



## Grace United Church

120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7

### Ordained Minister

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

### Director of Music

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

### Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

**January 29, 2023 - Order of Worship**

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

**WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE**

**Prelude:** *Meditation on "Whispering Hope"*

**Welcome – Raymond Shea**

**Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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

### Spiritual Focus:

***"God reveals God's self to us most clearly and consistently at our **places of deepest need.**"***

*The Rev. Dr. David Lose*

### Lighting the Christ Candle

*(The Christ candle is lit.)*

**Gathering Call (Responsive)** Mic. 5:8

One: What does the Lord require of you,

**All: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**

One: Let us Celebrate God's Justice, and Steadfast Love.

*(Please Stand as Able)*

## **Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #686**

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
now fulfil your church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
scorn your Christ, assail your ways;  
fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days.
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton selfish gladness,  
rich in goods and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Set our feet on lofty places,  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christlike graces,  
pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
that we fail not them nor thee.

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(Please be seated)

**Gathering Prayer (All):** Mic. 6:8; 1 Cor. 1:18–31; Matt. 5:12

Redeeming God, you rescue us from slavery and lead us out of captivity. Guide us by the wisdom of the cross, and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and blessedness – for Your Glory. **Amen.**

## WE SEEK WISDOM

**Responsive Psalm 15 – Voices United # 736**

God, who may be a guest in your house,  
**or who may dwell on your holy mountain?**



One who leads a blameless life,  
**who does what is right,**  
**who speaks truthfully from the heart;**  
one whose tongue is free from malice,  
**who never wrongs a friend,**  
**who utters no reproach against a neighbour;**  
one who cannot respect the unworthy,  
but honours those who fear God;  
**who stands by a promise given,**  
**though it be to personal disadvantage;**  
one who will not take interest on a loan,  
nor accept a bribe to testify against the innocent.  
**Whoever does this shall never be overthrown.**



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**Time with Youth and Young at Heart:**

*"How can we be a Sanctuary?"*

**Repeating Prayer**

**Song of Devotion: More Voices #18**

*"Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary" (3x)*

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

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## WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

**Scripture Reader: Pamela Shea**

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,  
**All: our ears and hearts are open.**

**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12** (NRSV)

**The Beatitudes**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reader: For the Sacred Story is God's story,

**All: for the Sacred Story is our story,**

Reader: for the Sacred Story is our source and inspiration.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** – *What a Wonderful World* (with "This is My Father's World") –  
*arr. John D. Miller*

**Life Lesson** "*Some Blessings are Hidden in Struggles...*"

**Song of Trust: Voices United # 337**

*"Blessed Assurance"*

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.
- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.
- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.

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## 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:** *"Learning Racism at a Young Age"*

### Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

*Mindful of the abundance we have received from God,  
we offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):** Matt. 5:1–12

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. **Amen.**

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

*(Please stand as able)*

### **Song of Going Forth: Voices United #684**

*"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace..."*

- 1     Make me a channel of your peace:  
      where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
      where there is injury, your healing power,  
      and where there's doubt, true faith in you:
  
- 2 -    Make me a channel of your peace:  
      where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
      where there is darkness, only light;  
      and where there's sadness, ever joy.  
      O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
      so much to be consoled as to console,  
      to be understood as to understand,  
      to be loved as to love with all my soul.
  
- 3 -    Make me a channel of your peace.  
      It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
      in giving to all that we receive,  
      and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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### **Sending Forth & Benediction**

#### **Choral Amen**

**Postlude:** *Prelude in D minor - J. S. Bach*

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## Welcome

as we gather for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or a newcomer to this Community of Faith, either in person or virtually, we extend a warm welcome. May you come in as a stranger but depart knowing you are part of the family. Thank you for joining us, we look in seeing you again.

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### 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. \*\***

*NOTE – Due to privacy laws and confidentiality, the names of people on our list are not printed in the Order of Service.*

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### 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 Merna Price, Gary Seidl and Cecile Bass.**

**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.**

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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. by cheque –120 Pine ST.

Gananoque, On K7G 1C7, e-transfer to [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)

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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Donation Envelopes for 2023 are out and ready for pick up. PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON YOUR ENVELOPES AS NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED. If you would like envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet available on the table.

### Offerings January 2023

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local
Jan 1				
Jan 8	48	\$ 2302.00	327.00	\$ 25.00
Jan 15	29	\$1962.00	\$ 192.50	0
Jan 22	47	\$ 1082.00	\$ 227.00	\$ 15.00
Jan 29				
PAR				
BMO				

Thank you for your offerings

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

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**YOGA** – Monday nights at 6:00pm and Wednesday afternoon classes at 3:30pm. If interested, you must preregister through Thomas' website.

[www.yoga1000islands.com](http://www.yoga1000islands.com)

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### Milk Bags for Beds

Please keep your milk bags and bring them to the church. These are being used to make beds for the less fortunate. A box is at the back of the church to put your clean milk bags in.

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**COPIES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT ARE OUT FOR PICK UP. PLEASE REVIEW PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

**NOTICE** – the Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> immediately following service. We will go over the Annual Report, our financial status, changes to our policies and other important matters. All are welcome to attend.

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The Gananoque Seniors Association along with the Town of Gananoque will be hold a series of FREE - Workshops. Classes and other events over the next few months. Here at Grace, we will be hosting "MELT METHOD" classes, Thursdays 1 – 3 pm, beginning February 9<sup>th</sup> with instructor Gloria Laux.

And Conversational French classes on Fridays 10-12, beginning February 10<sup>th</sup>, with Nicole Tyo. (Both are 8 week programs)

**MELT** helps to address a host of middle-age complaints: chronic pain, aching joints, weight gain, stress, wrinkles, digestive problems, low energy and insomnia. Researchers describe connective tissue as a three-dimensional, fluid-filled support network that surrounds the muscles, bones, nerves and organs. As we age, our bodies endure wear and tear that is thought to result in dehydration of this system. Even in young people, repetitive motions like running can compress and dry out the fascia. Once you learn the method, just 10 minutes three times a week is all you need. Gloria Laux started in dance classes at three years old and loved moving. Still does. While becoming an Aromatherapist in 1997 she learned about Pilates which lead her to other modalities. A friend suggested she check out the Melt Method and she was hooked, becoming the first instructor in Ontario.

**Conversational French course** will be offered by a retired qualified French language teacher, Nicole Tyo, who has several years of experience teaching all ages from junior kindergarten to post secondary students. Come learn some commonly used words and sentences to better communicate in French through activities , role playing and of course, lots of laughs.



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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 is available in the Narthex**

**Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am**  
**V.I.B.E. – NEW SESSION \_ STARTS FEB. 8, 2023**

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Rev. Takouhi**

**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> -Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Rev. Takouhi**

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, Rev. Takouhi**

**Annual Congregation Meeting to follow Service.**

2:00pm - Gananoque Pride Alliance Youth Committee

**Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> – Transfiguration Sunday, Tammy Fergusson**

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – First Sunday of Lent, Communion, Rev. Takouhi**

**Friday, March 3 – World Day of Prayer**

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Lent, Rev. Takouhi**

**Sunday, March 12 – Third Sunday of Lent, Rev. Takouhi**

### 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.