

# 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 11, 2021 Order of Worship

*Holy Humour Sunday*

*Worship Leader – Tammy Fergusson*

## WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

**Prelude:** "Toot Suite" for Calliope,  
4 Hands - P.D.Q. Bach

**Welcome – Announcements – Denise Wood**  
**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Centering Music:** Voices United # 412  
"This is the Day"

## **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:**

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." John 20:29

**Call to Worship:** (based on Acts 4: 32-35)  
Tammy Fergusson

**Joke Break** - Bruce Wilson



**Hymn Voices United#395**

*Come In, Come and Sit Down*

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## WE SEEK WISDOM

**Prayer of Illumination** (together) *by Tammy Fergusson*

O God of Wisdom,  
As we come before you,  
Ready to hear your Holy Word,  
Open our hearts and minds,  
So that we may know you.  
Open our hands,  
So that we may touch you.  
For Jesus is now revealed.  
The doors are opened wide.  
Amen

**Children's Time:** Paul Scott

**"Keep Thou My Way, O Lord"** (last verse only)

**Scripture:** Angus Fergusson  
Read: John 20:19 -31

**Special Music** – *You Are the Light of the World*  
(from **Godspell**) – Stephen Schwartz  
Soloist: Ramona Gilmour-Darling

**Life Lesson:** - Tammy Fergusson  
"Believing Without Seeing"

## **We Respond To God's Grace**

**Your Generosity Matters** - Dave Charles

### **Our Offertory**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication** (together)  
by Tammy Fergusson

Dear God of Abundance,  
Who gave us the Life of Jesus,  
Who give us room to breathe,  
So that we come to believe,  
Bless these gifts that are given today.  
May our offering be acceptable in your sight.  
So that our church is able to thrive.  
May we continue to be your hands and feet.  
So that the work of your church continues.  
As we care for your people  
As we continue to be in relationship with you and our  
world.  
Amen.

**Joke Break** - Derryl Wood



## **God Sends Us into The World with Wisdom**

**Hymn Voices United #341** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

### **Prayers of Hope and Healing**

(based on 1John 1:1-2:2)

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn Voices United #333**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**Commissioning** - Connection with the Ball of Wool

(Psalm 33) (John 20:29)

By Tammy Fergusson

## **Benediction**

**Remembering to Smile** by Rev. Harry Seeley  
"Tell us a Story! Jokes for All Occasions"

A smile costs nothing, but creates much  
It happens in a flash, but the memory of it lasts  
forever  
It cannot be begged, borrowed or stolen  
But it is of no earthly good to anyone until it is given  
away.

### **Choral Amen**

**Postlude:** Hornpipe à la marin - anonymous

## *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 Jack and Happy  
Anniversary to Brian & Cecile.

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. \*\****

### ***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/118944701R0001-grace-united-church/> Call the church office if you have any questions.

### **Sunday Humour 😊**

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven."

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.



### **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)**

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**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 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)**

**Trustees – April 22, 2021 at 2:00 pm**  
**Board of Stewards – April 27, 2021 at 3:00 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.**