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**NOTE: Laurie will be on holiday from July 26<sup>th</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup>. The Church office will be closed during this time.**

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**Boards of Grace United**

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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-R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg>

<https://www.facebook.com/GraceUnitedChurchGananoque>

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)***



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**Director of Music**

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

**Office Administrator**

Laurie Cadue

**August 10, 2025**  
**9th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Worship Leader, Paul Whiteley**

**We Gather as A Grateful People**

**Prelude:** *Meditation on "Maryton"*

**Welcome:** Julie Price

**Land Acknowledgement**

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 and Anniversaries

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

**Spiritual Focus**

Waiting is a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about him for whom we are waiting.

– Henri Nouwen

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship (Responsive)**

One: The Lord comes to us this day. Are you ready?

**All: We are ready!**

One: The Lord challenges us to be in ministries of peace and hope. Are you ready?

**All: We are ready!**

One: Let us praise God who calls us to serve God by helping others.

**All: Praise be to God who has given us hope and peace. Amen.**

(-Nancy Townley, *Ministry Matters*, 2022)

**Gathering Hymn of Praise:** **More Voices #18**

*"Lord Prepare Me"*

**Prayer of the Day** (All)

Surprising God of mercy and love, thank you for calling to us this day. We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith in ministries of peace and justice, offering compassion to all in

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**need. Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words of encouragement and challenge. We offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

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## **We Reflect on the Sacred Stories**

### **A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart**

#### **Scripture Readings:**

**Scripture Reader: Barb Jenkins**

**Reader:** Listen for the Sacred Story,

**All: our ears and hearts are open.**

#### **First Reading: Amos 8: 1–12 (NIV)**

##### **A Basket of Ripe Fruit**

This is what the Sovereign Lord showed me: a basket of ripe fruit. <sup>2</sup>“What do you see, Amos?” he asked. “A basket of ripe fruit,” I answered. Then the Lord said to me, “The time is ripe for my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

“In that day,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “the songs in the temple will turn to wailing. Many, many bodies—flung everywhere! Silence!”

Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, saying,

“When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may

market wheat?”—skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat.

The Lord has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.

“Will not the land tremble for this, and all who live in it mourn? The whole land will rise like the Nile; it will be stirred up and then sink like the river of Egypt.

“In that day,” declares the Sovereign Lord,

“I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your religious festivals into mourning and all your singing into weeping. I will make all of you wear sackcloth and shave your heads. I will make that time like mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day.

“The days are coming,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “when I will send a famine through the land— not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord. People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the Lord, but they will not find it.

Here ends the first reading.

#### **Second Reading: Luke 12:32–40 (NIV)**

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been

pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### **Watchfulness**

"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

**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.**

## **Ministry of Music**

**Morning Message** : *Waiting in anxious times*

### **We Respond to God's Grace**

**Hymn of Assurance: Voices United #421**

***"Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"***

### **Prayers of Hope and Healing**

#### **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:**

General Council 45

### **Invitation to Offering**

#### **The Offering is Received**

### **Offertory Hymn: Voices United # 541**

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

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### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

<b>God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church</b>
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### **Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United # 642**

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

### **Commissioning**

### **Benediction**

### **Choral Amen: All**

### **Postlude:** *Prelude No. 8 in Gm - J.S. Bach*

*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.

### **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 Claire, Marilyn & Elaine.**

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

### **Offerings July 2025**

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)
July 6	19	\$ 1292.50	\$ 182.50	\$ 11.50
July 13	18	\$ 542.50	\$ 122.50	\$ 1.50
July 20	18	\$ 560.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 28.00
July 27				
BMO				
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Thank you for your generosity.

**Next Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> our worship leader is Laura Webb**

### **Pie by the Slice on the Lawn, fundraiser**

**Today, Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Come and Enjoy a delicious slice of pie on the lawn.**

**Bring a friend, tell your neighbours**

**All are welcome. Slices of pie will be \$5/slice.**

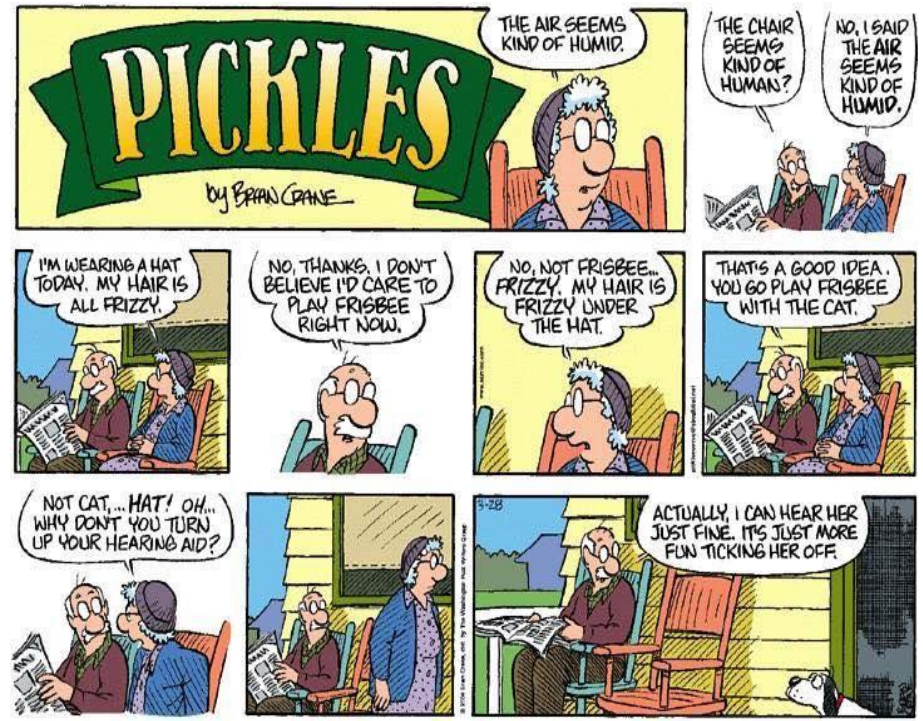
(rain date – August 31<sup>st</sup>)



## Turpin's Trail – return - Sept. 10 at 7:30pm



**Tickets \$25 in Advance, \$30 at the door.**



### List of guest Worship Leaders

DATE	Worship Leader
August 3	Norma Wrightly
August 10	Paul Whiteley
August 17	Laura Webb
August 24	Joint service – St Andrew's
August 31	Lynda Blanchard
September 7	Paul Whitely
September 14	Elaine Farley
September 21	Charlotte Hoy

