

WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH

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watch on YouTube. [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg)

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Service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or
700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings

Our Next Fundraising Concert

November 22 at 7:30pm



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

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Director of Music

Mr. Paul Harding, B. Mus., B. Ed.

Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth after Pentecost

Order of Worship

Worship Leader, Emily Gardiner

WE GATHER WITH THE SAINTS OF THE PAST & THE FUTURE

Prelude: *Meditation on a Theme by Robert Lowry*

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

*"If entering into God's sphere **requires one to leave something at the altar, as it were, one also leaves the altar with something sacred: a blessing from the Lord...**"*

Rolf Jacobson

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (All)

We raise our voices in song.

We join our voices with the trees of the field, the mountains and the hills.

We join our voices with those who are near, and those who are far away.

We raise our voices in song, in praise of our Lord and God.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #374

"Come and Find the Quiet Centre" (alternate tune VU 635: All The Way)

(Please be seated)

Invitation to Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Confession (Responsive):

One: Faithful God, we are sorry for the times when we have deepened the sorrows of others:

All : forgive us and help us to listen to the songs of all.



One: We are sorry for trampling on the dreams of others:

All: forgive us and help us to listen to the songs of all.

One: We are sorry when we have responded negatively to another's good news:

All: forgive us and help us to listen to the songs of all.

One: In Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Know this,

That through the grace and forgiveness of our God;

We are freed to sing a new song,

We are lifted from the burdens of the past,

And new windows are opened for our future.

Encourage us to follow your way

And enable us to serve You in Your world today.

Amen.

WE REFLECT ON THE SACRED STORIES

Responsive Psalm 16: Voices United #738

Refrain:

Protect me, God: I trust in you.

One: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I have said to God, "You are my God;

From you alone comes all my prosperity."

**All: All my delight is in the faithful who dwell in the land,
And in those who excel in virtue.**

One: But as for those who run after other gods,
Their troubles shall be multiplied.

**All: Libations of blood I will not offer to those gods,
Nor will I take their names upon my lips.**

Refrain:

Protect me, God: I trust in you.

One: You, God, are my allotted portion and my cup;

All: You yourself have cast my lot.

One: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

All: Indeed I have a noble heritage.

One: I will thank you, God, for giving me counsel;

All: You are on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Refrain:

Protect me, God: I trust in you.

One: So my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

For my body shall also rest in safety.

**All: For you will not surrender me to the Grave,
Nor suffer your beloved to see the Abyss.**

One: You will show me the path of life.

**All: In your presence in fullness of joy;
And from your right-hand flow delights for evermore.**

Refrain:

Protect me, God: I trust in you.

Scripture Reading:

Scripture Reader: Denise Wood

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,
All: our ears and hearts are open.

Book 1 Samuel 1:4-20 (NRSVUE)

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies
because I rejoice in your victory.
There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.



Talk no more so very proudly;
let not arrogance come from your mouth,
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.
The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.
Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.
The Lord kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;

he brings low; he also exalts.
He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
and on them he has set the world.
He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked will perish in darkness,
for not by might does one prevail.
The Lord! His adversaries will be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

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: *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* - *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us.
Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their pow'r.
Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge.
Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing.
All these were honoured in their generations, and were the glory of their times.
And some there be which have no memorial,

who are perished as though they had never been.
Their bodies are buried in peace. But their name liveth forever more.
Words selected from Ecclesiasticus XLIV

Life Lesson: *The Songs We Sing*



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Song of Assurance: More Voices #9 *"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:

"Supporting Community Resilience in Zimbabwe"

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 #509

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" (Refrain Only – Sung Twice)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart. *Repeat*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

We praise you, Living God,
for showing us in Scripture and in the world, that:
trust can triumph; longings can be fulfilled;
wounds can be healed; circumstances can change;
dreams can come true; the light of your kingdom can overcome
the destructiveness of darkness
and your song of redemption will never be silenced.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #642 "Be Thou My Vision"

Sending Forth & Benediction

Lord, as we go into this week,
may we be confident that our lives
are built on the sure foundation
of you, our Rock.
Amen.

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: *St. Anthony Chorale - F.J. Haydn*

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 Joan, Rev. Takouhi, Brian and Carolyn.

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

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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Signup for PreAuthorized Remittance (PAR) Forms are located on the table in the Narthex. https://unitedchurch.ca/sites/default/files/form_parauthorization.pdf
by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001graceunitedchurch/>

**WRITE YOUR NAME & THE AMOUNT ARE ON YOUR DONATION
ENVELOPE**

Offerings November 2024

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)	Anniversary
Nov 3	33	\$ 722.50	\$ 177.50	\$ 26.50	\$ 70.00
Nov 10	36	\$1787.50	\$ 307.50	\$ 26.50	\$ 20.00
Nov 17					
Nov 24					
BMO					
PAR					

Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like envelopes, there is a signup sheet available on the table in the Narthex

Rev. Takouhi Will be away from November 11 – 27th,
 on Study Leave to Prepare for Advent and Christmas.
 For Pastoral Care Emergencies to Contact Liz Church 9024415357

Thank you to our Guest Worship Leader this morning, Emily Gardiner. We appreciate your time and dedication.



Minstrel of the Dawn,
the music of Gordon Lightfoot
Friday, November 22 at 7:30 pm
Tickets are \$25 in Advance and
\$30 at the door.
Join us for a wonderful evening
of music by some very talented
musicians.
Tickets are available this
morning or at the church office.

Red Wagon Food Bank

Our Annual Red Wagon Food Bank begins next Sunday,
 November 24th and goes until December 15th.
 A list of suggested items for each Sunday can be found on the
 insert in the Order of Service.

Coming up at Grace United....

Monday, November 18 9 to 10 am 6 – 7 pm	Office 8 to 1pm Better Balance YOGA
Tuesday, November 19 9am – 12pm 9am – 12pm 5:30 – 6:30	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters Pies PILATES
Wednesday, November 20 9 to 10 am 5:30 – 7:30	Office Closed Better Balance BootCamp/Zoomba
Thursday, November 21 11:00am 10:30 am	Office 8am – 1pm Stewards Meeting Choir Practice
Friday, November 22 9 to 10 am 7:30pm	Office 8am – 1pm Better Balance Lightfoot Concert
Saturday, November 23	Office Closed
Sunday, November 24	Office Closed Worship Leader: Emily Gardiner

For our Christmas Market a success,
 we need your help. We will need
 donations of Baked goods for the
 Bake table, Volunteers to help with
 serving lunch, selling tickets and other
 various tasks. Donations of “NEW” item
 for the silent Auction and Raffle table.
 If you have any questions, please
 contact Denise Wood.
 Signup sheets are at the back.

