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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>

<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.

# 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

### 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 29, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Truth and Reconciliation Sunday

Tammy Fergusson Licensed Lay Worship Leader

**WE GATHER AS A RESURRECTION PEOPLE**

**Organ Prelude:** *Meditation on "Hyfrydol"*

**Welcome Julie Price**

**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:

"Nothing in the universe ever grew from the outside in."

-Embers by Richard Wagamese

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

**Call to Worship** *Psalm 124 (Responsive)*

One: In suffering and in sadness;

**All: God is with us!**

One: In anger that kindles against us;

**All: God is with us!**

One: In floods that would sweep us away;

**All: God is with us!**

One: We have escaped like a bird from its snare;

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer of Approach** *Robin Warble, Glen Roses UC, Toronto*

One: O God of Shepherd, Warrior, and Prophet;

Creator of First Peoples and Pioneer,

Light of Immigrant, Loyalist and Seeker

**All: We live with history and we love your presence in it.**

**We trace our roots to your creative powers.**

**We embrace one another as Children of your Spirit.**

One: As we celebrate our history today, help us to remember:

**All: That which makes us proud and that which makes us not so proud;**

One: That which reveals our closeness to your Word and that which reveals our distance.

**All: Remind us of your constant presence: forgiving, restoring, recreating, and making all things new.**

*(Please stand as able)*

**Gathering Song of Praise:**

**Voices United #260 "God Who Gives to Life its Goodness"**

*(Tune: Hyfrydol VU #333)*

**WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES**

**Time for Youth and Young at Heart** The Passing Of The Peace

**Prayer for the Young at Heart**

**Dear God,**

**Sometimes we do not speak alike,**

**Or act, or eat the same.**

**Sometimes our homes and family,**

**Are different than our own.**

**Remind us that you live in them,**

**Just like you do in me.**

**With patience, grace, humility,**

**We are your family.**

*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Illumination:**

**Voices United #288 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**Scripture Reader:** Colleen Harding

**Scripture: James 5 13-20 The Prayer of Faith**

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

**All: Our ears and hearts are open.**

**The Prayer of Faith**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters,[a] if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's[b] soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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:** *The Gift of Love* – Hal Hopson

**Life Lesson** ... "The Many Stories of Home" Tammy Fergusson

**Song of Assurance:**

**Voices United #747 "The Lord's My Shepherd"**

## 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:**

**Update: Pastors Retreat—Respite and Reflection**



### **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

Public domain.

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**Dear Loving God,**

**Our hearts are filled with gratitude**

**We give our gifts to you.**

**And carry on with thankful hearts**

**Throughout the whole week through.**

**May the gifts that we have given**

**To church and all around.**

**Be testament of God's love**

**A truth for years to come.**

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

*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Going Forth:**

**Voices United #678 "For the Healing of the Nations"**

*(Tune: Regent Square VU# 36)*

**Sending Forth**

**Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Organ Postlude:** *Finale on "Regent Square"*

*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 Leanne and Susan.**

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 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	17	\$ 584.50	\$ 152.50	\$ 1.50
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.

120 Pine ST. Gananoque, On K7G 1C7,

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 Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

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

**Thanksgiving Pie Orders** can now be placed.

Give Carol Currie a call at **613-382-4376**.



\$15 Each - Apple, Blueberry, Bumbleberry, Cherry, Peach, Strawberry, Strawberry/Rhubarb, Rhubarb

\$20 – Raspberry.

Pick up date, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 (unless otherwise schedule)

**National Day of Truth & Reconciliation** – Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. Gathering at 7:00pm at Town Hall. More details are on the poster on the notice boards.

**Coming up at Grace United....**

<p><b>Monday, September 30</b></p> <p>9 to 10 am 6 pm to 7pm</p>	<p><b>Office 8am to 1pm</b> <b>National Day of Truth &amp; Reconciliation</b> Better Balance YOGA</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, October 1</b></p> <p>9am – 12pm 8:30 – 12pm 5:30 – 6:30</p>	<p><b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> Quilters PIES PILATES</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, October 2</b></p> <p>9 to 10 am 5:30 – 7:30</p>	<p><b>Office Closed</b> Better Balance BootCamp/Zoomba</p>
<p><b>Thursday, October 3</b></p> <p>10:30 am</p>	<p><b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> Choir Practice</p>
<p><b>Friday, October 4</b></p> <p>9 to 10 am</p>	<p><b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> Better Balance</p>
<p><b>Saturday, October 5</b></p>	<p><b>Office Closed</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, October 6</b></p>	<p><b>Worship Leader: Rev. Takouhi</b></p>

**Memorial Donations**

**In memory of Gertrude Joan Batstone**  
Cheryl Roswell, Rotary Club of Gananoque

**In memory of Helen Merkley**  
Linda Robb

**To memorial Fund**  
Chuck Galway

**In memory of Vera DeWolfe**  
Linda Robb & Doris Andress

**In memory of Cindy Douds**  
Barbara Jenkins

**In memory of Kay & Charlie Donevan**  
John Harding

**In memory of Charlie Donevan**  
Brad & Anne Curtis, Robert & Cathy Griffin,  
Bob & Glennda Olivier & Linda Robb

**In memory of Sharon Price**  
Merna Price

**In memory of Cheryl O’Leary**  
Neville & Brian Burt, Paul Burt, Gerard & Laurie Cadue, David Charles,  
Tracy Cunningham, Tom & Carol Currie, Lorraine Elliott & family, Christina  
Gordon, Grace United Choir, Barbara Jenkins, Dorothy Maxwell, Donna Marie  
McMillan, Merna Price, Linda Robb & Janet Walz, Earl & Diane Hayward.

**In memory of Wanda Garrah**  
Linda Robb

**In memory of Don Price**  
Merna Price

