

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



Ordained Minister

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro B.A., B.Th., M.Div.

Minister Emeritus: Rev. J. Harry Seeley B.A.

Organist/Choir Director **Office Administrator**

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

March 7, 2021

Order of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

World Day of Prayer (March 5, 2021)

International Women's Day (March 8)

WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: Let There Be Peace on Earth –
Miller/Jackson - arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome – Announcements – Marilyn Belbin
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: Ps. 19:1-4

Heaven declares God's glory;
the sky proclaims God's handiwork.
One day gushes the news to the next,
and one night informs another
what needs to be known.
There is no speech; there are no words;
their voices cannot be heard by us.
Yet their sound extends throughout the world;
their words reach the ends of the earth!

Prayer of the Day (All) - Linda Brooks

Teach me the language of prayer, God.
Help me to hear prayers of thanksgiving
in the laughter of young children
and old friends.

Help me to feel prayers of lamentation
in the silent tears of strangers
and loved ones.

Help me to witness prayers of intercession
in small acts of kindness and service.

Teach me, God, how to pray
with my whole being. Amen.

(Alydia Smith, from Parables, Prayers, and Promises- a prayer for World Day of Prayer)

Hymn: Voices United # 274

"Your Hand, O God, has Guided" Tune: Aurelia VU 331



WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All) – Linda Brooks

**Holy Spirit of God,
let the words that we hear today
guide us in your path of Wisdom.
Help us to hear, listen, and answer your call.
Help us to remember that when you Call us, you
also equip us.
You are our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

Scripture Reader: Denise Wood

Hebrew Bible: Exodus 20:1-17 (The Message)

Gospel: John 2:13-22 (The Message)

Special Music: Grace United Church Choir:
Thy Word - Smith/Grant - arr. Jack Schrader

Life Lesson:

"The Gospel of Jesus... Fulfills the Law of God..."

Hymn: Voices United # 260

"God Who Gives to Life its Goodness"

Thanks to Pacific Spirit United Church Musicians

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Your Generosity Matters: - "Turning Hard Work into
Hope Every Day" - Joan MacKinnon

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

**O Lord our God, we want to follow all your
commandments— to love only you,
to love our neighbor freely, and not desiring
for ourselves something they possess.**

**Accept these offerings, we pray,
and teach us to be generous,**

**giving fully of ourselves
that we may truly be the body of Christ
in this world. Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD WITH WISDOM

Hymn: Voices United # 117

"Jesus Christ is Waiting"

Prayers of Hope and Healing – Tammy Ferguson
The Prayer of Jesus – (spoken)

Hymn: Voices United # 120

"O Jesus, I have Promised"

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Trumpet Tune in D – Henry Purcell

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 Colleen, Marg & Diane.

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.

****Please notify the church office if there is someone you know who is ill, in hospital or in need of pastoral care. ****

Church Office Hours Back to Normal

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.

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

2021 Donation Envelopes are available to pick up during office hours. There are envelope still available if you would like some, contact the church office.

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)
https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf (link to form)

and by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701R0001-grace-united-church/>

Call the church office if you have any questions.

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: Rhea Roantree
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, March 14th – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 21st – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 28th – Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 1st – Maunday Thursday
Virtual Service 7:00 pm Facebook/YouTube

Friday, April 2nd – Good Friday
Virtual Service 3:00 pm Facebook/YouTube

Sunday, April 4th – Easter Sunday/Communion

NOTE: Details are subject to change for these events

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.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>

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