



## Grace United Church

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### Ordained Minister

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro B.A., B.Th., M.Div.

**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. J. Harry Seeley B.A.

### Director of Music

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

### Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

**May 8, 2022**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter - Order of Worship*

***Mother's Day***



**WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE**

**Prelude:** *Canon in D - Johannes Pachelbel*

**Welcome – Barb Jenkins**

**Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Centering Music:** *We Centre Our Hearts on God's Wisdom*

### Spiritual Focus:

***"Resurrection Creates a MORE Loving and JUST World...."***

*(Please stand as able)*

**Call to Worship (Responsive):** Rev. 7:12

One: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**All: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

One: Blessing and honor is yours, O God. Glory to God forever.

**All: Alleluia!**

**Song of Praise: Voices United #222**

*"Come, Let Us Sing"*

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,  
we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise,  
so joyfully thank God for our days.
2. O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;  
God's living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,  
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
3. You dwell among us and cause us to pray,  
and walk with each other following your way;  
our precious brothers and sisters will grow  
in the fulfilling love they know.
4. Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing  
to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low,  
let your praises endlessly flow.

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**Prayer of Approach (All): Rev. 7:9, 11, 12**

**Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs,  
you have gathered a people from every tribe and language to praise your  
name eternally. Join our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day  
in the glorious light of Christ. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**WE SEEK WISDOM**

*(Please remain seated)*

**Song of Illumination: Voices United # 657 (vv 1-3)**

*"He Leadeth Me"*

1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

**Refrain:** He leadeth me! He leadeth me! By his own hand he leadeth me!  
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me!

2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

**Refrain:** He leadeth me! He leadeth me! By his own hand he leadeth me!  
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me!

3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine,  
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

**Refrain:** He leadeth me! He leadeth me! By his own hand he leadeth me!  
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me!

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**Scripture Reader: Joan MacKinnon**

**Acts of the Apostles: 9:36-43 (NRSV)**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**Anthem :** *Lord, Can You Hear Us Praying - Don Besig, Nancy Price*

**Grace United Church Choir**

**Life Lesson:** *"Living a Life-Giving Life"*

**WE SEEK PEACE & COMMUNION**

*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Hope & Healing: Voices United # 678 (vv 1-2)**

*"For the Healing of the Nations"*

1. For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom, despair your world release;  
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

- All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.
- You, Creator-God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that, by our response and service, earth its destiny may find.

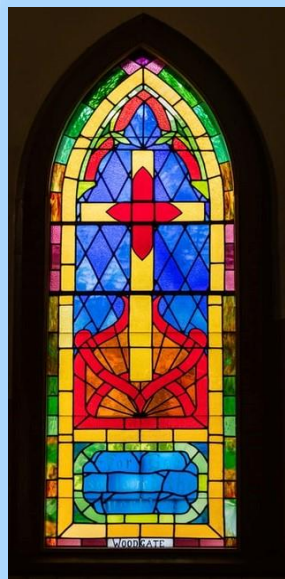
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*(Please be seated)*

### Personal Experiences – Ukraine & the People - LCol Bern Hudson

#### Prayer for Ukraine & The Prayer that Jesus taught his followers

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.**



## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

### What Can We Do? Sam McLeod

Gananoque & Area Refugee Settlement Group

### Poem – Gretchen Huntley, Poet Laureate of Gananoque

*(Please remain seated)*

### Song of Commitment: Voices United # 670

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

- Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- When the darkness appears, and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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### Our Offerings Make Miracles Evident

*We Give Generously with Joy and Gratitude to Help Make Miracles Visible.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

**Holy God, Divine Shepherd,  
 you anoint us with the oil of gladness;  
 your love overflows our hearts.**

**Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for  
 our life in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**



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

*(Please stand as able)*

**Going Forth: Voices United #710**

*"Shall We Gather at the River"*

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;  
with its crystal tide for ever flowing by the throne of God?

**Refrain:**

Yes we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

**Refrain**

Yes we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

3. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

**Refrain**

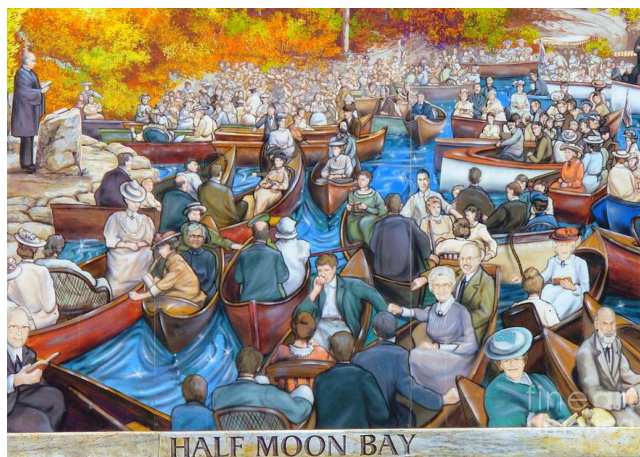
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gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

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**Sending Forth & Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude:** *Fantasia in C*  
- J.S. Bach



**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 Maryfil Hunter, Nicole McCauley, Vera DeWolfe, Max Wernham and Angus Fergusson.**

**Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary added to our announcements? Please contact Laurie at the church Office and give her the details. Birthdays or Anniversaries can only be added with your written consent.**

**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 the church office if there is someone you know who is ill, in hospital or in need of pastoral care. \*\***

**Offerings – May 1, 2022 - Attendance: 47**

General	\$ 1,852.00
Mission & Service	\$ 232.00
Local Missions	\$

***Thank you for your offerings***

**PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR ENVELOPE**

**There are many ways you can partner up with God's Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference.**

e-transfer to [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)

by cheque –120 Pine ST. Gananoque, On K7G 1C7

Sign-up for PAR Forms

[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/>

Christ Church in Lyn, is having a **SPRING FLING** – May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8am to Noon  
A variety of donated items are available as well as craft items, preserves and more. All proceeds will go to the United Church of Canada Emergency Response Ukraine Crisis

- 1) **COVID-19 has not been an easy road to navigate. However, now that restrictions are easing up, Rev. Takouhi would love to have a visit with you. Would you like to meet Rev. Takouhi at her office or in the comfort of your home? Contact her: (613) 777-0880 or by e-mail [revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca](mailto:revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca) to arrange an appointment.**
- 2) **Did you know that Rev. Takouhi has a personal website where you can find her blogs, “Bread for the Journey” videos, prayers and so much more? Subscribe to her mailing list to receive news updates in your personal inbox. Go to [www.revtakouhi.ca](http://www.revtakouhi.ca) and subscribe to her mailing list. It is FREE!**

*This Community of Faith acknowledges all traditional territories, all ceded and unceded lands that we live upon - and give thanks for all the generations of people who have taken care of these lands before us and still do with us today. May we be open to historical truths and may we continue to learn from the past, shape our present time and build a better world with All People.*



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**The 2022 Directory will be available soon**

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Worship Service – Mother’s Day**

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Worship Service**

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10:30 am Worship Service**

**Worship Leader – Tammy Fergusson**

**Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Worship Service**

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### Important Information

Service will also be shown live on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>

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