

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.

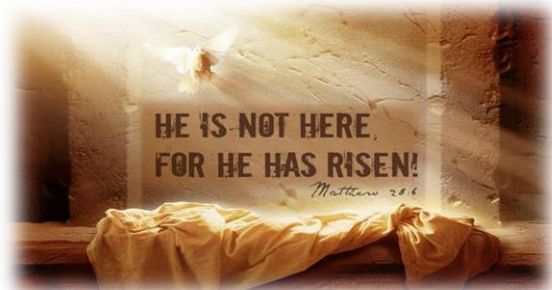
**Organist/Choir Director**

**Office Administrator**

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

Laurie Cadue

**April 4, 2021 Order of Worship**  
*Easter/Resurrection Sunday*  
**Communion Service**



**WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE**

**Prelude: Easter Hymn – arr. Todd Marchand**

**Welcome – Announcements – Brian Brooks**  
**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:**

*"Easter: Life AFTER the Storm..."*

**Call to Worship:**

Dearly Beloved, Rejoice and be glad:

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Heaven and earth will never be the same!

Christ is risen!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen indeed!

**Gathering Song: Voices United #155**

*"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

**Prayer of the Day (All):**

**Alleluia!**

**We praise you, O God,**

**for the power of Your Love revealed in the life,  
death and the resurrection of Jesus.**

**As you have raised Jesus from the dead into  
our hearts and changed the world into a new  
way of living, grant to us the courage to live  
in and through Your Everlasting Love that  
knows no boundaries, even death cannot  
restrain it.**

**We pray as Easter People. Amen.**

**Song of Praise: New Resurrection**

**Tune VU 409 "Morning Has Broken"**

*Words: Rev. Robert Belbin*

New resurrection! Glory from heaven!

Christ's is the new birth, fresh in our hearts.

Rise up the praises, to God be given,

Praise for the living, of this glad day.

His is the vic'try! His is the Glory!

New doors are opened, amid the strife.

Ours is the failure, old is the story,

Ours for the taking is this new life.

Glory to Jesus! Ring out the chorus!  
Lift high the praises, this He has done.  
Conquered the darkness, opened the heavens,  
God's loving kindness, once more has won.

### **WE SEEK WISDOM**

#### **Prayer of Illumination (All):**

**Living God, by your Holy Spirit,  
open our eyes to see the new light  
of this day; open our lips to tell stories  
of transformation; open our hearts  
to believe the Good News of Your Love.  
May Your Word become the Living Word  
in us and through us. Amen.**

**Liturgical Dance:** *Debra Donaldson*

**Scripture Reader:** *Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro*

**Gospel:** John 20:1-18 (The Message)

**Life Lesson** "*Through the Tears*"

### **SHARING GOD'S BANQUET**

**Special Music:** "Forever: We Sing Hallelujah"

Soloist: Nayeli Abrego

**Invitation: The Moderator's Easter Message**

#### **Thanksgiving:**

Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed!  
Let us lift up our hearts and give thanks  
to the Lord our God.

#### **Prayer of Consecration:**

Blessed You are God,  
and the One who comes in your name.....

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Now, let us say the prayer that Jesus taught his  
followers and we pray as one family.

**All: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker,  
Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name  
echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed  
by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done  
by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from  
one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and testing,  
strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory  
of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. Amen<sup>1</sup>.**

### **SHARING THE ELEMENTS**

**Song of Fellowship: Voices United # 480**

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

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):**

<sup>1</sup> From: Anglican Prayer Book, New Zealand. September 1, 1997  
<https://kathwilliamson.blogspot.com/search/label/Lord%27s%20prayer> - March  
29, 2021

**May we who have tasted new life and drunk the new covenant and stood by an open tomb in awe, may we, who are blessed, become a blessing for each other, for ourselves, and for the world. Amen.** *Rev. Kate Crawford, First-St. Andrew's U.C., London, ON*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

### **Your Generosity Matters:**

What the World Needs Now ... - 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 (All):**

**You are the alpha and the omega,  
the one who was, and is, and is to come.  
We stand in awe of your mystery  
and of your faithfulness.**

**Strengthen our faithfulness in generosity,  
so that we may continue to change the  
world according to your will. Amen.**

*Rev. Kate Crawford, First-St. Andrew's U.C., London, ON*

## **GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD WITH HOPE**

### **Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 173**

*"Thine is the Glory"*

### **Commissioning & Benediction**

### **Choral Amen and Postlude**

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today - Healey Willan*

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## *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.**

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## **Celebration Candle**



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

Happy Birthday Graham & Lucille and Happy Anniversary to Paul & Carolyn

Erica Thompson & Matthew Dunn are thrilled to welcome their son, Henry Steven. Henry weighed in at 8lbs, 11ozs. First time grandparents, Steve and Connie Thompson, Great Grandmother Shirley Warren and Auntie Jordyn Thompson are over the moon. Congratulations to everyone.

May Joy abound and Love Multiply

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## **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. \*\****

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### ***Thank you for your continued support.***

Donations to the Grace United can be made by e-transfer to [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto: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](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/118944701R-R0001-grace-united-church/>

Call the church office if you have any questions.

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## Discussion Group

Grace United Church Invites you to Join, Journey, Read & Explore "Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity" By: David M. Felten & Jeff Procter-Murphy Wednesdays – 7 PM via ZOOM. The Journey Begins: April 14, 2021 All Are Welcome... This is a safe space where we wrestle with our faith, respect each other's questions, opinions, and find blessings on this path of life!

**Contact Rev. Takouhi, By April 4, 2021 (Easter Sunday) [RevTakouhi@Terrautopia.ca](mailto:RevTakouhi@Terrautopia.ca) 613-777-0880**



## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### **Contact information:**

**Office** (Laurie) 613-382-2161 [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)  
**Church Office Hours are:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00am to 1:00 p.m. **(Closed on Wednesdays)**

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

**Email: [RevTakouhi@Terrautopia.ca](mailto:RevTakouhi@Terrautopia.ca)**

**Session:** Chair: Paul Scott, Vice Chair: Rhea Roantree  
Clerk: Joan Shaw

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

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

### **Service Schedule**

Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter/Holy Humor Sunday  
Leader – Tammy Fergusson

Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Earth Day

Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day/Christian Family Day  
Leader: Donna Norman

Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Day of Pentecost

Leader: Tammy Fergusson

Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Sunday

### **Board Meetings. (via ZOOM)**

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

**Trustees – April 22, 2021 at 2:00 pm**

**Session: - April 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

**Official Board – April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2:00 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.**