



## Grace United Church

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**February 6, 2022**

*Black History Month*

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

*Order of Worship*

**WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE**

**Prelude:** *Thanks Be to Thee* - G. F. Handel

**Welcome** – Barb Jenkins

**Community in Action** – Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Centering Music:** *We Centre Our Hearts on God's Love.*

### Spiritual Focus:

***“Do NOT be Afraid is better than, You are Forgiven”***

### Call to Worship:

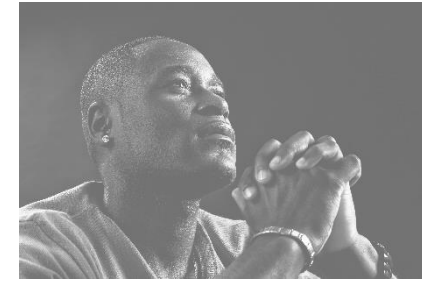
In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One,  
whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

Beside the sea, along ordinary paths,  
in our daily work, God calls us. (Isa. 6:3)

We often respond reluctantly,  
however, if we respond with our whole heart, (Luke 5:1, 10)  
we can sing praises to God and give thanks.

In steadfast love, God fulfills –  
the divine purposes for our lives. (Ps. 138:1–2)

Thanks be to the Holy One.



### Song of Praise: Voices United # 315

***“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”***

1. **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!**  
**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;**  
**holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**
2. **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**  
**casting down their golden crowns**  
**around the glassy sea;**  
**cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,**  
**which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**
3. **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**  
**though the eye made blind by sin**  
**thy glory may not see,**  
**only though art holy; there is none beside thee,**  
**perfect in power, in love, and purity.**
4. **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!**  
**All thy works shall praise thy name**  
**in earth and sky and sea;**  
**holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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## WE SEEK WISDOM

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

**Holy One, Your Word is exalted**

**above all power of this world,**

**because of Your Steadfast Love and Faithfulness.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us hear Your Word**

**with understanding, that in our speech and actions,**

**we may exalt Love, Your Love above all things.**

**We pray humbly. Amen.**

### **Scripture Reader: Bruce Wilson**

**Hebrew Bible: Isaiah 6:1-8 (NRSV)**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

**Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 (NRSV)**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into

the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

**Special Music: Carpenter of Wood - Barry Brown**

**Soloist: Cliff Edwards**

**Life Lesson:** *"God is ALWAYS up to MORE than we Imagine..."*

## WE SEEK PEACE

**Song of Hope and Healing: Voices United # 563**

***"Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"***

1. **Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.**

**Refrain:**

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling, have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,  
by your side I will seek other seas.**

2. **You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my nets and labour.**

**Refrain:**

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling, have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,  
by your side I will seek other seas.**

3. **You need my hands, full of caring  
through my labours to give others rest,  
and constant love that keeps on loving.**

**Refrain:**

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling, have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,  
by your side I will seek other seas.**

4. **You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me.**

**Refrain:**

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling, have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,  
by your side I will seek other seas.**

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**Prayers of Hope and Healing**

**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  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

**Your Generosity Matters: "Choosing The Lesser Evil"**

**Dave Charles**

**Offertory Song: More Voices # 182**

**"Grateful" - Refrain Only**

**Grateful for the life you give us,  
thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing  
over all, O God of Love.**

**Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,  
thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing,  
we will praise you.**

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## Our Offerings Make Miracles Evident

*Let us partner up with God and give Generously  
with Joy and Gratitude.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

**Holy One, we give you thanks for your generosity.**

**Sanctify these gifts and multiply them, for the sake of those in need  
around us; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD  
TO BE THE CHURCH**

### Going Forth: Voices United # 509

*"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"*

1. **I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**
2. **I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

3. **I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my live to them.  
Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

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### Sending Forth & Benediction

**Choral Amen and Postlude:** *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (from "Solomon")*

- G.F. Handel



## **Celebration Candle**



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

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> following morning worship. When we return to in person services.**

**PIES FOR SALE** – there are mincemeat and a variety of fruit pies available to purchase. If you would like to order a pie, give Carol Currie at call at 613-382-4376.

There are many ways you can contribute to Grace United Church and our causes.

e-transfer to [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)

by cheque –120 Pine ST. Gananoque, On K7G 1C7

Sign-up for PAR Forms

[https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form\\_par-authorization.pdf](https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf)

(Control & Click to open link)

by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/> (Control & Click to open link)

**Fundscrip Orders:** Fundscrip is ongoing throughout the year. The next date for orders to be in is February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Denise, Linda or Laurie for your Order form

Denise: 613-876-7739 - Linda: 613-382-2385 - Laurie: 613-382-2161

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

#### **Contact information:**

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**Church Office Hours:** 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

**February 13, 2022 – 10:30am Worship Service**

### **Important Information**

*Until further notice, Worship services will be held virtually on our YouTube Channel.*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg>

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

The service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.

***This Community of Faith acknowledges 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.***



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