

# Grace United Church

120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7



## Ordained Minister

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**Organist/Choir Director**

**Office Administrator**

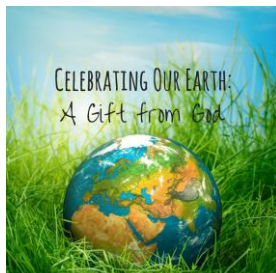
Mr. Paul Harding, B. Mus, B. Ed

Laurie Cadue

## April 18, 2021 Order of Worship

*Third Sunday of Easter*

**Earth Day** (April 22, 2021)



### WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

**Prelude:** "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" (from 'Messiah') - G.F. Handel

**Welcome – Announcements – Linda Brooks**  
**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

### **Centering Music:**

*We 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 Persists with Witness & Wonder..."*

### **Call to Worship:**

Dearly Beloved, the Bread of Life opens our eyes.  
The Word of Life opens our ears.  
The Risen One shows us God's Way,  
and offers Peace to all.

### **Song of Praise: Voices United #296**

*"This is God's Wondrous World"*

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

**Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life.**  
**We give you thanks for Your Love to be evident to us through Jesus.**

**May we see him among us once again, through the mystery of Your Triune Presence, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.**

### WE SEEK WISDOM

### **Song of Illumination: Voices United #589**

*"Lord, Speak to Me"*

**Scripture Reader:** Christina Gordon

**Gospel:** Luke 24:36b-48 (NRSV)

**Life Lesson** *"Witnesses: Wounded & Healed!"*

### **Special Music:**

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"* - John Rutter  
Soloist: Maryanne Wainman

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

**Your Generosity Matters: Church Grounds Bring Hope During Covid-19** - 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):**  
Lord God, we offer to you only a portion  
of what you have given us. All that we have is  
from your provisional care. All that we can give  
away we do through the Love of Jesus. All our  
renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom.  
Deal graciously with these gifts so that others  
may have joy and we continue to be your true  
witnesses. We pray sincerely. Amen.

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

**Song of Hope & Healing: Voices United #400**  
*"Lord, listen to your children praying"*

**Prayers of the People**

**The Prayer of Jesus (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 for ever and ever Amen**

**Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 635**

*"All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"*

Our thanks to Pacific Spirit United Church for permission  
to use this recording – song leader: Christina Cichos

**Commissioning & Benediction**

**Choral Amen and Postlude:** "Arrival of the Queen of  
Sheba" (from 'Solomon') - G.F. Handel

*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 Paul, Joan, Connie,  
Connor and to Helen Merkley who turns  
101 this week.

May Joy abound and Love Multiply

**Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary  
added to our announcements?  
Please contact Laurie at the church Office and  
give her the details. Birthdays or Anniversaries  
can only be added with your written consent.**

**Prayers for the people**



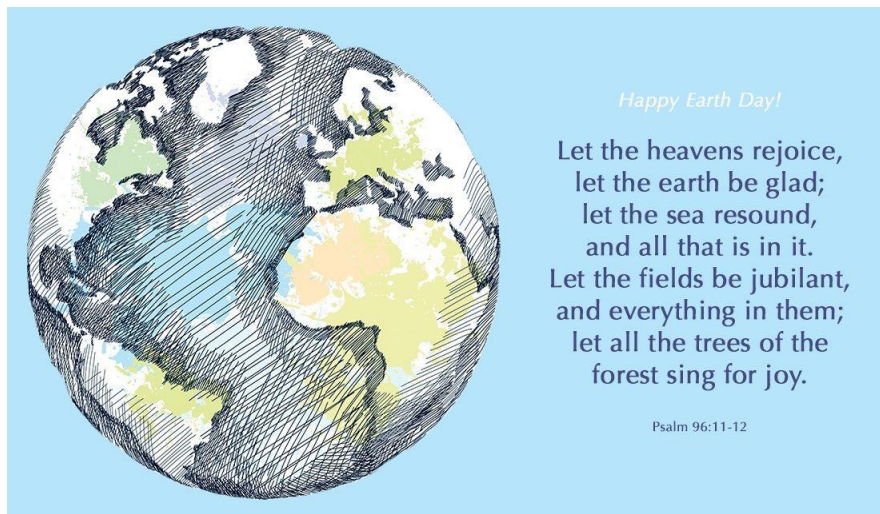
Remember in your prayers all those who  
are in hospital, recovering at home and  
those who may need our comfort,  
guidance and support.

**\*\*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.**

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*We can learn about it from exceptional people of our own culture, and from other cultures less destructive than ours. I am speaking of the life of **a man who knows that the world is not given by his fathers, but borrowed from his children;** who has undertaken to cherish it and do it no damage, not because he is duty-bound, but because he loves the world and loves his children...*

<https://quoteinvestigator.com/2013/01/22/borrow-earth/>

## **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**  
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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.**