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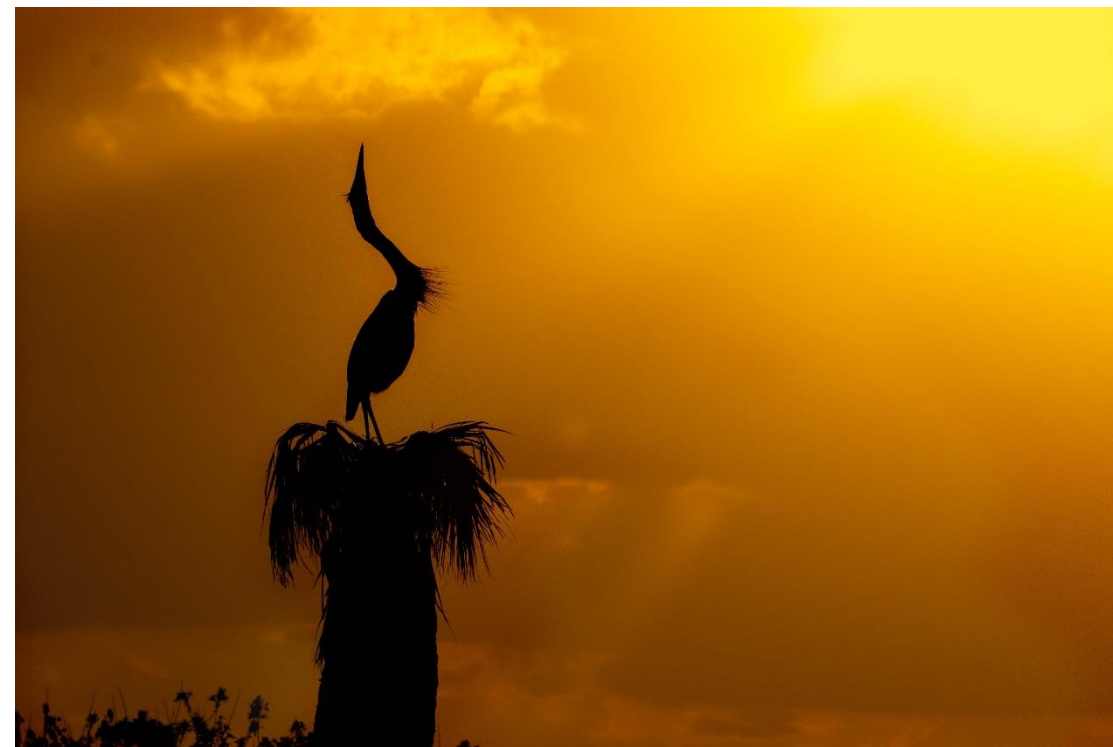
If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again, watch on YouTube.

<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



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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

September 1, 2024 – Labor Day Weekend

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS A RESURRECTION PEOPLE

Prelude: *Meditation on "Lasst uns erfeuen" - 17thC. German tune*

Welcome – Colleen Harding

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:

"...our loving God calls us to examine ourselves, revealing our hidden shortcomings, and drawing us into closer relationship with Godself and humankind..."

Rev. Dr. Courtney V. Buggs

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #217

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

(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 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash



it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Here ends the first reading.

Second Reading Epistle of James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word,

and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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 – *Shall We Gather at the River* - Robert Lowry

Life Lesson: "Faithfulness: NOT Restricted to SUNDAYS..."

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: *Moments of Connection*



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 #541

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Words: Thomas Ken ca. 1674

Music: Genevan Psalter 1551

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

(Please be seated)

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Commitment: Voices United #289

"It Only Takes a Spark"

Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: *Finale on "Lasst uns erfeuen"*

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.

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.

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 24th Wedding Anniversary to Gary & Takouhi and Happy 53rd Wedding Anniversary to Denise & Darryl.

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

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	21	\$ 742.50	\$ 172.50	\$ 12.00
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/>

JASPER FIRES: \$85 was received for the JASPER Fires, which was sent to the RedCross where the Alberta & Federal Government matched the donations, until August 24th turning \$85 into \$255

Christmas Market – Planning Meeting

Thursday, September 12 at 1:00pm

Anyone interested in helping with this event are welcome.

New fresh ideas are always encouraged.

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.

Reminder to all

New Sessions of various classes are taking place at Grace United this fall. Please respect others who are renting our space.

Do not enter if there is a class going on.

Most activities are listed in the bulletin; however some do get missed. Please advise Laurie if you are having a meeting at the church

Coming up at Grace United....

NOTE: The church office will be closed Monday, September 2nd.

Sunday, September 1 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev Takouhi
Monday, September 2	Office Closed – Labour Day
Tuesday, September 3 9am – 12pm 8:30 – 12pm 5:30 – 6:30	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters PIES PILATES
Wednesday, September 4 5:30 to 6:30 6:30 to 7:30	Office Closed BootCamp Zoomba
Thursday, September 5	Office 8am – 1pm
Friday, September 6	Office 8am – 1pm
Saturday, September 7	Office Closed
Sunday, September 8	Worship Leader: Rev. Takouhi
Monday, September 9 6 pm to 7pm	Office 8am to 1pm YOGA
Tuesday, September 10 9am – 12pm 8:30 – 12pm 1:30pm 5:30 – 6:30	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters PIES Knifty Knitters PILATES
Wednesday, September 11 10:30 – 11:30 5:30 to 6:30 6:30 to 7:30	Office Closed Seniors – French for Beginners BootCamp Zoomba
Thursday, September 12 1:00pm 1:30 – 2:30	Office 8am – 1pm Christmas Meeting Seniors – MELT
Friday, September 13	Office 8am – 1pm
Saturday, September 14	Office Closed
Sunday, September 15	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](#)

