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Bulletin Dedication

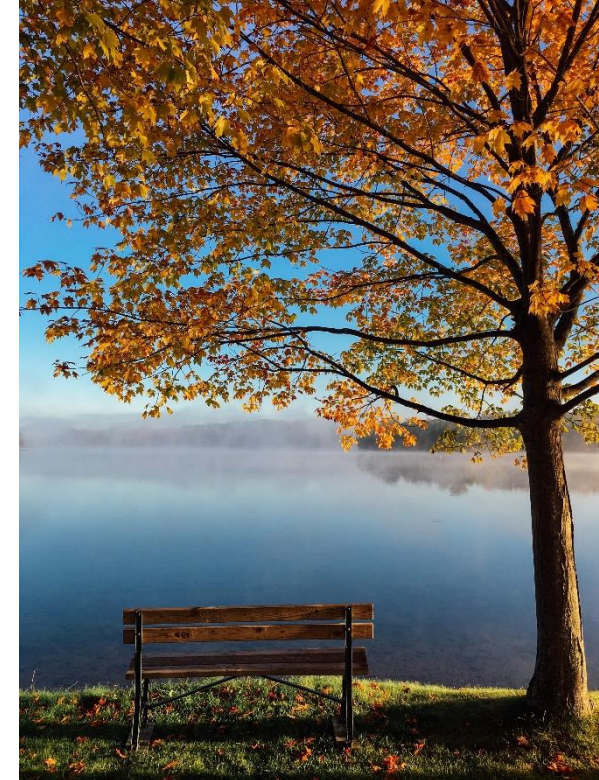
Today's Bulletin is Dedicated in loving memory of

Dr. Donald Price 1923-2013

Gone by not forgotten

Wife, Merna Price, Son, Dr. Brian Price

WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH



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

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September 22, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Tammy Fergusson Licensed Lay Worship Leader

WE GATHER AS A RESURRECTION PEOPLE

Organ Prelude: *Meditation on 'Bunessan' - Gaelic Melody*

Welcome ...Denise Wood

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 Centre Our Hearts for Worship.)*

Spiritual Focus: The Gospel of Mark 9:35

And Jesus said to them,

“Whoever wants to be first

must be last of all and servant of all.”

Lighting the Christ Candle *(The Christ candle is lit.)*

Call to Worship *Psalm 1*

One: Happy are we who are grounded in God’s Creation;

All: We hear the words of Christ’s teachings;

One: Happy are we who delight in God’s law,

All: To meditate day and night.

One: For we shall yield God’s wisdom as fruit in its season,

All: With leaves that will not wither.

Prayer of Approach

Creator God,

We gather today as a humble people.

We come as we are and all who we are.

Sometimes it is difficult to hear your truth and to follow your way.

Let us begin anew in this fresh season of Autumn.

Entering in with uncluttered minds and open hearts.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise:

Voices United #409 "Morning Has Broken"

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time for Youth and Young at Heart

Jesus is our Friend and Teacher

Song for the Young at Heart

Voices United #340 "Jesus Friend of Little Children"

(Please stand as able)

Song of Illumination:

Voices United #344 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey

Scripture: Mark 9: 30-37

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: Our ears and hearts are open.

Scripture Reading

Today's reading comes from the Gospel of Mark 9: 30-37. I am reading from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again. 'But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Who Is the Greatest?

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way? 'But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Reader: 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: *God of Love - Mark Wilson*

Life Lesson ...

"A Heart Full of Grace, a Soul Full of Love"

Tammy Fergusson

Song of Assurance:

Voices United #577 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Lord's Prayer

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: "Inuinnaqtun Language Revival Group"

Your gifts support programs that help preserve language and culture.



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 #701 *"What Does the Lord Require of You?"*

1. What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
2. Justice, kindness
Walk humbly with your God.
3. To seek justice, and love kindness,
And walk humbly with your God.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth:

Voices United #579 *"The Church is Wherever God's People"*

Sending Forth

What does God hope for us?

The willingness to serve God by serving one another, those whom we know and those we don't know. The world awaits us. Let us go forth as grateful and faithful servants of God.

- *Sandy Ferguson, Strathearn U.C., Edmonton, Alberta*

Benediction

May God bless you and keep you.

May God face shine upon you and be gracious onto you.

May God look on you with kindness,
And give you peace.

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude *Trumpet tune in D - Henry Purcell*

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 69th Wedding Anniversary to Mel & Marg. Congratulations!!

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



“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.

Or scan the QR code for online purchases.



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	32	\$ 1597.50	\$ 152.50	\$ 12.50
Sept 15	24	\$ 1102.50	\$ 152.50	\$ 2.50
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

Plans are underway for our annual Christmas Market which will be on November 30th. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25th at 10:00am. We are looking for volunteers to help with in the kitchen.

Currently, we have all vendor tables full.
Thank you for your support.

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

You are welcome to come in the front door (main Sanctuary door) any time that Laurie is in the office.

PRIDE MINI-FESTIVAL, Sept 26th to 29th. Many events taking place over the weekend. Please check the poster on the notice boards throughout the church. Grace Church is hosting Rock Painting on Friday, September 27th at 4pm. All are welcome.

National Day of Truth & Reconciliation – Sept 30th. Gathering at 7:00pm at Town Hall. More details are on the poster on the notice boards. (Please wear ORANGE to next Sunday's service.)

Coming up at Grace United....

Today following service – Session Meeting

Monday, September 23 9 to 10 am 6 pm to 7pm	Office 8am to 1pm Better Balance YOGA
Tuesday, September 24 9am – 12pm 8:30 – 12pm 5:30 – 6:30	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters PIES PILATES
Wednesday, September 25 9 to 10 am 10:00am 3:30 – 7:30pm	Office Closed Better Balance Christmas Market Meeting – Menu Community Kitchen
Thursday, September 26 10:30 am 7:30pm	Office 8am – 1pm Choir Practice PlowBoys Concert
Friday, September 27 9 to 10 am 3:30 to 5:30	Office 8am – 1pm Better Balance PRIDE – Art Jam
Saturday, September 28	Office Closed
Sunday, September 29 ORANGE SHIRT DAY	Worship Leader: Tammy Fergusson Wear orange today!!

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.