



## Grace United Church

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### Ordained Minister

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

### Director of Music

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

### Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

**July 3, 2022**

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

### Baptism

### Order of Worship

## WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

**Prelude:** *Meditation on "When Mothers of Salem"*

**Welcome – Christina Gordon**

**Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Centering Music:** *We Center our Hearts for Worship.*

### Spiritual Focus:

*"The **Success of Discipleship does NOT Equate** to the success of this world..."*

### Call to Worship:

Sing to the Lord, all you faithful;

give thanks to God's holy name.

God turned our mourning into dancing!

The Great Tailor took away the sackcloth

and dressed us up in celebration!

Our hearts sing without ceasing!

O Lord our God, we will always give you thanks!

### Opening Prayer (All):

**Holy God, you are for all the world  
a river of shelter and nourishment,  
a city of joy and riches,**

**the defender of all your creation and creatures you love.**

**Take us into your arms again this day**

**and feed us with the power of your Love.**

**We pray humbly and sincerely. Amen.**

*(Please stand as able)*

### **Song of Praise: Voices United # 602**

*"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"*

- 1      Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.
- 2      Before our Maker's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.
- 3      We share each other's woes,  
each other's burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.
- 4      This glorious hope revives  
our courage on the way;  
that we shall live in perfect love  
in God's eternal day.

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*(Please be seated)*

## WE SEEK WISDOM

### Prayer of Illumination (All):

**Your Word, O Lord, is our inspiration, our light, and our motion. Your Word, O Lord, is power, is wisdom, and is comfort. Guide us today, as we listen to the Word read and proclaimed, and fill us with understanding and with the desire to change. Amen.**

**Scripture Reader: Mary Haussler**

**Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (NRSV)**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

**Life Lesson:** *"God has Come Near"*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

#### Song for Baptism: Voices United # 644

*"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"*

- 1) I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
To see your life unfold.
- 2) I was there when you were but a child,  
With a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
To find where demons dwell.
- 3) When you heard the wonder of the word,  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord,  
To whom you now belong.
- 4) If you find someone to share your time  
And you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
From dusk till rising sun.



- 5) In the middle ages of your life,  
Not too old, no longer young.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
Complete what I've begun.
- 6) When the evening gently closes in  
And you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
With just one more surprise.
- 7) I was there to hear your bawling cry  
I'll be there when you are old  
I rejoice the day you were baptized,  
To see your life unfold.

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**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 *Zoey Evelyn Widdes* the daughter of *Douglas and Crystal Widdes* for initiation into the Body of Christ.

## COMMITMENT OF PARENTS

**Minister:** *Douglas and Crystal*, today is a special day. You have decided to Baptize *Zoey*. 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:** *David and Lu-Ann*, as godparents will you grow in faith with *Zoey*, trusting that, "You are not alone, you live in God's world"?

**Godparents: We will, God being our helper.**

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

**Godparents: We will, God being our helper.**

**Minister:** Sharing your faith is the most precious gift to *Zoey*.  
We are glad to hear and 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 say together the New Creed

**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*

## **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.: *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.: Zoey Widdes,** 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, *Zoey Evelyn Widdes* a child of God, and a member of the Body of Christ. We welcome her into the Household of Faith, with 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.**

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### **Our Offerings – Supporting God’s Ministries:**

*We give for the Mission of God to Transform this world.*

### **The prayer that Jesus taught his followers, we pray as our Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):**

**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.**

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

### **Song of Going Forth: More Voices United # 156**

*“Dance with the Spirit”*

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin’,  
walk with the Spirit through out the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life abornin’,  
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Move with the Spirit early in the mornin’,  
walk with the Spirit through out the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life abornin’,  
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Sing with the Spirit early in the mornin’,  
walk with the Spirit through out the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life abornin’,  
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

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### **Sending Forth & Benediction**

#### **Choral Amen**

**Postlude: A Morning Melody - S.S. Wesley**

### **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 Brenda Lussier and Rhea  
Roantree.**

**Happy Anniversary to Peter & Catherine Mills**

**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. \*\***

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### **Offerings – June 26, 2022 - Attendance: 36**

General \$ 2262.00

Mission & Service \$ 215.00

**Thank you for your offerings**

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

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**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/>

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## **Pies for Sale**

*A select variety of Pies will be available to purchase during regular Church Office hours through the summer.*



*Please call ahead to place an order. 613-382-2161*

## **Mark Your Calendars**

**Mary's Merry Minstrels are coming back.**

**At Grace United Church**

**Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 pm.**



### ***"Fiddle Days are Here Again"***

**A concert of fiddle music and more.**

**Admission is by Donation.**

**All proceeds to support**

**Gananoque Refugee Settlement Group/Ukraine**

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***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.***



*(Picture: Credit to Indigenous Ministries and Justice – The United Church of Canada)*

**Contact information:**

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**Rev. Takouhi (direct Line) 613-777-0880**  
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**Session:** Chair: Barb Jenkins  
Vice Chair: Marg Worth, Clerk: Susan Barwell  
**Board of Stewards:** Chair: Denise Wood  
Vice Chair: Vacant, Secretary: Diane Nuttall  
**Official Board:** Chair: Brian Brooks  
Vice Chair: Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

**The 2022 Directory will be available soon**

**Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> – No VIBE Tonight**  
**7:00pm - Session Meeting (ZOOM)**  
**Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> – 7 to 9 pm Concert for Ukraine Refugees**  
**Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am Service**  
**Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> AMAC Rental (all day)**  
**Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Worship Service**  
**Sunday, July 24 – 10:30 am Worship Service**

**Important Information**

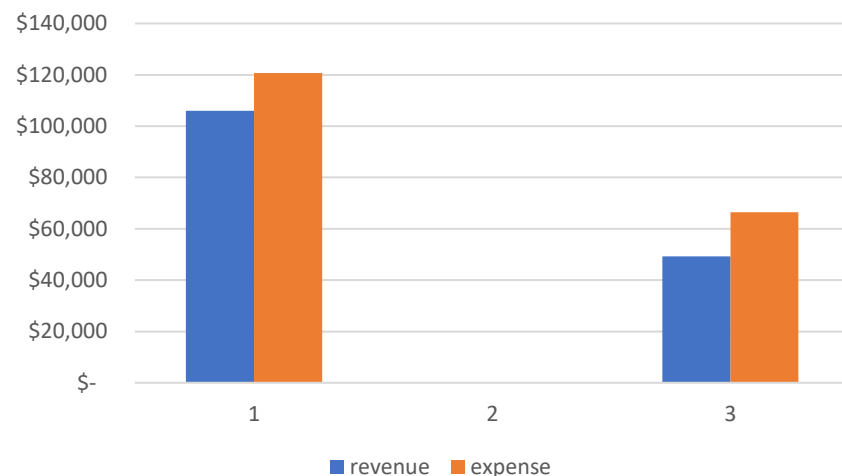
*Service will also be shown live on YouTube.*  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg>  
<https://www.facebook.com/GraceUnitedChurchGananoque>  
The service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.

The sterling silver baptismal chalice we use today was created and crafted by Mr. Richard Paddle, a lifelong member of St. Lawrence and Grace United Churches. It was presented to Grace United Church and dedicated Sunday, February 27, 1983. Engraved on the chalice are Jesus' words from Matthew 19:14: "Suffer the little children to come unto me".



**Financial Update as of May 31, 2022**

Revenue and expense totals for 2022 vs 2021



	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	\$ 105,913	\$ 49,293
<b>Expense</b>	\$ 120,715	\$ 66,427