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<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



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

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October 6, 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion & Baptism Sunday

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS A SACRAMENTAL PEOPLE

Prelude: *Meditation on a Theme by Jeeva Sam*

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 term “sacrament” describes worship moments in which **we draw closer to God through** specific words and actions...*

Classically defined by the great theologians of the ages, a sacrament is an “outward sign of inward grace.” It is a visible symbol of something we believe in and hold to be an inner truth and, more than that, an inner spiritual reality.”

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Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #402 *“We Are One”*

(Please be seated)



WE REFLECT ON THE SACRAMENTS

Prayer of Illumination:

Anthem: *This is the Day - Dale Peterson*

Life Lesson:

“Baptism & Communion: Our Response to God’s Good News”



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(Please stand as able)

Song for Baptism: Voices United # 644

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

Minister: *(Mark 10:13-16)* People were bringing little children to Jesus.

The disciples rebuked those who brought them.
Jesus saw this and said to them



All: "Let the little children come to me..."

Minister: Members and friends in and through Christ, today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism through the Gift of Grace. Ordinary element such as water helps us experience a Sacred moment through The Spirit.

All: We are one body and one spirit. Our Hope is rooted in the Creator, who continues to create in, through and with us.

Minister: There is One God, One Faith, One Baptism,
One Creator of us all.

Session Rep.: On behalf of the congregation of **Grace United Church**, I present *Magnolia Rachel Zentil* the daughter of *Daniel Alan Zentil* and *Catherine Rose Filteau* for initiation into the Body of Christ.

COMMITMENT OF PARENTS

Minister: *Daniel & Catherine* today is a special day. You have decided to Baptize your daughter *Magnolia Rachel*. The act of Baptism is accepting the claim that your child is called **Beloved by God**, and you accept this gift with gratitude. As parents, you are entrusted to nurture and guide your child in the path of God's Light.

I ask you now, in the presence of God and of this community:

✚ Do you confess your faith in God as Creator; Jesus the embodiment of God's Love; and the Spirit God's presence in and among us?

Parents: We do, God being our helper.

✚ Do you commit yourselves to follow the way of Love as demonstrated in the life of Jesus in your private and public life?

Parents: We do, God being our helper.

✚ Will you support the life and work of the church in this community and/or wherever you are found?

Parents: We will, God being our helper.

✚ Will you share your faith with your child, and ensure that the Compassionate Teachings of Jesus are planted in him?

Parents: We will, God being our helper.

COMMITMENT OF GODPARENTS

Minister: *Rachel Young & Alison Filteau* as godparent will you grow in faith with *Magnolia Rachel*, trusting that, "You are not alone, you live in God's world"?

Godparents: I will, God being my helper.

Minister: Recognizing that many persons nurture and influence the life of a child, will you support *Magnolia Rachel* and her parents as she grows in faith?

Godparents: I will, God being my helper.

Minister: Sharing your faith is the most precious gift to *Magnolia Rachel*. We are glad to hear and to witness your commitment.

COMMITMENT OF CONGREGATION

Minister: As a baptized and baptizing church let us covenant with this family, one another, and God.

All: As a baptized and baptizing church, we commit ourselves anew to nurture and support one another.

Minister: Let us stand as able and say together the New Creed
(Please stand as able)

All: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

A New Creed - The United Church of Canada, General Council, 1968

(Please be seated)

Pouring of Water

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive)

Minister: Creator God, you formed this world out of the dark waters of chaos. And time and again you have saved us as we have passed through the dark waters of life.

All: We remember the flood and your gracious promise sealed in the rainbow. We remember Jesus, and the way he was protected by the waters of Mary's womb. We remember John, and the way he baptized. We remember the disciples, and the

way in which they shared in the ministry of Jesus, his death, resurrection, and the sharing of the Gospel throughout the world.

Minister: So we come before you today, grateful for the promise and the power of water. We pray that your Holy Spirit blesses this gift and this child who will receive it. Embrace her in your Love and Cover her in your Peace.

All: Amen.

Baptism in the Name of the Triune God

Blessing

Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Laying On of Hands – Prayer

PRESENTATIONS

Session Rep. Presents the *Baptismal Candle & Baptism Certificate*
(The baptismal candle is lit from the Christ Candle, signifying the light of Christ, and presented to the parents on the child's behalf)

Session Rep.: *Magnolia Rachel Zentil*, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works for the glory to God. **Amen**

Caring & Sharing Team Member: *Prayer Blanket*

Minister: Presentation of a Bible

INTRODUCTION TO CONGREGATION

Minister: Members of **Grace United Church** I introduce to you, *Magnolia Rachel Zentil* a child of God, member of the Body of Christ. We welcome her into the Household of Faith, with deep Joy and Thanksgiving.



All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song after Baptism: Voices United #: 452

"You Have Put On Christ"

**You have put on Christ,
In Christ you have been baptised.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.**

Words: from the Rite of Baptism ICEL, ca 1969

Music: Howard Hughes 1977

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GOD'S BANQUET... OUR PARTICIPATION...

Invitation to Prayer of Confession:

Beloved let us Prayer together the prayer of confession and approach our Creator with Humility and Trust. And we pray...

Prayer of Confession (All): Jer. 23:25–29

God of Goodness and Truth, sometimes we fail to seek after Your Wisdom and follow paths that lead us away from you. Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in Your Truth, that we may live in the fullness of life as you intended it from the very first moment of creation. We pray humbly and sincerely. **Amen.**

Assurance of God's Love

The God of the Journey is with you, calls you beloved and guides you on this path of life. Trust, Adhere and Follow on this path with Confidence.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks, Creator God, for you made the world and all that is in it. You called us into relationship with you, providing all we need for an abundant life. With the faithful of every time, of every generation and every place, we pray the words of Jesus: You are Holy God, and blessed is Jesus. He turned away from violence, teaching the world the way of peace. He rejected power that corrupts, choosing instead to live as a servant among us. He did not turn stones into easy bread but instead offered us the bread of life—justice, freedom, spiritual health, and unconditional love—so that we might never be hungry again. Showing the depth of your love, he offered us the cup of the new covenant, sealed with his Life... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours. **Amen.**

Sharing of the elements – Served while seated

Jesus the Bread of Life – Bread for the Journey.

Jesus the True Vine – The Cup of the New Covenant.

Post-Communion Prayer

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.**



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:

(Please be seated)

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #585

"Jesus Bids Us Shine"

Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: *Trumpet Voluntary No. 5 – John Stanley*

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.

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

Don't forget, there are copies of "Our Daily Bread" available on the table in the Narthex for your enjoyment. Grab a copy and enjoy an inspirational story each day. The December to February issues have just arrived.

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

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/>

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. 10th from 4 to 6 (unless otherwise schedule)

Coming up at Grace United....

Monday, October 7 9 to 10 am 6 pm to 7pm	Office 8am to 1pm Better Balance YOGA
Tuesday, October 8 9am – 12pm 8:30 – 12pm 5:30 – 6:30	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters PIES PILATES
Wednesday, October 9 9 to 10 am 5:30 – 7:30	Office Closed Better Balance BootCamp/Zoomba
Thursday, October 10 10:30 am 3 – 6 pm	Office 8am – 1pm Choir Practice PIES SALE PICK UP
Friday, October 11 2:00pm 9 to 10 am	Office 8am – 1pm Fox Run Chaple Service Better Balance
Saturday, October 12	Office Closed
Sunday, October 13 Thanksgiving Sunday	Worship Leader: Rev. Takouhi