



Grace United Church

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August 14, 2022, Order of Worship

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude – ICH HALTE TREULICH STILL - J.S. Bach*

Welcome – Vicki Leakey

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



Spiritual Focus:

"...the one who sends us out was himself Baptized by fire."¹

Call to Worship:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, Heb. 12:1
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run
with perseverance the race that is set before us. Mindful of the gifts we receive
and confident of the sustenance the Lord provides, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer (All): Luke 12:49–56

God of Peace, your call, at times,

appears to divide us from one another.

Help us to overcome our fears and respond in courage.

Give us faith to trust the unity that is beyond our sight.

Give us your eyes to recognize the signs before us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Please stand as able)

Song of Praise: Voices United # 580

"Faith of Our Fathers"

- 1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
whene'er we hear that glorious word:
faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.
- 2 Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real:
faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.
- 3 Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark,
the cross of Christ still burning bright:
faith for today, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

4 Faith born of God, O call us yet;
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.

Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

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Music: Henri Frederick Hemy 1864; adapt. James George Walton 1874
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(Please be seated)

WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All): Luke 12:49–56

God of Wisdom,

**we eagerly seek your presence in our lives
and in the world.**

By your Spirit, speak your word to us,

**and give us your grace to recognize the abundant signs
of your care for us, so that we might be freed
to act in the world with courage and abandon. Amen.**

Scripture Reader: Denise Wood

Gospel of Luke 12:49-56 (NRSV)

"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the

south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Special Music

Life Lesson *"Aligning with Jesus requires COURAGE!"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Song of Hope and Healing Voices United # 562

"Jesus Calls Us"

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'
- 2 Long ago apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'

5 Jesus calls us: by your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander 1852, alt.
Music: William Herbert Jude 1874
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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:

Podcast Invites Children to Engage Deep Spiritual Questions
Denise Wood

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 # 642

“Be Thou My Vision”

- 1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Words: Irish ca. 8th century, trans. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905; vers. Eleanor H. Hull 1912. alt.
Music: Irish traditional melody
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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen and Postlude: *POSTLUDE IN F MAJOR - J.S. Bach*

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 59th Wedding Anniversary to Dick & Nancy Abrams

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. ****

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
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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>

<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.

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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.



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