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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-
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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 Part of the Family
and
Worship is a Lifestyle NOT an Event***

***(Remember to pass this bulletin to someone else
You never know how you will Bless them)***



Grace United Church
120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7

Director of Music
Mr. Paul Harding, B.Mus., B.Ed.

Office Administrator
Laurie Cadue

Sunday June 1, 2025
7th Sunday of Easter
LLWL, Tammy Fergusson

Third Annual Pride Worship Celebration

Order of Worship

We Gather As United and Uniting People

Prelude: *Hymn to Freedom - Oscar Peterson*

Welcome: Diane Hayward

Land Acknowledgement

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.

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

Centering Music

Spiritual Focus

We are tiny lights that sparkle and glow. In a world
much bigger than we'll ever know
... Coco Love Alcorn

Lighting the Christ Candle

A Moment for Pride - Here's Some Facts!

Pride is a positive stance against the discrimination and violence of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community. Pride is also a chance to promote self-affirmation, dignity, equality and fundamental human rights and to celebrate in a safe environment.

Lighting of the Rainbow Candles



The red candle is a symbol of life and all its richness
The orange candle is a symbol for healing.
The yellow candle is a symbol for sunlight.
The green candle is a symbol for nature.

The blue candle is a symbol for harmony.
The purple candle is a symbol for Spirit.
We are tiny lights shining so bright... Coco Love Alcorn
In all of our diversity; in all of who we are, God's world
can be a better place.

Call to Worship *The Message Psalm 139: 13-14*

Wonderful are your works, O God!
You shaped each and every one of us,
From the inside to the outside.
You formed each and every one of us,
From our mother's womb.
We are grateful O God!
We are marvellously made!

Gathering Hymn **More Voices # 1**
"Let Us Build A House"

Prayer of the Day *Enfleshed*

One: O God, when you called us into being,
you delighted in your works.
You gifted us with differences that illuminate
the breadth of beauty, wisdom, and
practices of love in your Creation.

**All: We look to our left,
And we look to our right.
We see the people who will travel
with us along the way.**

One: In whatever ways we still struggle to accept
and celebrate our own unique offerings,
free us from narrow thinking
that confines, constrains, or condemns us.
Help our grey thoughts of this world turn to
colours of light.

**All: In the Book of Genesis it says, "God saw
everything that he had made and indeed, it
was very good."**

We Hear The Sacred Stories

A Moment For Pride - Kid's Addition

- Let's Wave Some Flags!

Prayers for the Youth and Young At Heart

Dear Loving God,
There are so many flags.
There are so many colours,
That represents us,
That represents others.
May we all have our place,
On this earth in this space.
May you bless and keep us,
Safe with your grace.



Special Music: What a Wonderful World

... Doug Gifford, Tammy Fergusson

Scripture Reader: Joan MacKinnon

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Scripture Readings

1 John 4: 7-12 (*The Message, The Bible in contemporary Language - Eugene H. Peterson*)

My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God is love - so you can't know him if you don't love. This is how God showed his love for us; God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about - not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God.

My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us - perfect love!

Micah 6:8 (*The Message, The Bible in contemporary Language - Eugene H. Peterson*)

But God's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite

simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbour, be *compassionate and loyal in your love, and don't take yourself too seriously - take God seriously.*

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

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: GOD OF LOVE, by Mark Wilson.

Life Lesson Freedom to Love – Tammy Fergusson

Respond to God's Grace

Hymn of Assurance More Voices # 145

"Draw The Circle Wide"

Prayers of Hope and Healing

Let Us Sing The Lord's Prayer

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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Your Generosity Matters:
***Advocating for Sexual and Gender Minorities in
Other Countries***

**Invitation to Offer Ourselves, Finances and Talents
to God**

Enfleshed

Since its beginning, the church was meant to be a
place of chosen family—a community of outcasts and
outlaws, dreamers, prophets, and humble disciples of
Love. In the company of Divine Presence, we create
belonging and nurture justice. With gratitude for the
sacred labours of love in this place, let us bring our
offerings to God and to one another.

Our Offerings are Now Received



Offering Hymn Offering Hymn

Voices United #537 (Tune: Amazing Grace)

“Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands”

Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.

Words: Calvin Weiss Lauffer 1927, alt.

Music: from Virginia Harmony 1831, adapt. And harm. Edwin O.
Excell 1900

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

All: Loving God,

**We offer these gifts with open hands and open
hearts,**

Trusting that your love will transform them

Into acts of compassion, justice and mercy

Through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ’s name we pray.

Sandra Jenkinson, Sundridge Ont.

