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February 27, 2022

Black History Month

Transfiguration Sunday

Order of Worship



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Meditation on "Spirit of Gentleness: - James K. Manley*

Welcome – Shirley Clark

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

"Transfiguration is Not the End Point but the Starting Point..."

Call to Worship: 2 Cor. 3:18

All of us, with unveiled faces

are being transformed from one degree of glory to another.

This comes from the Everlasting Spirit of Love.

May our gathering offer us the mountaintop experience of Jesus and his disciples.

Helping us to continue the Mission of God no matter where we are found.

Song of Praise: More Voices #1 (vv: 1, 3, & 5)

"Let Us Build a House"

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
3. Let us built a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their
songs and vision heard,
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

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WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All):

**By your Spirit, O God,
enlighten our hearts, open our minds,
fill our vision with your radiance, and give us life,
as we hear your Word today. Amen.**



Scripture Reader: Denise Wood

Hebrew Bible: Exodus 34:29-35 (NRSV)

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 (NRSV)

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Special Music: *"Meditation on Gospel Melodies"*

Life Lesson: *"Transfiguration is ONLY the Beginning..."*

WE SEEK PEACE

Song of Hope and Healing: More Voices # 96

"And When You Call for Me"

And when you call for me, I have already answered.

And when you call for me, I am already there.

Repeat

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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:

"Your Gifts Overcome Discrimination: Petrona's Story"

Offertory Song: More Voices # 144 (vv. 1 & 4)

"Like a Healing Stream"

1. Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth ... like a healing stream.
- 4 Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and provide! Like a mighty sea.

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Our Offerings Make Miracles Evident

We Give Generously with Joy and Gratitude to Help Make Miracles Visible.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

Holy are you, O Lord!
We praise your great and awesome name.
Like a healing stream, use us, and these our gifts, in your service,
to establish healing, justice, righteousness, and equity,
all for the good of All people. **Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

Going Forth: Voices United # 117

"Jesus Christ is Waiting"

1. Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.
2. Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.
3. Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffers, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.
4. Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.

5. Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

Words: John L. Bell 1984

Music: French carol, 15th century

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *St. Anthony Chorale - F. J. Haydn*

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 Diane Revelle and Marilyn McDougal.

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. ****

There are many ways you can partner up with God's Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference.

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Sign-up for PAR Forms

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

(Control & Click to open link)

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

A gentle reminder as we enter the season of Lent. All donations received in "Lenten Envelopes" or marked for Lent go to our United Church Women (UCW). These donations help our ladies carry out various activities and programs to support people in our community and abroad. Please give generously.

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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A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



Upcoming Meetings & Events

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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 - Communion

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

Important Information

We return to in person service February 27th at 10:30am.

Service will also be shown live on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>

<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.**