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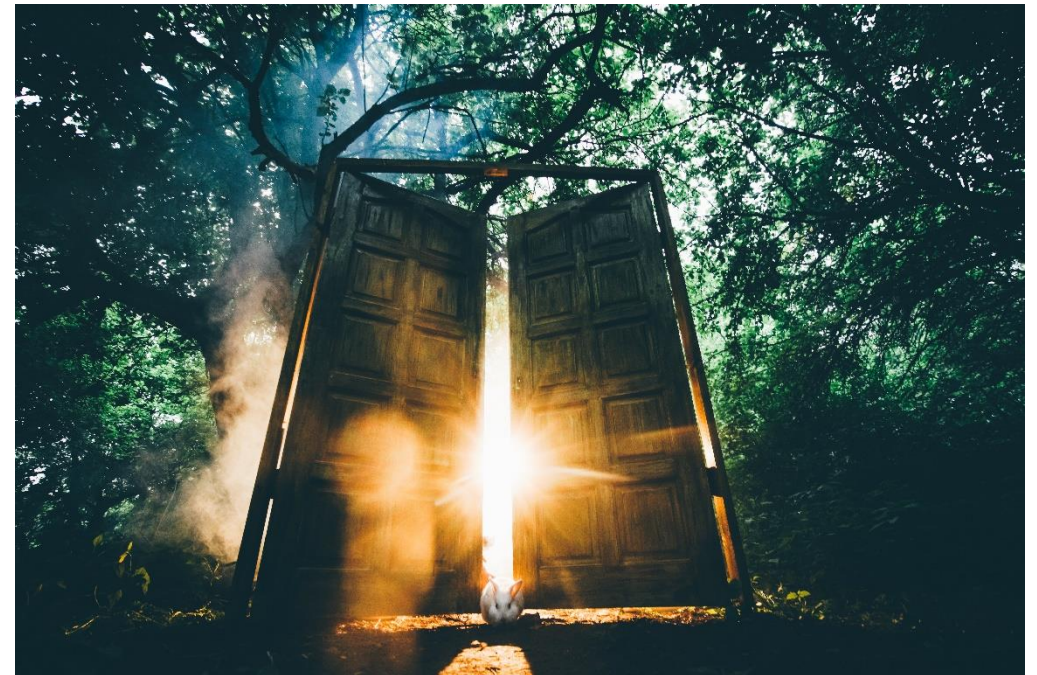
If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again, watch on YouTube.

<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

**October 13, 2024**

*Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost*

### **Order of Worship**



## **WE GATHER AS A GRATEFUL PEOPLE**

**Prelude:** *Meditation on "Nun Danket Alle Gott"*

**Special Announcement** – *Rev. Takouhi*

**Welcome** – *Elaine Davidson*

### **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**

***"Genuine Thanksgiving DISRUPTS the illusion that happiness is available in what we do not yet have..."***

**Lighting the Christ Candle**



**Call to Worship (Responsive)**

One: The greens turn gold and crimson red.

**All: The chill of a blue autumn sky has the old warmth of summer pressed into it.**

One: The monarch butterflies fleck the thinning brown hardwood carrying their colour south.

**All: Bright days surrender their colour to an earlier twilight.**

One: We roll our sleeves down and don knitted sweaters and tweed.

**All: All these colours burst through the green lines that July kept to, and joyful autumn makes the summer's business look all too serious.**

One: On this feast day of Thanksgiving,

**All: our lives are teased with warm cider and bagels.**

One: A myriad of pleasures colours our lives and allures our souls into wondering about God's artistry in us.

**All: This harvest feast brings us to wonder, as we did in childhood, the many ways that we might give thanks and how it is that God hears our thanks.**

One: As we are drawn into this place,

**All: the Spirit colours our lives with awe and gratitude.**

One: Let us worship.

