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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>

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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



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***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 25, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS A RESURRECTION PEOPLE

Prelude: *"Meditation on 'Faithfulness' - Wm. Runyan*

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.

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

"Following Jesus does not remove earthly troubles. However, abandoning Jesus makes everything unbearable..."

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro

Lighting the Christ Candle



Call to Worship (Responsive):

One: Beloved, let us rejoice and tell each other of God's Great Love.

All: O Lord our God, Your Love is Eternal!

One: In the great congregation Let us Sing to God our praises:

All: O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

One: Let us praise God not just today, but everyday, with every breath we take, no matter where we are found.

All: We will praise the Creator, wherever we are found.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #288

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

(Please be seated)

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reader: Linda Brooks

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.



Gospel of John 6:56-69

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 for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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.

A Musical Gift

Life Lesson: "To Whom Can We Go?"

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.**



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

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

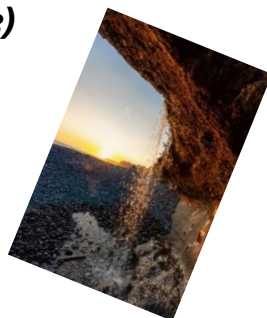
Our Offerings are Received - Music

(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):

We ask your blessing, God, on all who are gathered here and upon these gifts: for ourselves, for our brothers, sisters, and siblings, and for the world so that all may be transformed, and the world may be made new again, through us. In Jesus' name, we ask it. **Amen.**

Kate Crawford, Huron Shores U.C., Grand Bend, Ont.

(Please be seated)

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Commitment: Voices United #424

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: *St. Anthony Chorale - F.J. Haydn*

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 Martin & Dave.

Happy 57th Wedding Anniversary to Murray & Rhea and Happy 68th Wedding Anniversary to Jack & Gloria.

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.

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 August 2024

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
Aug 4	26	\$ 5965.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 10.00
Aug 11	25	\$ 1954.00	\$ 252.50	
Aug 18	30	\$ 1871.50	\$182.50	\$ 32.50
Aug 25				
PAR		\$ 1745.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 45.00
BMO		\$ 550.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00

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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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/>

Visioning Committee Update

The Visioning Committee Presentation that was scheduled after today’s service is cancelled. But not to worry! The Visioning Committee is working hard developing many ways to take Grace United into the future. We look forward to presenting to you in September.

Coming up this week at Grace United....

NOTE: The church office will be closed Monday, August 26th

Sunday, August 25 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev Takouhi
Monday, August 26	Office 8am – 1pm
Tuesday, August 27 9am – 12pm 8:30 – 12pm	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters PIES
Wednesday, August 28	Office Closed
Thursday, August 29	Office 8am – 1pm
Friday, August 30	Office 8am – 1pm
Saturday, August 31	Office Closed
Sunday, September 1	Worship Leader: Rev. Takouhi



The PlowBoys

Thursday September 26th 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](#)