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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 27, 2024 – 188th Anniversary of Grace United

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday & Baptism

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS A SACRAMENTAL PEOPLE

Prelude: *Meditation on "Ein feste burg is unser gotte"*

Welcome – Vicki Leakey

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

*"Faith has no time for pettiness but calls us to **get out of our comfort zone** and follow Jesus, the **Perfector of Our Faith – Even without completely understanding** where Jesus is exactly headed..."*

Rev. Takouhi – October 14, 2024

Lighting the Christ Candle



Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: We are in between time, between the past and the future.

All: God is in the space between past and the future.

One: We are in a place between what we know and what we will yet learn.

All: God knows what we know and what we have yet to learn.

One: We are in reformation time, when the church must re-form into what God dreams.

All: God is wisdom and knowledge that will guide the transformation.

One: We open our hearts and spirits to experience the wisdom of the "in between" as we worship today because

All: God is our in-between time.

Jeanne Wilson, Trillium U.C., St. Catherines, Ont.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise Voices United #262

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

(Please be seated)



WE REFLECT ON THE SACRAMENTS

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture Reader: Denise Wood

Gospel – Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV)

The Healing of Bartimaeus

The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaues, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

One: Here ends today's reading.

All: May God's Spirit add Understanding to our hearing and help us be doers of God's Will.

Anthem: *Soon and Very Soon - Andrae Crouch*



Life Lesson:

"Profound FAITH Reforms & Transforms!"

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 Borning 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 *Addeline Valerie Day* the daughter of *Andrew Robert Leslie Day & Gillian Madison Hill-Deciccio* for initiation into the Body of Christ.

COMMITMENT OF PARENTS

Minister: *Andrew & Gillian* today is a special day. You have decided to Baptize your daughter *Addeline Valerie*. 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 her?

Parents: We will, God being our helper.

COMMITMENT OF GODPARENTS

Minister: *Dustin Day & Cassie Hill* as godparent will you grow in faith with *Addeline Valerie*, 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 *Addeline Valerie* 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 *Addeline Valerie*. 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.: *Addeline Valerie Day*, 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, *Addeline Valerie Day* 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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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.**



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

(Please be seated)



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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #326

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"



Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: *Toccata in D minor (abridged) - J.S. Bach*

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 Neil & Betty

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	\$ 1587.50	\$ 172.50	\$ 10.00
Oct 13	31	\$ 1566.00	\$ 170.00	
Oct 20	27	\$ 953.75	\$ 202.50	
Oct 27				
BMO				
PAR		\$ 1795.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 20.00

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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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/>

188 years Strong, Grace United Church

Anniversary Lunch,

Sunday, November 3rd

12:30 followed by a Slide Presentation on the Fire of '79

Tickets \$20.00

Tickets available through the Church Office;

Gananoque Visitors Centre; Beggars Banquet Books

and at the door. (cash only) Limited Seating

Christmas Market – Silent Auction/Raffle Table

We are looking for donations for our silent auction & raffle table.

Do you have “NEW” items that you would like to regift? Candles, Soaps, Christmas items, etc.

Or would you like to make up a themed basket? (Christmas Baking, Date Night, Arts & Crafts, Golf Pro., Snack Basket) What ever you can give is greatly appreciated. Items can be left in the Box by the notice board at the back of the church or taken to the church office.

Coming up at Grace United....

Monday, October 28 9 to 10 am 6 – 7 pm	Office Closed Better Balance YOGA
Tuesday, October 29 9am – 12pm 10:00am 5:30 – 6:30	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters Market Meeting PILATES
Wednesday, October 30 9 to 10 am 5:30 – 7:30	Office Closed Better Balance BootCamp/Zoomba
Thursday, October 31 11:00am 10:30 am	Office 8am – 1pm Carveth Chaple Service Choir Practice
Friday, November 1 9 to 10 am	Office 8am – 1pm Better Balance
Saturday, November 2	Office Closed
Sunday, November 3 Change your Clocks!! 	Worship Leader: Rev Takouhi Anniversary Sunday 