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**WELCOME
TO
GRACE UNITED CHURCH**



***Where Everyone is Beloved
&
Part of God's Family***



Grace United Church

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August 13, 2023

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Organ Prelude: *Meditation on "Nearer, My God, To Thee" - Eliza Flower*

Welcome – Shirley Clark

Land Acknowledgement (Responsive):

One: Grace United Church takes seriously the commitments made to First Nations communities through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report, especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

All: Therefore, we acknowledge, this day, that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the original nations of this land, and we acknowledge with respect, their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

"When a storm arises while the disciples are on the sea of Galilee, Jesus resolves to meet them exactly where they are."

Dr. Nicholas J. Schaser¹

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Call to Worship:

God lifts us from life to abundant life and helps us journey for eternal purposes through the compassion of Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We gather for worship with thanksgiving and JOY!

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #402

"We Are One" (verses 1, 2, & 4)

- 1 We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.
- 2 We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.

¹ Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, United States

We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.

- 4 We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

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(Please be seated)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (All):

Dear Jesus, we call upon you in time of need.

You meet us exactly where we are.

Often, we are afraid by our circumstances,
distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears.

We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying
ourselves. We envy the fortune of others, secretly despising their
successes. Sometimes, we harden our hearts to the suffering of others,

fulfilling our own wants in the face of injustice that holds others
captive. Holy One, you know our hearts, more than we know ourselves,
lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in Faith, Humility, and
Hope. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Song of Illumination: Voices United # 376

"Spirit of the Living God"

- 1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

- 2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

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Scripture Reader: Christina Gordon

Reader: We listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Gospel of Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV)

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

May the Spirit of Wisdom add understanding to these words.

All: Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music

Life Lesson: "Power of Fear vs. Power of Promise"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Song of Hope Voices United # 644

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

- 1 I was there to hear your borne 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 borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

WE OFFICIALLY WELCOME MEMBERS TO GRACE UNITED & CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Minister: *(Mark 10:13-16)*

Dearly Beloved, people were bringing little children to Jesus.
The disciples did not like this.
When Jesus saw this, he said to them

All: **"Let the little children come to me..."**

Minister: Members and friends in Christ, we gather regularly to celebrate God's Presence, with, in and through us. The gift of the Sacrament of Baptism transforms ordinary element such as water to experience a sacred moment through the Spirit of God in the Community of Faith.

All: **We are one body and one spirit. Our Hope is rooted in the Creator of the Universe, who continues to create in, through and with us.**

Minister: There is One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism,
One God, Creator of us all.

Session Rep.: On behalf of **Grace United Church**,
I present **Theodore Giorgio Zentil** the son of
Daniel & Catherine Zentil for initiation
into the Body of Christ.

Commitment of Parents & Officially Welcoming Members

Introduction: *Daniel Zentil & Catherine Filteau-Zentil*

Minister: Dan & Catherine, you have decided to join this community of faith, by profession of faith, because of the welcoming spirit that you have witnessed here. Will you officially join with us on this journey, and call **Grace United Church** your church family, to celebrate the **Triune God's Presence**; live with **respect in creation; love and serve others; seek justice and resist evil?**

New Members: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Dan & Catherine, today is also an extra Special day. You have decided to Baptize your son and Dan, you wish to be baptized as well. The act of Baptism is accepting the claim that God calls your son, and you, **Beloved**, and you accept this gift with Gratitude.

As parents, you are entrusted to nurture and guide your child and as an adult, your own steps 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.

✚ 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.

✚ Will you support the life and work of the church in this community and/or wherever you are found?

Parents: We will.

✚ Will you share your faith with your child, and work on your own faith journey as well, and ensure that the Compassionate Teachings of Jesus are evident in all you do? Help grow in faith, and make this world a better place?

Parents: We will.

Commitment of Godparent

Minister: Rachel Young, As godparent do you promise to support and encourage this couple to nurture their child, and do all that you can to grow in the knowledge and the love of God?

Godparent: I will, God being my helper.

Minister: Sharing your faith is the most precious gift. We are glad to hear and witness your commitment to this important vocation.

Covenanting with the Congregation

(please stand as able)

Minister: As a baptized and baptizing church let us covenant with this family and one another.

All: As a baptized and baptizing church, we commit ourselves anew to nurture and support one another.

