

Grace United Church

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Order of Worship

Baptism of the Lord



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude - *We Prepare our Hearts for Worship*

"Just as I Am" - **William Bradbury, arr. Victor**

Johnson

Welcome – Announcements - Birthdays & Anniversaries

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory: *We acknowledge the unceded and all lands that we live upon - and give thanks for all the generations of people who have taken care of these lands before us and still do with us today. May we be open to historical Truths and may we continue to learn from the past, shape our present time and build a better world with all People.*

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

Spiritual Focus:

*"Baptism: Waters of Deep Chaos,
Transformed to Love and Order through the Grace of
God..."*

Call to Worship: Gen. 1:1-2; Mark 1:1, 9-11

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;
then God said: Let there be light,
and God saw that it was good.

At the beginning of his ministry,
Jesus was baptized by John.

The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a
dove;

then God said: This is my beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased.

Prayer of the Day:

God of heaven and earth, we gather in the name of
Jesus

to hear your Word and to be immersed in your Spirit.
Speak to us with grace and truth and pour out your
love

upon us so that this virtual gathering resounds with
joyful

shouts of glory, like the very first morning of creation,
wherever we are found. We pray humbly. **Amen.**

Hymn: Voices United # 409 "Morning has Broken"



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WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All): Mark 1:10–11

Send down your Holy Spirit, O God—
tear open the veil of heaven
and speak to us as your beloved children
so that we may hear and believe
the good news of your Word made flesh,
through whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Hebrew Bible: Genesis 1:1-5 (NLT)

Reader: Christina Gordon

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11 (NLT)

"Down in the River to Pray" **Ramona Gilmour-Darling, soloist**

Recorded for Calvin
Presbyterian/Deer Park United Church

Life Lesson "Baptism: Causing God to Rejoice..."

Hymn: Voices United # 99

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"
– tune VU 344 – St. Peter

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Minute for Mission:

Our Offertory: *The earth belongs to God. Every good thing is a gift from the Lord. Let us glorify God through the gifts of our lives. (Gen. 1:1, 4; Ps. 29:2)*

Offertory Hymn More Voices # 191

"What Can I Do?"
(Thanks to Golden Ears United Church, Maple Ridge, B.C. for providing this video)

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and spiritual gift you have poured out upon us. Let the gifts of our lives be a source of blessing in your world, all to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

God Sends Us into The World with Wisdom

Hymn: Voices United # 375

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer that Jesus taught his followers

Hymn: Voices United # 84

"O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word"
– tune VU 292 – Wareham

Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude: *Prelude in F Major – J.S. Bach*



Welcome

as we gather for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or newcomer to this Community of Faith, we extend a warm greeting. Thank you for joining us virtually.

Celebration Candle



Our Celebration Candle was lit this morning to wish Tom T. a very happy 94th Birthday on January 12th and to send our blessings to all those who are celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special event this coming week. Blessings.

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.

Donations to the church can be made by e-transfer to grace.gan@outlook.com - by cheque - mailed to the church at 120 Pine ST. Gananoque, On K7G 1C7 - Sign-up for PAR (Preauthorized Auto monthly Remittances) and by Credit Card through CanadaHelps. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

The Nominating Committee is actively seeking full members of Grace United Church to become members of Session, the Board of Stewards, the Board of Trustees and the Ministry & Personnel Committee. For further information or to indicate your area of interest, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee on or before Sunday, January 17, 2021.

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Church Office Hours During Lock Down

During our time of lock down, Laurie will be in the church office on **Thursday mornings from 8 am to 1 pm only**. The rest of the time, she will be working from home. You can still reach her at anytime through the church phone number 613-382-2161 or email, grace.gan@outlook.com.

The "Advent: Spirit for Giving" team thanks you sincerely for your generous outpouring of support for our 2020 programs. Our "White Gift" support for the Gananoque and Area Food Bank provided over 75 Christmas hampers to families in our community. Our "Baby Shower for Jesus" in support of Leeds - Grenville Interval House still welcomes donations of baby and toddler items which may be dropped

off during Church office hours on Thursdays 8am to 1pm, cheques made payable to Grace United Church or e-transfers to grace.gan@outlook.com. Please mark donations "Interval House". Our ongoing support of these community services is greatly appreciated during these challenging times.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Contact information:

Office (Laurie) 613-382-2161 grace.gan@outlook.com

Church Office Hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
8:00am to 1:00 p.m. **(Closed on Wednesday)**

Rev. Takouhi (direct Line) 613-777-0880

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Session: Chair: Paul Scott, Vice Chair: Vacant,
Clerk: Joan Shaw

Board of Stewards: Vice Chair: Carolyn Scott,
Secretary: Mary Haussler

Official Board: Chair, Brian Brooks
Vice Chair, Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

Board Meetings (via ZOOM)

Board of Stewards - January 12 at 3:30 pm

Session - January 26th at 7:00 pm

Official Board - January 28th at 2:00pm

At the Official Board meeting the Nominating Committee will present their recommendations for New Board Members and Committees as at this time, the Annual Congregation Meeting can not be held due to COVID regulations.

(Details and events are subject to change)

Important Information

Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am

In person services have been cancelled until further notice. Join us on Facebook and YouTube at 10:30 am Sunday mornings. The videos are also available after this time so that you can watch at your convenience.

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