



Grace United Church

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September 4, 2022, Order of Worship

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Worship Leader, Norma Wrightly

WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Meditation on "Amazing Grace" - arr. P. Harding*

Welcome – Diane Nuttall

Land Acknowledgement:

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

Call to Worship (Responsive):

"Dipping your Toes" –Rev Janet Stobie, used with permission

Come, open your heart to God's presence.

We come seeking God's wisdom for our lives.

Come, learn of God's spirit that brings us life.

We come seeking the Spirit's support in all our tasks.

Come, let us worship God.

(Please stand as able)

Song of Praise: More Voices # 1

"Let Us Build a House" (All Are Welcome)

1. Let us build a house
Where love can dwell
And all can safely live
A place where Saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions
Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place.
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus
Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place.
3. Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us
Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place.



4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place.

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.

Build of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place.

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(Please be seated)

Prayer of Approach: (In Unison)

**Holy Spirit,
Enliven in us a faith and witness like Lydia's,
that through deepened prayer and open hearts & minds
we might rise to action in service of the gospel. Amen**

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WE SEEK WISDOM

Song of Illumination: Voices United # 372

"Though I May Speak"

- 1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
- 2 Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.
- 3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.



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Scripture Reader: Mary Haussler

Acts 16: 9-15 (NRSV)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

Conversation with Lydia

We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had

gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Organ Solo: *How Great Thou Art - Swedish Melody, arr. P. Harding*

Life Lesson: "A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

(Please stand as able)

Song of Hope and Healing Voices United # 657

"He Leadeth Me"

1 He leadeth me; O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, Where're 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 is hand he leadeth me!

2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deeper gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom.
Be 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 is 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 is hand he leadeth me!

4. And when my task on earth is done,
When by thy grace the victory's won,
Even death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me! He Leadeth me!
By his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
For by is hand he leadeth me!

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Music: William Batchelder Bradbury 1864
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(Please be seated)

Prayers of Hope and Healing

Response: This is our prayer

ALL: May we live that it may be so.

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.

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Our Offerings – Supporting God’s Ministries:

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication:

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 424

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

1. May the God of hope go with us every day.
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
**Refrain: Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that’s new,
Faithful when we hear Christ’s call.**
2. May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
Freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
To a world restored, to human life renewed.

**Refrain: Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that’s new,
Faithful when we hear Christ’s call.**

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Music: Argentine folk melody

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Postlude in D minor – 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 Wedding Anniversary to all who are celebrating this week, including Denise and Derryl Wood, 51 years and to Liz & Doug Dennison. Also, Happy Belated Anniversary to Gary & Rev. Takouhi who celebrated 22 years yesterday.

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

Sign-up for PAR Forms 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/>

A variety of frozen Pies are still available to purchase. Please call Carol at 613-382-4376 or Laurie during office hours at 613-382-2161.



Date	Attendance	Offerings		
		General	M&S	Local Mission
August 7	31	\$ 782.00	\$ 192.00	
August 14	33	\$ 440.00	\$ 150.00	
August 21	24	\$ 562.00	\$ 217.00	
August 28	38	\$ 927.00	\$ 222.00	
PAR	n/a	\$ 1260.50	\$ 351.00	\$ 12.50
BMO	n/a	\$ 450.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00

Thank you for your offerings

(PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR ENVELOPE)



“Hi’ Tea with Rev. T.”



Thursdays @ 1:30 – 3:00

At Grace United Church

Downstairs Hall – Accessible - 120 Pine St. Gananoque

September 15, 2022; October 13, 2022

November 24, 2022; December 8, 2022

Reservations are essential – 3 days prior:

revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca

OR

Tel#: 613-777-0880

(A chance to have a casual conversation with Rev. Takouhi and get to know her better. All are welcome, reservations required.)

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)

Welcome and Thank you to Norma Wrightly for leading our worship service this morning and next Sunday as well. We appreciate your time and dedication.

Fundscrip Update

First – thank you to all who have supported this fundraising venture. To date **\$1,175.00** has been raised for Grace United Church. The support is greatly appreciated.

Did you know, each month there are specials which give a higher percentage back and gift cards are great to have on hand anytime. Please check out the website and sign up if you have not already. <https://www.fundscrip.com>. You will need the invitation code to join the correct page **AU3PXP**.

If you would like an invitation sent to you to join Fundscrip, we can send you the link. Gift cards can be ordered and sent right to you home or if you need some help, Linda, Denise or Laurie can help you out.

Next week we welcome our Grace United Church Choir back into the loft for another season of faithful service. Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 22nd, at 2:30 pm in the choir room. New members are *always* welcome.

As the young and old start back to school this year, remember that many can not afford new shoes, back packs, a healthy breakfast or lunch. Schools are always looking for volunteers and donations to help cloth and feed the children. Please reach out to the schools to see if there is anyway you can help. *“Children are the worlds most valuable resource and the best hope for the future.”* J.F. Kennedy

Contact information:

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8:00am to 1:00 p.m. **(Closed on Wednesdays)**

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Session: Chair: Barb Jenkins
Vice Chair: Marg Worth, Clerk: Susan Barwell
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Vice Chair: Vacant, Secretary: Diane Nuttall
Official Board: Chair: Brian Brooks
Vice Chair: Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

The 2022 Directory is available in the Narthex

Sunday, September 4th – Worship Leader, Norma Wrightly
Monday, September 5th – Labour Day – Office Closed.
Sunday, September 11th – Worship Leader, Norma Wrightly
Wednesday, September 14th – Board of Stewards Meeting 6:30 pm (Hall)
Session Meeting 7pm (via ZOOM)
Thursday, September 15th – “Hi Tea with Rev. T” (see notice)
Official Board Meeting 7:00 pm (Church Hall)
Sunday, September 18th – Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson
Thursday, September 22nd – 11:00am Carveth Service
Sunday, September 25th – Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi
Thursday, September 30th – 2:00pm - Fox Run Service

Important Information

Service will also be shown live on YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>
<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.