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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

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June 14, 2026

Indigenous Day of Prayer

Worship Leader, Elaine Farley

We Gather as A Grateful People

Prelude: *Meditation on Terra Beata*

Welcome: **Colleen Harding**

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 - Birthdays and Anniversaries

Centering Music *We Centre Our Hearts for Worship.*

Spiritual Focus

In the Bible Jesus talks about how important it is to have and be a good neighbour. One time when Jesus was asked to sum up everything he knew about God—everything he believed God wanted us to be—he talked about loving your neighbour like you love yourself as the key. June 21 each year is National

Indigenous Peoples Day. It's a day set aside to celebrate being neighbours with Indigenous peoples.

Indigenous peoples have lived here a long, long time—they were living on the land for thousands, tens of thousands of years before European people ever came to be new neighbours. Indigenous peoples know a lot about being a good neighbour.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

When European peoples started showing up in this area in the 1600s, the Haudenosaunee wanted to be good neighbours with the newcomers. The Elders would sit with the newcomers and agree how to be good neighbours. The people then created a wampum belt—as a symbol of the agreement they had made. Another word for agreement is the word "treaty," and the wampum belt has two rows rather than one. For

the two peoples. The two lines are side by side, but they don't cross or join together. This was because it made sense for the two peoples to live side by side but not interfere with each other. A good neighbour is someone you care about and help, but you also want to allow them space and freedom to do their own thing just like you need space to do your own thing.

Gathering Hymn of Praise: Voices United #226
For the Beauty of the Earth (Tune: Voices United #81)

Prayer of the Day (All):

O God, we come together as a human family, blessed to be alive, blessed to be on this land, blessed to have neighbours as diverse as your creation. You surround us with air we breathe, water we drink, all manner of living plants and animals that delight us and sustain us. Thank you, Creator, for all you provide. We take a moment to ponder the blessings you give us—of family, friends, places to call home, the food we eat, the web of life in which we with all creatures live, move, and have our being. Hear us as we give thanks. Open our hearts and minds to the vast and diverse world around us. Amen

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart

Hymn of the Month: Voices United #373
As Comes the Breath of Spring

Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey

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

First Reading: Genesis 1:26–30

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,^[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹ Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky

and all the creatures that move along the ground— everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

Here ends the first reading.

Second reading: Matthew 22:34–40

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”^[a] ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[b] ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

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: *One More Mountain to Climb* – Neil Sedaka
Soloist: Cliff Edwards

Morning Message: Finding Neighbours Everywhere

All: O God, we come together as a human family, blessed to be alive, blessed to be on this land, blessed to have neighbours as diverse as your creation. You surround us with air we breathe, water we drink, all manner of living plants and animals that delight us and sustain us. Thank you, Creator, for all you provide. We take a moment in silence to ponder the blessings you give us—of family, friends, places to call home, the food we eat, the web of life in which we with all creatures live, move, and have our being. Hear us as we give thanks...Amen

We Respond to God’s Grace

Song of Assurance: Voices United #600

When I Needed a Neighbour

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: *Making Joyful Noise*

Invitation to Offering We come before You with thankful hearts, recognizing that every good gift comes from You. As we bring our talents and offerings today, we give not out of obligation, but out of love and gratitude. Bless these gifts, multiply them for the work of Your kingdom, and use them to bring hope, healing, and light to the world.

We give as able to spread God's Love with JOY!

The Offering is Received

Offertory Hymn: Voices United #543

We give Thee But thine Own

Whate'er the gift may be.

All that we have is thing alone,

a trust, O God, from thee.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication:

God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #716

My Life Flows On

Benediction

Commissioning

Choral Amen: All

**Postlude: *Prince of Denmark March – Jeremiah Clarke*
*Prayers and message taken and adapted from Being a Good Neighbour: Indigenous Day of Prayer 2021 by Read Sherman. Read Sherman is minister of Trinity United Church in Montreal and participates in right relations work in Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council.***

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.

Celebration Candle



Today we send Blessings of Joy to all who are celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Special Events in the coming week.

Happy Birthday to Nancy.

Happy Anniversary to Brian & Susan.

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

Offerings –June 2026

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)
June 7	26	\$ 677.50	\$ 127.50	\$ 27.50
June 14				
June 21				
June 28				
BMO				
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Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to Elaine Farley for preparing and leading our Worship service this Morning. Next Sunday, June 21st, Tammy Fergusson will lead our service. It is also Food Bank Sunday. Please bring donations of Cereal and Snack items, granola bars, apple sauce, puddings, cookies, jams, jellies, peanut butter, and peanut butter substitutes.

Thank you for your milk bag donations. As this is a student led project, no more bags are needed until school resumes in September.

Our Next Concert

Feelin'

Groovy

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

7:30pm

At Grace United Church, 120 Pine St., Gananoque

A collection of Songs from

Simon and Garfunkel

"Sounds of Silence", "Bridge Over Troubled Water", "Scarborough Fair", "Mrs. Robinson", "I am a Rock" and many more....



With Cliff Edwards, Jamie Campbell, Scott Burns, Bob Arlidge & Paul Harding.

Tickets \$25 in Advance (\$30 at the Door) Available at Beggars Banquet Books, Gananoque Visitors Center and Grace United Church Office or Eventbrite.

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