God Sends Us Into The World To Be The Church

Closing Hymn More Voices # 138

“My Love Colours Outside The Lines”

Sending Forth

This morning we have lit candles, waved flags and begun a conversation.

As we go into the community and God's world, Let us share the message that God's love is for everyone!

Sung Blessing Voices United # 429

"May the Blessing of God Be Upon You"

Choral Amen Voices United # 429

May the Blessing of God Be Upon You

Postlude / *Can See Clearly Now* - Johnny Nash 1972

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.

Thank you to Licensed Lay Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson for leading our service this morning. Next Sunday, June 8th, Christian Kaya will lead our service.

Thank you to our guest music director, Doug Gifford. Doug will be here again, next Sunday.

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 this week to Tammy.

Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary to Tammy & Angus.

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

Offerings MAY 2025

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)	LENT
May 4	33	\$ 882.50	\$ 127.50	\$ 26.50	
May 11	33	\$1210.00	\$147.50	\$ 26.50	
May 18	31	\$ 642.50	\$ 142.50	\$ 1.50	
May 25	37	\$487.50	\$122.50	\$ 12.50	
BMO		\$ 550.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00	
PAR		\$ 1950.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 20.00	

Thank you for your generosity.

2025 Donation Envelopes are ready for pick up in the Narthex. If you cannot find your envelopes or would like envelopes. Please contact Laurie 613-382-2161.

List of guest Worship Leaders

DATE	Worship Leader
June 1 (Pride Service)	Tammy Fergusson
June 8	Christina Kaya
June 15(100 th Anniversary)	Watch Party (Hall)
June 22	Special Service
June 29 (Canada Day - Ribfest)	Ecumenical Service
July 6	Paul Whiteley
July 13	Paul Whiteley
July 20	Lillian McNamee
July 27	Barb DeJeet
August 3	Norma Wrightly

Coming up at Grace United....

Monday, June 2 9am to 11:30	Office 8am – 1pm Seniors – Better Balance
Tuesday, June 3 9am – 12pm 8:30 to Noon 5:30 – 6:30	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters PIES PILATES
Wednesday, June 4 9am to 11:30	Office Closed Seniors – Better Balance
Thursday, June 5	Office 8am – 1pm
Friday, June 6 9am to 11:30	Office 8am – 1pm Seniors – Better Balance
Saturday June 7 1 to 3pm	Office Closed PRIDE - CLOTHING SWAP
Sunday, June 8 10:30 am Worship Service	Office Closed Christina Kaya

*SMR = Small meeting room

PIE SALE

**Apple, Blueberry, Bumbleberry, Cherry, Peach,
Strawberry, Strawberry Rhubarb, Rhubarb**

\$18 each

**Raspberry and a limited quantity of Mincemeat
\$20 each.**

To order call Carol at 613-382-4376

Pickup date – June 26, 2025

Mark your Calendars

Our Next Concert is June 12th with

HoozHear?

This professional, tightly knit group brings their own eclectic sound to a mix of classic and indie rock, their own versions of jazz and blues standards with some country surprises.



IRISH DANCE WORKSHOP & CELTIC MUSIC GET TOGETHER



Friday, June 20, 2025

At Grace United Church Hall.

All are welcome.

2 groups, Children 5 & up & adults.

Irish Dancers & Musicians

from the ***Kingston Irish Folk Club*** will be here.

Free – Donations appreciated to help cover rental.

Call Tony for more details

613-389-0754

Be completely humble and gentle;
be patient, bearing with one another
in love.

EPHESIANS 4:2



In June we will be celebrating some special Sunday services.

June 8, Christina Kaya will lead the service to share with us a special message about how God repairs and improves our broken spirits, making us whole again.

June 15, we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada with a Watch Party in the auditorium downstairs. We will be joining the Anniversary service from Ottawa via the lifestream on the internet. Tammy Fergusson will guide our participation and will lead us in an Agape meal as we celebrate the Last Supper together. Of course, there will be coffee and cake to complete our celebration. Join us in the auditorium at our normal worship time.

June 22, we will be having a Celebration of Music in Worship. The service will be a combination of familiar, favourite hymns, Psalms, and readings as we lift our voices in praise. After the service we will join together for a potluck picnic on the lawn! We invite everyone to bring some picnic food that we can share, perhaps some sandwiches, a fruit platter, some veggies and dip, cheese and crackers or some other finger food or some sweets for dessert. We will provide tea, coffee and lemonade. Let's make it a real family celebration! Our friends from Lansdowne United Church will be joining us for this special event.

June 29, we are planning to attend the ecumenical service being held at Ribfest. Let's join our brothers and sisters from the community to worship together.