*Daryl Webber, Lowville Nelson United Ministries, Burlington, Ont.*

*(Please stand as able)*

**Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #820**

*"Make a Joyful Noise"*

*(Please be seated)*

**Prayer of the Day (All):**

Creator God, carve out a wider place in me where gratitude might grow. In my heart, in my eyes, in my ears, in my mind, even through my fingers and toes, carve out a cavern so I might feel and see and hear and know and touch, even carry, **thankfulness**. Bless me with forgiveness for the times I focus solely on what I do not have, what I do not yet own, and what I have yet to achieve. Forgive me for neglecting what you have granted me. Push me, though I may stumble, forward in generosity, in joy, in service, in determination, so others would have what is truly needed, essential to life. God, above all, I seek your peace, not just for me, not just for my church or community, but for all of your creation. In Jesus' name let me live and follow, this Thanksgiving season and always. **Amen.**

*Elaine Bidgood Sveet, First Presbyterian Church, Moorhead, Minn. (revelaine.areavoices.com)*

**WE REFLECT ON THE SACRED STORIES**

**Song of Illumination: Voices United #381**

*"Spirit of Life" (Sung Twice)*

**Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey**

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

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

**Hebrew Bible: Genesis 2:15-17 (NRSVUE)**

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Here ends the first reading.

The second reading:

**Gospel of Matthew 6:25-33 (NRSVUE)**

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"





And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.



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:** *Thanksgiving Joy - Joseph M. Martin*

**Life Lesson:**

*"Gratitude is the  
OPEN Door to Abundance"*



**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

**Song of Assurance: More Voices #90**

*"Don't Be Afraid" (Sung Twice)*

Don't be afraid.

My love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear.

Don't be afraid.

My love is stronger and I have promised, promised to be always near.

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**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: "What's for Thanksgiving Dinner"**



**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 #356**

*"Seek Ye First the Kingdom"*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):**

Everything we have and are; everything we can be; everything good in our lives is a result of your love and grace. We present these gifts as a way of participating in the ministry of proclaiming your love.

Use them. Multiply them. Transform them. **Amen.**

*Beth W Johnston, Hantsport P.C., Hantsport, N.S.*

*(Please be seated)*

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

*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Going Forth: Voices United #296**

*"This is God's Wondrous World"*

**Sending Forth & Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Organ Postlude:** *Chorale Prelude: "Nun Danket" - Georg Kaufmann*

*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 this week to Brian, Bert and Susan**

[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 has 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 October 2024**

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
Oct 6	47			
Oct 13				
Oct 20				
Oct 27				
BMO				
PAR				

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**Half Moon Bay - Fundraiser  
Saturday – October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
Tickets \$20**

With Melodia, featuring, Cliff Edwards, Doug Gravelle with new choral arrangements of the classic Canadian hits by the Bells: Stay Awhile, Fly Little White Dove Fly, and Moody Manitoba Morning.

Advance Tickets are available at: Rapid Valley  
Lansdowne, Visitors Center Gananoque  
1000 Island History Museum Gananoque

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

<b>Monday, October 14</b> 9 to 10 am	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>Better Balance</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 15</b> 9am – 12pm 1:30pm 5:30 – 6:30	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Quilters</b> <b>Knitters Meeting</b> <b>PILATES</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 16</b> 9 to 10 am 5:30 – 7:30	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Better Balance</b> <b>BootCamp/Zoomba</b>
<b>Thursday, October 17</b> 10:30 am	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Friday, October 18</b> 9 to 10 am	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Better Balance</b>
<b>Saturday, October 19</b> 7:30pm	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Half Moon Bay Fundraiser</b>
<b>Sunday, October 20</b>	<b>Worship Leader: Liz Church</b>

**Official Board Meeting – Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
Following Service.**

In an effort to complete her annual holidays, Rev. Takouhi will be taking the week of October 14, as her last week of holidays for 2024. The Worship leader for October 20<sup>th</sup> will be Liz Church, who will also be available for any funerals and Pastoral Care needs (902-441-5357). Rev. Takouhi will be back to work on October 24.

