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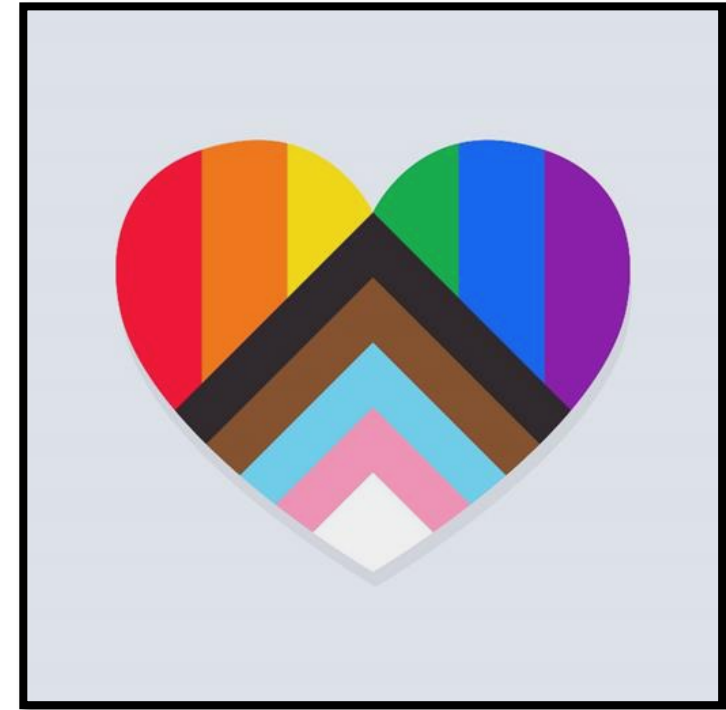
If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again, watch on YouTube.

<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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Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

July 14, 2024

Eight Sunday of Pentecost

Grace United Church

Second Annual Pride Worship Celebration

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Prelude: *A Rainbow is Dancing* - Mary-Ellen Kish, Gwen Chapman

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.

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Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Centering Music: *We Center Our Hearts for Worship.*

Spiritual Focus:

“And you, beloved, are the light of the world.

*A city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden. Similarly it would be silly to light a lamp and then hide it under a bowl. When someone lights a lamp, she puts it on a table or a desk or a chair, and the light illumines the entire house. You are like that illuminating light. Let your light shine everywhere you go, that you may illumine creation, so men and women everywhere may see your good actions, may see creation at its fullest, may see your devotion to Me, and may turn and praise your Father in heaven because of it.” **Matthew 5:14-16***

(The VOICE, adapted for gender neutral language)

Lighting the Christ Candle – The Source of ALL Light

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Lighting the Rainbow Coloured Candles¹

(from the Christ Candle)

Red = Life.

We light the red candle, symbolizing life in all its richness.

Orange = Healing.

We light the orange candle, symbolizing healing.

Yellow = Sunlight.

We light the yellow candle, symbolizing sunlight.

Green = Nature.

We light the green candle, symbolizing nature.

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Indigo/Blue = Harmony/Serenity.

We light the blue candle, symbolizing harmony.

Violet = Spirit.

We light the violet candle, symbolizing Spirit.

Call to Worship (Responsive):²

One: Look to your left, and look to your right...
these are your companions on the journey.
In unity, let us pray:

**All: A path has been set before us
and we look to our Guide, Spirit.
Help us walk this path of justice and peace
this road of celebration and authenticity.**

One: Hear the words of our Teacher, Jesus:
"If any one of you wants to follow Me,
you will have to give yourself up to God's plan,
take up your cross, and do as I do." (Mark 8:34 The VOICE)

All: We are here, ready and willing, God.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song: More Voices #1

"Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)"

(Please be seated)



² Rev. Tori Mullin – https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/2023-01/2023-pie-day-service_mullin.pdf – June 26, 2024

Invitation to Prayer of Transformation

Prayer of Transformation (A Confession & Assurance for the Downtrodden)³ (Responsive):

All: Living God, it can be hard to walk the path ahead of us.

**There are potholes and barriers,
storms and sweltering heat,
even hecklers throwing stones.**

Standing firm and walking tall can be a scary thing.

**It's all too easy to hunch our backs,
to hide our faces
and shuffle our feet.**

But you gave us one another.

**Companions, to wrap arms around weary shoulders,
to walk in solidarity with one another.**

One: Be assured, friends, that we are not alone;
never alone in this family of God.
Jesus tells us to come,
all who are tired and overwhelmed,
and we will find rest and
companionship together.

For that we say:

All: Amen.

Special Music: *The Greatest Love of All* – Michael Masser, Linda Creed
Soloist: B Heaslip

³ https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/2023-01/2023-pie-day-service_mullin.pdf - June 27, 2024



Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reader: Colleen Harding

Reader: We listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Psalm 16 (The VOICE, adapted for gender neutral language):



Protect me, God, for the only safety I know is found
in the moments I seek You.

I told You, Eternal One, "You are my Lord,
for the only good I know in this world is found in
You alone."

