace United....

Sunday, May 26 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi
Monday, May 27	Office 8am – 1pm
Tuesday, May 28 9am – 12pm	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters
Wednesday, May 29 3:30 to 8:30	Office Closed Community Kitchen
Thursday, May 30 10:30 to 12 pm	Office 8am – 1pm Choir Practice (10:30 – 12pm)
Friday, May 31	Office 8am – 1pm
Saturday, June 1	Office Closed
Sunday, June 2 10:30am Morning Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson