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February 21, 2021
Order of Worship
First Sunday in Lent
Black History Month



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: Rhosymedre - R.V. Williams

Welcome – Announcements – Shirley Clark
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Centering Music:

Let us Center our Hearts for Worship.

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:

"Lent: An Invitation to an Intentional Life..."

Call to Worship:

From water to wilderness: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

On stone and in hearts: From the ancestor of

nations to the Son lifted up: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near. We follow Jesus on the Lenten path, for where he is, we would be also. John 12:26.

Hymn: Voices United # 644

"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

Call to Confession:

Prayer of Confession (All): Ps. 25:4; Mark 1:12)

**God of mercy,
we begin this Lenten season in confession.**

There are times that we do not live according to your LOVE.

**We condone violence,
participate in systems of injustice,
and use power to our own advantage
at the expense of others.**

**Forgive us, we pray,
when we are tempted to follow paths
other than those you set before us.**

**Teach us your commandments.
help us to turn from evil in its many guises,
and turn us toward your LOVE.**

**In Your Covenantal Love, You remember us, as
you are always, an ark of safety and new life.**

We pray humbly and sincerely. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn: More Voices # 135

"Called by Earth and Sky"

(Thanks to Golden Ears United Church, Maple Ridge, B.C. for providing this video)

WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All):

(Gen. 7:11-12; Mark 1:12; 14-15)

Gracious God,
in rushing waters and in dry wilderness,
in every season and circumstance,
we need your nourishing Word.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
proclaim the Good News among us today
so that we may repent and believe
and see anew how Your Love is Alive in our
midst; even in the midst of the wilderness of this
pandemic. We pray because of Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Reader: Rhea Roantree

Hebrew Bible: Genesis 9:8-17 (The Message)

Gospel: Mark 1: 9-15 (The Message)

Special Music: "Remember Me" - *downhere*

Life Lesson "Intentional Living:

Holding On & Letting Go..."

Hymn: Voices United # 480

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

SHARING GOD'S BANQUET

One: Beloved God is with you, No matter where you are. In the beginning, before there was a beginning... ..Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever. You are our Mother, and you are

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.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

One: The Gifts of God for the People of God...

Thanks be to God.

Jesus: The Bread for the Journey

Jesus: The Cup of the New Covenant

Prayer after Communion (All):

As we step into Lent,
as we remember, reflect, and re-live,
you have fed us with your love, once again.
Help us to remember that we carry that love,
Help us remember that Your Love carries us through.
Help us to remind the world that you are always
present with each and everyone of us, and we are
never, ever, alone. We pray gratefully. **Amen.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Your Generosity Matters: "Zero Hunger" – Dave Charles

Our Offertory: *Let us partner up and give thanks to God by giving from our time, talent, and treasures...*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD WITH WISDOM

Hymn: Voices United # 560

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: St. Anthony Chorale – F.J. Haydn

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



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

May Joy abound and Love Multiply

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.

Church Office Hours

Laurie will be back in the office next week, February 22nd for regular office hours. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8 am to 1:00 pm. **NOTE:** The Office is closed on Wednesday. Contact information 613-382-2161, Email: grace.gan@outlook.com.

Annual Report – The 2020 Annual Report is ready and will be available to view on our Website. Hard copies will be mailed to those who do not have internet access and also available to pick up at the church office. If you would like a hard copy, please call the church office and arrange for pick up.

Tax Receipts – Donation receipts have been emailed or mailed out. (Check your Junk Box in email) Contact the church office if you have not received yours. 613-382-2161 grace.gan@outlook.com

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.

PIES FOR SALE

Blueberry, Bumbleberry, Cherry, Peach, Raspberry, Rhubarb, Strawberry, Strawberry Rhubarb and Mincemeat.

Price Fruit Pies \$12.00 - Mincemeat \$15.00

For Orders call Carol Currie (613) 382-4376

Pickup Thursday March 4th 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Grace United Church, Stone street entrance Tower Door

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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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

Sunday, February 28th – Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 7th – Third Sunday of Lent

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.

The service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD (Gananoque, Kingston & Napanee) at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.