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The 2023 Directory will be out soon

If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again.

Service will also be shown live on YouTube.

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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.

**WELCOME
TO
GRACE UNITED CHURCH**



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



Grace United Church

120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7

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

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

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Sunday, August 27, 2023

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader, Liz Church.



WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Prelude: *Meditation on "Woodworth" - William Bradbury*

Welcome / Announcements: Brian Brooks

Opening Worship: More Voices # 142 "Oh A Song Must Rise"

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Oh a song must rise once again.

Singing out God's praises and glory,

the faithful voices blend,

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

- 1) From the mountains to the valleys,
from the desert to the sea,
a song must rise once again.
From the voices of our leaders,
the voice of you and me,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Oh a song must rise once again.

*Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,*

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

- 2) From poverty and riches,
from the voice of young and old,
a song must rise once again.
From the free and the imprisoned, m
the timid and the bold,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Oh a song must rise once again.

*Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,*

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

- 3) From every house of worship,
in every faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again.

From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

*Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.
Oh a song must rise once again.
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.*

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Opening Prayer (together)

We are honoured to be here in Your House, O God. Every part of this service has been shaped so that we can bring adoration to You. As we sing and pray this day, accept our offering of love. This we ask in Your Holy Name. Amen

Territorial Acknowledgment (Unison)

"As we gather today, we are reminded that we work, worship and live on lands of our Indigenous brothers and sisters. We have the responsibility for the stewardship of this land where we work, live and worship.

We acknowledge the traditional Indigenous territories. We wish to express gratitude for the resources we are using, and honour all. By learning, understanding and acknowledging, we wish to pay respect to the rich Indigenous history of this area.

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ. This light shines in each one of us, no matter where we are.

All: We take this Light of Christ with us and share God's love to all.

Hymn: More Voices # 156 "Dance With the Spirit"

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
Walk with the Spirit all the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin'.
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
move with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
sing with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

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Spiritual Focus: If we each use our gifts will it make a difference?

Time with the Young at Heart



WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Illumination Hymn: Voices United # 368

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” (Vs 1-4)

1. Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.
2. Holy Spirit, Love divine,
Glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire;
Perish self in Thy pure fire.
3. Holy Spirit, Pow’r divine,
Fill and nerve this will of mine;
Grant that I may strongly live,
Bravely bear, and nobly strive.
4. Holy Spirit, Right divine,
King within my conscience reign;
Be my Lord, and I shall be
Firmly bound, forever free.

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Prayer for Illumination:

Dear Lord, there is never a time when we open Your Word that we do not receive new blessings and insight for daily living. This day we pray for illumination into our hearts that we will walk more closely with You, having shared in this time together.

Scripture Reader: Linda Brooks

Reader: We listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Psalm 138 New International Version

I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart;
before the “gods” I will sing your praise.
I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,
for you have so exalted your solemn decree
that it surpasses your fame.
When I called, you answered me;
you greatly emboldened me.

May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD,
when they hear what you have decreed.
May they sing of the ways of the LORD,
for the glory of the LORD is great.

Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
though lofty, he sees them from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life.
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;

with your right hand you save me.
The LORD will vindicate me;
your love, LORD, endures forever—
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Romans 12:1-8 New Living Translation

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So, if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Reader: Here ends today's readings.

May the Spirit of Wisdom add understanding to these words.

All: Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: Solo: *You'll Never Walk Alone*
(from "Carousel" 1945) - Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein

Soloist: Kevin James Doe

Reflection: "How twisted is your straight path?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:

The Lord's Prayer (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:

Making a Home for Refugees: ChrisAnn Alvarez's Work

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 Hymn: Voices United # 481

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

- 1) Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.
- 2) With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, of each tribe and race..
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Words: Omer Westendorf 1964, alt.

Music: Welsh folk tune – The Ash Grove

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Offertory Prayer

Our hearts are filled with praise to You, our Creator. We give back to You, through our monetary gifts, a portion of our wealth. We also pledge ourselves as part of this offering. Help us to recognize those who are in need and to reach out to them. Amen.

