



Grace United Church

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February 13, 2022

Black History Month

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Guest Speaker – Liz Church

Order of Worship



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *The Lord's My Shepherd* – Jessie Seymour Irvine

Welcome – Brian Brooks

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

"Never Be Afraid to be Searched by the Lord"

Call to Worship:

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all of the earth. I will praise You with all my heart.

I will sing praises to Your name.

Your Love surrounds us. Your faithfulness is never-ending.

We find refuge in You.

Thanks be to the Holy One. Amen

Song of Praise: Voices United # 326

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

1. **O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise;
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.**
2. **Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears;
'tis life and health and peace.**
3. **He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**
4. **Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy!**
5. **My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.**

Words: Charles Wesley 1739, alt. Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser ca. 1828

Adapted and harmonized Lowell Mason 1839. Public Domain

Prayer of Illumination (All):

Holy One, we ask You to open our minds to the words of Your Scripture that we might see light through Your light, in Your truth, find wisdom and in Your will, find peace. Amen.

Scripture Reader: Linda Brooks

Hebrew Bible: Jeremiah 17: 5-10 (LB)

Cursed is the strong one who depends on mere humans, who thinks they can make it on muscle alone and sets God aside as dead weight.

They are like tumbleweed on the prairie, out of touch with the good earth. They live rootless and aimless in a land where nothing grows.

But blessed is the one who trusts in God, the one that sticks with Him.

They are like trees replanted in Eden, putting down roots near the rivers – never a worry through the hottest of summers, never dropping a leaf, serene and calm through drought, bearing fresh fruit every season.

The heart is hopelessly dark and deceitful, a puzzle, that no one can figure out.

10 But I, God, search the heart and examine the mind. I get to the heart of the human. I get to the root of things. I treat them as they really are, not as they pretend to be.

Psalms 1: 1-6 (NLT)

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.

They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind.

They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly.

For the Lord watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.

Gospel: Luke 6: 17-23 (NLT)

When they came down from the mountain, the disciples stood with Jesus on a large, level area, surrounded by many of his followers and by the crowds. There were people from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and from as far north as the seacoasts of Tyre and Sidon.

They had come to hear Him and be healed of their diseases; and those troubled by evil spirits were healed.

Everyone tried to touch Him, because healing power went out from Him, and He healed everyone.

Then Jesus turned to His disciples and said, 'God blesses you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours.

God blesses you who weep now, for in due time you will laugh.

What blessings await you when people hate you and exclude you and mock you and curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man.

When that happens, be happy! Yes, leap for joy! For a great reward awaits you in Heaven. And remember, their ancestors treated the ancient prophets that same way.

Special Music: *For the Beauty of the Earth* – John Rutter

Soloist: Maryanne Wainman

Life Lesson: "Our Best Choice is the Freedom to Choose"



WE SEEK PEACE

Song of Hope and Healing: Voices United # 337

"Blessed Assurance"

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,

praising my Saviour all the day long;

this is my story, this is my song;

praising my Saviour all the day long.

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2. Perfect submission, perfect delight!

Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

angels descending, bring from above

echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,

praising my Saviour all the day long;

this is my story, this is my song;

praising my Saviour all the day long.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,

I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;

watching and waiting, looking above,

filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,

praising my Saviour all the day long;

this is my story, this is my song;

praising my Saviour all the day long.

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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: *Love The Way God Loves*

Offertory Song: Voices United # 541

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures high and low;

give thanks to God in love made known:

Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Words: Thomas Ken ca. 1674. Music: Genevan Psalter 1551. Public domain

Our Offerings Make Miracles Evident

Give Generously with Joy and Gratitude.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

Holy One, we give You thanks for Your amazing power and work in our lives. We ask that you receive our offering as a gift of worship to You. We give our gifts as an expression of thanks for the abundant blessings You have bestowed on us. May they be acceptable to You, Amen.

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

Going Forth: Voices United # 481

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

- 1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.**
- 2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.**

Words: Omer Westendorf 1964, alt.

Music: Welsh folk tune – The Ash Grove

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Prelude in C - J.S. Bach*

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.

Happy Birthday this week to Peter Mills, Helen Chapman, Gary Petro and Tim Bass.

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 27th following morning worship.

When we return to in person services.

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

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https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf

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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.



(Picture: Credit to Indigenous Ministries and Justice – The United Church of Canada)

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)**

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Session: Chair: Paul Scott,

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February 13, 2022 – 10:30am Worship Service

.....**Guest Worship Leader, Liz Church**

February 20, 2022 - 10:30 Worship Service, Rev. Takouhi

February 27, 2022 – Back in the Sanctuary!!

Transfiguration Sunday Service, 10:30 am

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING TO FOLLOW SERVICE

Tuesday, March 1st – Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – ASH Wednesday

Friday, March 4th – WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Sunday, March 6th – 1st Sunday of Lent

Lenten Donations are for the United Church Women (UCW) to help with their programs & ministries.

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.