Minister: Let us say together the New Creed¹:

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.

(Congregation please be seated.)

Pouring of Water



¹ A New Creed is a brief and well-loved affirmation of faith used widely in our worship (1968; rev. 1980, 1995).

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 and resurrection and went on to make disciples throughout the world.

Minister: And so we come before you today, grateful for the promise and the power of water. We pray that your Holy Spirit blesses this gift, this child and father who will receive it. Immerse them in your Love once again and cover them in your Peace.
Amen.

Baptism

Marking the Sign of the Cross

Laying on of Hands - Prayer

Session Rep.: Lighting of Baptismal Candles:

*The baptismal candle is lit signifying the light of Christ, and presented to the parents on behalf of the **child** behalf, and one for Daniel for his adult baptism.*

Session Rep.: Theodore Giorgio Zentil, and Daniel Zentil, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works for the glory to God. **Amen**



Introduction to Congregation

Minister: Members of **Grace United Church** I introduce to you, **Theodore Giorgio Zentil and Daniel Zentil**, children of God, members of the Body of Christ. We welcome **them** into the Household of Faith, with Joy and Thanksgiving.

All: We are members of the Body of Christ. We are inheritors of God's promises.



Minister: In the name of Jesus Christ, we also officially welcome **Daniel & Catherine Zentil** to the Joys and Responsibilities of membership in this congregation. We give thanks to God for their presence, partnership, and participation, as we all attempt to be ambassadors of God's Love in this world... Welcome Home...

(Presentation of Certificates, Bibles, Prayer Shawl, Votive Candles)

Song of Celebration Voices United # 958

"Halle, Halle, Halle" (x 2)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! (Hallelujah!)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Words: trad. liturgical text

Music: anon., arr. The Iona Community 1990

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Invitation to Generosity (Call to Offering)

God has blessed us beyond measure and our own generosity is an opportunity to use a portion of our blessings to share with others.



Offertory Song: Voices United #541

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Words: Thomas Ken ca. 1674

Music: Genevan Psalter 1551, Public domain.

The Prayer of Jesus - Prayer after Offering (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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Commitment: Voices United #651

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Words: Welsh, William Williams 1745, English

trans. Peter Williams and William Williams 1776. Music: John Hughes 1905.

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude - *Now Thank We, All Our God* - Sigfried Karg-Elert

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.

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 Rev. Takouhi or the church office if there is someone you know who is in need or a visit, in hospital or any other needs.

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

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 Marilyn Belbin and Elaine Davidson.

Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary added to our announcements contact Laurie at the church Office and give her the details.



Grace United Church has a hearing assistance system which broadcasts via Bluetooth. If you have a Bluetooth setting on your hearing aid, you can pair it with the church's PA system. If you have Bluetooth earbuds or headphones, you can do the same. Ask Paul Harding for assistance.

There are many ways you can partner up with God's Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference. by cheque.

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Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (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/>

Thank you for your Sunday offerings.

A summary of offerings received will be available in the Aug 27th

Order of service, when Laurie returns.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT

ON YOUR DONATION ENVELOPES

If you are a guest and would like a receipt, your full name and mailing address are required. Please fill in a guest/visitor envelope. Donation envelopes are still available, there is a sign-up sheet available on the table in the Narthex.



NOTICE – the church office will be closed, August 7th to August 21, while Laurie is away on holiday.

Coming up this week at Grace United....

Sunday, August 6 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Morning Worship Rev. Takouhi
Monday, August 7	Office Closed
Tuesday, August 8 9 – Noon 5:30 – 6:30pm	Office Closed Quilters BootCamp
Wednesday, August 9	Office Closed
Thursday, August 10 1 to 2 pm 5:30 to 6:30	Office Closed Chair YOGA Bootcamp
Friday, August 11	Office Closed
Saturday, August 12	Office Closed
Sunday, August 13 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi

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Coming Events this Fall/Winter

Tower of Song Concert - September 21st, 7:00pm

Turkey Dinner *(Tickets will be available soon)*

Thursday, October 5th at the Gananoque Curling Club.

Turpins Trail Concert – Thursday, October 19th

Bob Burtch, Blue Grass Concert – Saturday, November 25th

Christmas Market – Saturday, December 2nd

Do you have a fundraising idea or want to help with Fundraising? The Stewards would love to hear from you. Their contact information is on the back cover.