

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



Ordained Minister

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

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February 17, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Order of Worship

Ash Wednesday

WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Centering Music:

Let us Center our Hearts and Turn Our Eyes on Jesus.

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory:

We acknowledge all traditional territories, all ceded and unceded 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.

Spiritual Focus:

"Ash Wednesday: A Return to God!"

Call to Worship: Joel 2:1

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sound the alarm upon
the holy mountain!

Let everyone tremble, for the day of the Lord is near.

Hymn: Voices United # 112 – tune Lancashire OK
"O God, How We have Wandered"

Invitation to Confession:

The prophet Joel cried out: Joel 2:12-13

Return to the Lord with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.
For God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.

Beloved, let us confess our shortfalls and repent of all
unrighteousness that hinder us from God's abundant
Life. We Pray as one family.

Prayer of Confession (All): Isa. 58:4-7

Merciful God,
we confess that we have been
a rebellious people.
We have broken your covenant,
and we have tolerated injustice in our land.
We have not shared our food with the hungry,
we have not sheltered the homeless,
and we have not aided the destitute.
We quarrel and fight among ourselves,
and we use religion to cover our deceit.
We have become a mockery of our heritage;
the world looks at us and asks,
Where is their God?
Forgive us, O God.
Subdue our rebellious hearts
and restore in us the light of salvation.
We pray humbly. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn: Voices United # 371

"Open My Eyes, that I May See"

WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All):

O Holy One,
by the illumination of your Holy Spirit,
open our hearts that we may hear your Word
and amend our lives;
We pray Humbly.
Amen.

Hebrew Bible: Joel 2:12-17 (The Message)

"Change Your Life"

"Marked by Ashes"¹

A Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann

Solo: I'll Walk with God - Nicholas Brodzsky
Soloist: Sheri Shenton

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD WITH WISDOM

A Blessing by Jan Richardson

"Beloved Is Where We Begin"²

Hymn: Voices United # 382

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer that Jesus taught his followers.

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude:

¹ "Prayers for a Privileged People" (Nashville: Abingdon, 2008) pp 27-28

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)**

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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

Sunday, February 21st – First Sunday of Lent

Communion Sunday –

(Have your elements ready at home to participate.)

Board Meetings. (via ZOOM)

Board of Stewards – Feb 23, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Session: Feb 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Important Information

Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am

In person services have been cancelled until further notice. Join us on Facebook and YouTube and now COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.

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. Call the church office if you have any questions.

² "Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons" (Orlando: Wanton Gospeller Press, 2015) pp 96-98. janrichardson.com