

# WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH

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## Church Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00am to 1:00 p.m.

**(Closed on Wednesdays)**

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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.



***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

120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7

### Ordained Minister

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

### Director of Music

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

### Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

**July 28, 2024**

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### **Order of Worship**

**WE GATHER AS A RESURRECTION PEOPLE**

### **Organ Prelude**

### **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 Center Our Hearts for Worship.*

### **Spiritual Focus:**

*“Jesus reveals himself... **beckons us to wait...** and to hold fast to his hour **instead of pushing our agendas upon him...**”*

*Dr. Alicia D. Myers*



### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

### **Call to Worship**

### **Prayer of Approach (All):**

From the tops of our heads to the tips of our toes,  
with spirits reaching out and hearts open wide,  
we bring our whole selves to you today,  
gracious God,  
ready to receive your blessing  
for each of us and for our faith community.  
You are more than we can imagine;  
you work within us and among us  
in amazing ways.

From the tops of our heads to the tips of our toes,  
with spirits reaching out and hearts open wide,  
we bring our gratitude and our love, gracious God. **Amen.**

*Susan Lukey, High River U.C., High River, Alta.*

*(Please stand as able)*

### **Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #409**

*“Morning Has Broken”*

*(Please be seated)*

## WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

**Prayer of Illumination (All):** It is a challenge, Holy God, to make sense of scripture on our own. So, we give thanks for this opportunity to share it with each other in the company of your Holy Spirit. Help us to receive it both as an individual address and as a message to us as a community of faith, your church. Make us open in the receiving of it, and brave and committed in the living of it. **Amen.**

*Karen Boivin, City View U.C., Nepean, Ont.*

### Scripture Reader: Barb Jenkins

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

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

### Gospel of John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given

thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."



When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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.**

### Musical Gift

**Life Lesson** "When **You Let Jesus Get in YOUR Boat...**"

**Song of Assurance: Voices United #563**

*"Jesus, You have Come to the Lakeshore"*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

**Prayers of Hope and Healing**

**The Prayer that Jesus taught his followers -(Spoken)**

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: Facing an Uncertain Future in Lebanon**



**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 #356**

*"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" (Sung Twice)*

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and God's righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Hallelu, hallelujah.

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):**

God, we bring our gifts to you. We present the work of our hands and our desire to serve. Let our sharing of our gifts be part of the vision of how your world should be. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Sandy Ferguson, Strathearn U.C., Edmonton, Alta.*

*(Please be seated)*

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

*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Commitment: Voices United #675**

*"Will Your Anchor Hold"*

**Sending Forth & Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Organ Postlude**

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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.**

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**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 Brad, Dianna and Linda.**

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

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**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.**

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*Thank you to Wes Rideout who sponsored the Pies after service on July 14<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your generosity.*

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**NOTICE**  
**Official Board Meeting**  
**Today, after morning service.**

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**WRITE YOUR NAME & THE AMOUNT ARE ON YOUR DONATION ENVELOPE.**

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	68	\$ 1745.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 10.00
July 21	20	\$ 897.50	\$ 207.50	\$ 30.00
July 28				
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](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/>

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The speaker for Half Moon Bay on July 28/24 is

Reverend David Stevens

Boyd's United Church, Boyd's Settlement ON.

Music by Melodia Monday

This is an Interdenominational service

Come to the PUC dock, by the boat launch

There will be an accessible water taxi each week for the service at the dock between 3:00 – 3:30 in Gananoque to have a boat ride to

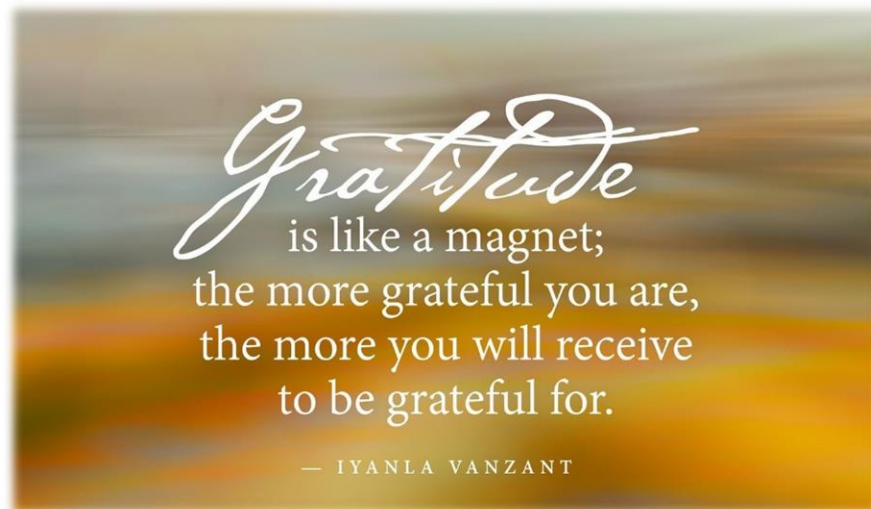
Bostwick Island Service is at 4:00 pm

<http://www.facebook.com/HMB1000> 613-484-6197 for further details

**Summer Vacation – Laurie will be away on holiday from July 29<sup>th</sup> to Aug 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 24<sup>th</sup>.**

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

<b>Sunday, July 28 10:30 am Worship</b>	<b>Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev Takouhi</b>
<b>Monday, July 29</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 30 9am – 12pm</b>	<b>Office Closed Quilters</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 31</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Thursday, Aug 1</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Friday, Aug 2</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Saturday, Aug 3</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Sunday, Aug 4</b>	<b>Worship Leader: Rev. Takouhi</b>



# Grace United Church

presents....



## Traditional Country Music at its finest.

**Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024 at 7:30pm**

At Grace United Church, 120 Pine St. Gananoque

The Plowboys are a tight-knit group of musicians brought together by their love for traditional country tunes. With roots deeply embedded in the rich soil of classic country sounds, they've cultivated a signature style that pays homage to the legends that paved the way while adding their own unique flair.

**Band Members**

Scott Haggerty, Al Torrance, Jim Haggerty,  
Brad Baldwin, Andy Schick

Tickets are \$25 person and available (cash only) at  
Grace United Church, Beggars Banquet Books  
Or, The Gananoque Visitors Centre.

Online – Visit our Facebook page for the link  
(A fundraiser for Grace United Church 613-382-2161)