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***Bulletin Dedication***

*Today's bulletin is dedicated in memory of:*

*Nevart Demirdjian (née Topalian)*

*(November 29, 1929-August 22, 1994)*

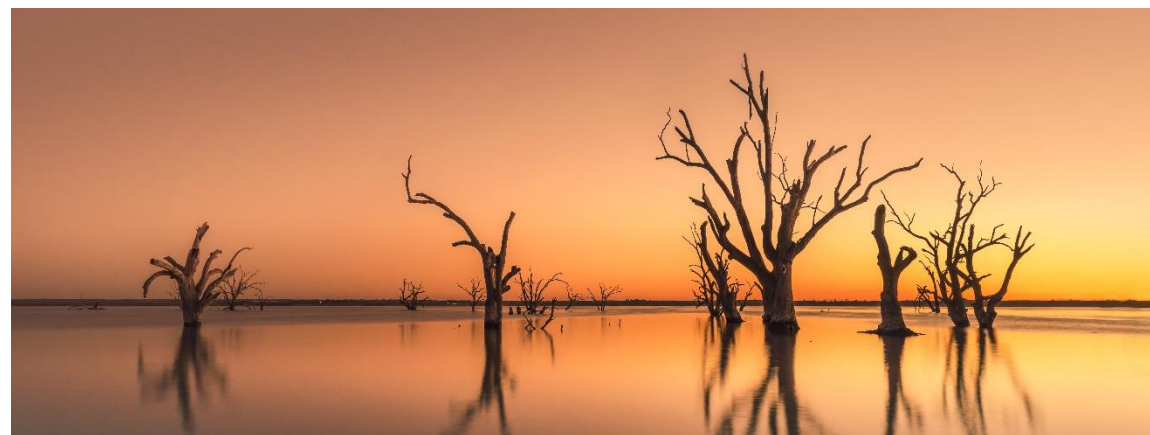
*Also, Helen Petro (née Hollick)*

*December 31, 1935 - August 22, 2012)*

*Forever in our hearts,*

*Gary, Takouhi and family*

# WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH



Dead trees in Lake Bonney, South Australia - <https://elements.envato.com/dead-trees-F9MRPS6>

***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

August 18, 2024

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### **Order of Worship**

## **We Gather as a Resurrection People**

**Prelude:** *Meditation on "Bunesan" - Gaelic Melody*

**Welcome – Shirley Clark**

### **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:**

*"To experience Jesus' **saving power**, believers **must feed** on him: **must absorb** his teaching, his **character**, his **mind**, and **ways...**"*

*Dr. Peter Claver Ajer*

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**



### **Call to Worship (Responsive):**

One: We gather in the name of Jesus – the bread of life, to teach us his ways, to transform the world and gave us the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, the Advocate, the Counsellor.

**All: All: Thanks be to God!**

*(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):**

God, our Living Father and Mother, we give you thanks for Jesus who is the Bread of Life. This morning we pray that you fill us with your Spirit that we may understand your will and live through Your Wisdom. We pray in Jesus name. **Amen.**



**Scripture Reader: Barb Jenkins**

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,  
**All: our ears and hearts are open.**

**Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here ends the first reading.

**Gospel of John 6:51-58**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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** – *Alex & Sean Price*

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

**Life Lesson:** *"A Life Worth Living..."*

**We Respond to God's Grace**

**Musical Gift:** *Alex & Sean Price*

*"Precious Lord Take My Hand"*

**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: "Nothing Can Hold Us Back"



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

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

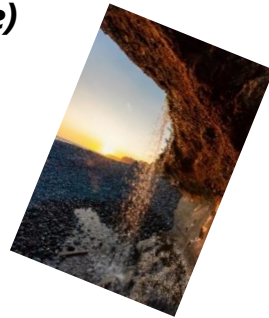
### **Our Offerings are Received - Music**

*(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):

You have given us so much,  
God of love and generosity.  
Help us as we respond to your gifts  
with the gifts of time, talent, and treasure.  
We dedicate these offerings to your work  
and our lives in your service. **Amen.**

*Beth W Johnston, Hantsport P.C., Hantsport, N.S.*

*(Please be seated)*

## God Sends Us into the World to Be the Church

*(Please stand as able)*

### Song of Commitment: Voices United #649 "Walk With Me"

### **Sending Forth & Benediction**

### **Choral Amen**

### **Organ Postlude: Prelude in D minor – J.S. Bach**

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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 Jack & Michelle**

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.**

**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 & August 2024**

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
July 7	25	\$ 472.50	\$ 162.50	\$ 0.00
July 14	68	\$ 1835.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 10.00
July 21	20	\$ 897.50	\$ 207.50	\$ 30.00
July 28	24	\$787.50	\$ 157.50	
PAR		\$ 1870.00	\$ 278.50	\$ 57.50
BMO		\$ 550.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00
Aug 4	26	\$ 5965.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 10.00
Aug 11	25	\$ 1954.00	\$ 252.50	

**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.

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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 CreditCard through CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/>

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

<b>Sunday, August 18</b> 10:30 am Worship	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Worship Leader, Rev Takouhi</b>
<b>Monday, August 19</b>	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 20</b> 9am – 12pm	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Quilters</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 21</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Thursday, August 22</b>	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b>
<b>Friday, August 23</b>	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b>
<b>Saturday, August 24</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Sunday, August 25</b>	<b>Worship Leader: Rev. Takouhi</b>



**The PlowBoys**

**Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**

At Grace United Church

Traditional Country Music at it’s finest.

Join us for a wonderful evening of music.

Tickets are \$25 /person available (Cash only) at Sunday service, the Church office, Beggars Banquet Books, the Gananoque Visitors Center or online [The Plowboys - CanadaHelps](#)