



Grace United Church

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July 31, 2022, Order of Worship

Eight Sunday after Pentecost



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* - J.S. Bach

Welcome – Brian Brooks

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

*"In the Community of Faith, we find Sustenance and Comfort; Help and Hope.
As we live together we Experience Life with God..."*

Call to Worship:

The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

Ps. 50:1–2

The earth declares God's beauty.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

God's word shines forth in glory.

Opening Prayer (All): Luke 12:35–40

O God of promise, creator of the cosmos,

you are the first light breaking through the void,

and the final light we shall eternally enjoy.

Keep our hearts ever vigilant as we work for Justice,

dress us in love, give us courage for action. Today and always. Amen.

(Please stand as able)

Song of Praise: Voices United # 356

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom"

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 3 We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

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(Please be seated)

WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All): Heb. 11:1, 3

God of Hope and God of Love,

**by faith we know that you created the world,
and that what is seen is made by things that are not visible.**

Open our eyes to your presence among us

**that we may hear your word with clarity and a sureness of hope,
as we follow you in all righteousness.**

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Scripture Reader: Linda Brooks

Gospel of Luke 12:13-21 (NRSV)

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Special Music: "On Eagles Wings" - Michael Joncas

Soloist: Alison Palmer

Life Lesson "What MATTERS Most!"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Song of Hope and Healing Voices United # 400

"Lord, Listen to your Children Praying" (3x)

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace!

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(Please be seated)

Prayers of Hope and Healing –

The Prayer that Jesus Taught His followers (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.

Your Generosity Matters: Gifts with Vision at Work in Ukraine:

Rev. Takouhi

Our Offerings – Supporting God’s Ministries:

We give for the Mission of God to Make Miracles Evident.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

Lord, you give us all that we have.

Accept these gifts and use them for your purpose and glory.

**May these gifts increase our faith, nurture hope,
and be reckoned as righteous in your sight.**

Amen.

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 506

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

- 1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.
- 3 Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
- 4 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

- 5 Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune in C – Michael Ryan*

Welcome

**as we gather for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or
newcomer to this Community of Faith, we extend a warm greeting.
Thank you for joining us virtually.**

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 Charlie Donevan, Dianna Grier and Linda Brooks

**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. ****

Our thanks this morning to our guest musician, Alison Palmer. Alison is a Toronto based theatre and filmtv actor whose career has taken her across Canada from coast to coast. She is presently in Gananoque in the role of Alma Hix in the 1000 Islands Playhouse production of The Music Man. Thank you, Alison, for sharing your talents with our community of faith.

Offerings – July 24, 2022 - Attendance: 16

	Sunday	PAR
General	\$ 505.00	\$ 1260.50
Mission & Service	\$ 175.00	\$ 351.00
Special Grace Mission	\$ 0.00	\$ 12.50
Ukraine	\$ 100.00	

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. by cheque –120 Pine ST.

Gananoque, On K7G 1C7, e-transfer to grace.gan@outlook.com

Sign-up for PAR Forms [https://united-](https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf)

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by Credit Card through

CanadaHelps. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/>

Laurie will be on Holiday until August 15th and the church office will be closed during this time. Phone lines and mail are being covered by Marg Worth.

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)

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The 2022 Directory will be available soon

Sunday, August 7th – 10:30 am Worship – Barb DeJeet

Special Guest Musician – David Talbot

(Rev. Takouhi at General Council Conference)

Sunday, August 14 – 10:30 am Worship – Rev. Takouhi

Sunday, August 21st – 10:30 am Service – Rev. Takouhi

Sunday, August 28th – 10:30 am Service – Rev. Takouhi

Important Information

Service will also be shown live on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg>

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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.