GOD SEND US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

Closing Hymn: Voices United # 417 "God as We Rise to Leave"

- 1) God, as we rise to leave this shell of worship,
called to the risk of unprotected living,
willing to be at one with all your people,
we ask for courage.
- 2) For all the strain with living interwoven,
for the demands each day will make upon us
and for the love we owe the modern city,
God, make us cheerful.
- 3) Give us an eye for openings to serve you;
make us alert when calm is interrupted,
ready and wise to use the unexpected:
sharpen our insight.
- 4) Lift from our life the blanket of convention,
give us the nerve to lose our life to others,
be with your Church in death and resurrection,
God of all ages!

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Commissioning and Benediction – More Voices 349

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands
to serve. May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your
hearts to love. May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and
may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

Choral Benediction: "Go now In Peace"

*Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love*

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Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: *Finale on "Sine Nomine" - Ralph Vaughan Williams*

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.***

Our thanks to guest soloist this morning, Kevin Doe; we appreciate the sharing of your time and talents with us. Kevin is current appearing at the 1000 Islands Playhouse as "D" in "Bittergirl". Against his three female cast-mates, "A", "B" and "C", he holds his own remarkably well. Welcome to Gananoque and to Grace United Church.

Our sincere gratitude to Liz Church, our Lay Minister this morning. Liz is covering services and pastoral care while Rev. Takouhi is on vacation. We appreciate Liz's time and dedication.

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 Martin Hawley

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 CreditCard through CanadaHelps.

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

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR DONATION ENVELOPES

If you would like envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet available on the table in the Narthex.

Offerings August 2023

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local/Benevolent
Aug 6	34	\$852.50	\$152.50	0
Aug 13	47	\$ 1277.50	\$ 152.50	0
Aug 20	31	\$ 712.50	\$ 172.50	0
Aug 27				
PAR		\$ 1195.00	\$ 333.50	\$12.50
BMO				

Thank you for your generosity.

Tower Of Song..

Grace United Church celebrates the Birthday of the Canadian Icon **LEONARD COHEN..**

Thursday, Sept. 21st, 7:30pm

Join Paul Harding, Cliff Edwards, Chantal Thompson and their very talented group of musicians, as they perform "Suzanne", "Bird On A Wire", "I'm Your Man", "Dance Me" and many other great Leonard songs.

Join us at **Grace United Church**
120 Pine St., Gananoque ON

Tickets \$20.00 per person

Tickets are available in advance at the church office. Call 613-382-2161



Coming up this week at Grace United....

Sunday, August 27 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Morning Worship, Liz Church
Monday, August 28	Office 8am to 1 pm
Tuesday, August 29 9 – Noon 5:30 – 6:30pm	Office 8am to 1 pm Quilters BootCamp
Wednesday, August 30	Office Closed
Thursday, August 31 5:30 to 6:30	Office 8am to 1 pm Bootcamp
Friday, September 1	Office 8am to 1pm
Saturday, September 2	Office 8am to 1 pm
Sunday, September 3 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Liz Church

Coming Events this Fall/Winter

Tower of Song Concert - September 21st, 7:30pm

Tickets are \$20/person available from members of the church, at the church office or the Gananoque Visitors Centre.

Turkey Dinner (\$20 Tickets available now) Eat in or Take-out

Tuesday, October 3rd at the Gananoque Curling Club.

See Insert in Bulletin.

Turpin's Trail Concert – Thursday, October 19th

Bob Burtch, Blue Grass Concert – Friday, November 24th

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.



Grace United Church Turkey Dinner

with all the trimmings and Pumpkin Pie

Tuesday, October 3, 2023
5:30pm

Gananoque Curling Club
300 William St. S.

\$20.⁰⁰

Dine-in and take-out available
advance sales only - no tickets at the door
cut-off date: September 26th

Contact: Denise Wood
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