The beauty of faith-filled people encompasses me.
They are true, and my heart is thrilled beyond
measure.

All the while the despair of many,

who abandoned Your goodness for the empty promises of false
gods, increases day by day.

I refuse to pour out blood offerings,

to utter their names from my lips.

You, Eternal One, are my sustenance and my life-giving cup.

In that cup, You hold my future and my eternal riches.

My home is surrounded in beauty;

You have gifted me with abundance and a rich legacy.

I will bless the Eternal, whose wise teaching orchestrates my days

and centers my mind at night.

The Eternal is ever present with me;

at all times They go before me.

I will not live in fear or abandon my calling

because They stand at my right hand.

This is a good life—my heart is glad, my soul is full of joy,

and my body is at rest.

Who could want for more?

You will not abandon me to experience death and the grave

or leave me to rot alone.

Instead, You direct me on the path that leads to a beautiful life.

As I walk with You, the pleasures are never-ending,

and I know true joy and contentment.

Reader: Here ends the First Reading.

Second reading:

Philippians 1:27-28 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that,
whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will
know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with
one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those
opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of
your salvation. And this is God's doing.

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

May the Spirit of Wisdom add understanding to these words.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: *Shine* - Ed & Dean Roland

Soloist: B Heaslip

Give me a word, Give me a sign,

Show me where to look, Tell me, what will I find?

... Heaven let your light shine, down I'm gonna let it shine.

Heaven's little light gonna shine on me.

Life Lesson: "True Colours"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Song of Hope & Healing: More Voices #90

"Don't Be Afraid" (3X)

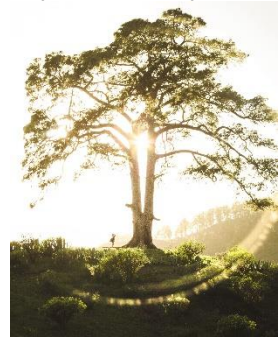
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
and I have promised, promised to be always near.

Words: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1995

Music: John L. Bell, 1995

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Prayers of Hope and Healing:

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary version - All):⁴

*(Offering this prayer in unison brings us together
and the words illustrate our common journey.)*

All: Our Parent, who is among us,
blessed be your Creation.

May your reign be a reality here on earth.

May we become more interested in building your kin-dom here and
now than in waiting for it to come down from above.

Let us share our bread with those who hunger.

Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.

Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil. For
ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth. **Amen.**

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⁴ 1 <https://www.manyvoices.org/blog/resource/contemporary-lords-prayer>

Your Generosity Matters:

Climate Justice through Cultural Movement

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

We give as able to spread God's Love with JOY!

Our Offerings are Received - Music

(Please stand as able)

Offertory Song: Voices United #545

"You Nourish Us" (Tune: Amazing Grace)

*You nourish us with food, O God, for body and for soul;
our love and service is our thanks,
for life that's free and whole.*

Words: Flora Litt and Wayne Irwin 1979

Music: from Virginia Harmony 1831, harm. Adriano Secco

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Offering Dedication Prayer (Responsive):

One: It is a gift to be able to give something away.

**ALL: We are called to be a part of something bigger
than ourselves.**

One: Spirit of Love, look upon us now.

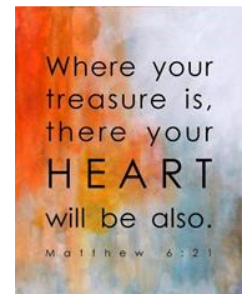
ALL: Bless these gifts; those we can see and those we cannot.

One: May our hopes come true for the better world we dream of

ALL: As we work together in love. Amen.[1]

(Please be seated)

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Assurance: More Voices #138

"My Love Colours Outside the Lines"



Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *You Raise Me Up* - *Brendan Graham, Rolf Løvland*

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 Bruce & Cheryl.

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

Offerings July 2024

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
July 7	25	\$ 472.50	\$ 162.50	\$ 0.00
July 14				
July 21				
July 28				
PAR				
BMO				

Thank you for your generosity.

NOTICE

**Official Board Meeting
Sunday, July 28th after morning service.**

Coming up this week at Grace United....

Sunday, July 14 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev Takouhi
Monday, July 15	Office 8am – 1pm
Tuesday, July 16 9am – 12pm	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters
Wednesday, July 17 2pm	Office Closed Seniors Association AGM
Thursday, July 18	Office 8am – 1pm
Friday, July 19 2:00pm	Office 8am – 1pm FoxRun Chapel Service
Saturday, July 20	Office Closed
Sunday, July 21	Worship Leader: Rev. Takouhi

Summer Vacation – Laurie will be away on holiday from July 29th to Aug 12th. Marg Worth is covering the phone and checking the mail while Laurie is away. Emails to the church office will not be monitored. If you would like an announcement to run in the Order of Service during this time, please send notice in prior to July 24th.



Beloved,
Let Us
Love
one another,
for love is of
GOD
and everyone
who loves
has been born of God, and
KNOWS
God.
1 JOHN 4:7

