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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

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

Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

September 8, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS A RESURRECTION PEOPLE

Prelude: *Meditation on "Bunessan" - Scottish Gaelic Tune*

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

*"...the life of **faith is not homogenous;**
every journey **is distinct...."***

Rev. Dr. Courtney V. Buggs

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Responsive): Ps. 146:5,10

One: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**All: The Lord God reigns forever, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!**

(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

Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey

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

Gospel of Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean



spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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.

Anthem: *Peace Like a River* - arr. Joel Raney

Life Lesson: "God's Kingdom: ALL People..."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Song of Assurance: Voices United #663

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer that Jesus taught his followers – VU 960 (Sung)

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: *"It Starts with Education"*



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 (All): We give you thanks and praise, generous God, for every good gift that comes from your hand: for food and clothing, for life and health, for family and friends, above all for the treasure of your grace. Make us rich in good works, generous and ready to share, taking hold of the life that really is abundant life through your Love. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #660

"How Firm a Foundation"

Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: *Finale on "St. Denio"* - Traditional Welsh Tune

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 Birthday to Ron, Carol and Darryl.

Happy 36th Wedding Anniversary to Liz & Doug

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

On Wednesday, September 11th at 2:00pm, there is a service scheduled at Carveth Nursing home in the Memorial Garden, a Dedication of the Memorial Stone. All are welcome.

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 September 2024

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
Sept 1	19	\$ 1074.40	\$ 152.50	\$ 1.50
Sept 8				
Sept 15				
Sept 22				
Sept 29				
BMO				
PAR				

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/>

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.

Plowboys Concert – Thursday September 26th at 7:30pm.

Traditional Country Music at it’s finest. All are welcome.

Tickets are \$25 each – available at service today or contact the church office.

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....

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 2:00pm 5:30 to 6:30 6:30 to 7:30	Office Closed Carveth Memorial Garden - Memorial Stone Service, BootCamp Zoomba
Thursday, September 12 1:00pm	Office 8am – 1pm Christmas Meeting
Friday, September 13 2:00pm	Office 8am – 1pm FoxRun Chapel Service
Saturday, September 14	Office Closed
Sunday, September 15 ➤ Following Service	Worship Leader: Rev. Takouhi Session Meeting