



Grace United Church

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March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Meditation on Woodworth* - William Bradbury

Welcome – Rhea Roantree

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

"Lent: Discernment in the Deserts of Life"

Call to Worship: Ps. 27:4

The psalmist sings,

One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

to live in the house of the Lord

all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord,

and to inquire in God's temple.

Sisters and brothers, God is good, and in love and mercy greets us here.

Song of Praise: Voices United #79

"Arise, Your Light is Come"

1. Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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Music: William H. Walter 1872, desc. Dianna McLeod 1995

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Invitation to Confession: Ps. 27:1

The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (All): Phil. 3:20–21

Merciful God,

you have made us citizens of heaven,

but we confess that we often set our minds on earthly things.

We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment

to serve the less fortunate.

We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies.

We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the need of this world.

We have let our greed prevent us from giving willingly.

Yet, you know the desires of our heart, and nothing is hidden from you.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

conform our shortfalls the Compassion of Jesus,

that we may be the body of Christ for the world.

Today and always. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness: Ps. 27:1

Beloved, God, is our light and our salvation,
does not forsake us or leave us with our inequities.
Like a hen covering her chicks,
God's Love embraces us from eternity to eternity,
You are forgiven.
We are ALL Forgiven.
Thanks be to God!



WE SEEK WISDOM

Song of Illumination: Voices United # 371

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou has for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my god, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my god, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my god, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Words and Music Clara H. Scott 1895
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Scripture Reader: Shirley Clark

Hebrew Bible: Psalm 27 (NRSV)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh- my adversaries and foes- they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35 (NRSV)

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

Grace United Church Choir: *Just As I Am, I Come* - Mary MacDonald

This anthem was last sung by Grace United Church Choir on March 15, 2020

Life Lesson: "Under God's Wings..."



WE SEEK PEACE & COMMUNION

Song of Praise: Voices United #664

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us? Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness, and we'll find new courage there.

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Music: Charles Crozat Converse 1868

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Prayers of the People – Tammy Fergusson

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

Offertory Song: Voices United # 545

"You Nourish Us"

*You nourish us with food, O God, For body and for soul;
Our love and service is our thanks, For life that's free and whole,*

Words: Flora Litt and Wayne Irwin 1979

Music: from Virginia Harmony 1831, harm. Adriano Secco

Your Generosity Matters: Denise Wood
"March 14 is National Affirming/PIE Day."

Our Offerings Make Miracles Evident

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

O God, we have beheld your goodness to us.
Accept the offering of the work of our hands,
and use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. **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.

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune in D - Henry Purcell*

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 to all those celebrating this week, today is Diane Kirkby's birthday !! 😊

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. ****

New Members

On this Palm Sunday (April 10), Grace United Church will officially welcome individuals who want to join this Community of Faith.

All Individuals interested to officially join, please contact Rev. Takouhi by March 27.

(revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca or 613-777-0880)

Grace Church Choir are back in session
Practices are Thursdays at 2:30 p.m, in the Choir room.
New Members are welcome.

Questions?? Please speak with Paul Harding.

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

e-transfer to 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

(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)

Donations received in "Lent" Envelopes or marked Lent are for the UCW(United Church Women) to help with their Ministry and programs – Thank you.

The Worship Planning Team meets via Zoom. March 17, 2022, at 7 p.m. Please pray for your Worship Planning Team for God's Wisdom and Vision to abound.

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)

**Brunch is back at the Legion, starting this Sunday,
March 13th 9am to 12pm.
All are welcome! Cost is \$12 Adult, \$5 for 12 to 5 years
and under 5 free.**

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Sunday, March 13th – 10:30am Service – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 14th – UCW Meeting (in Hall)

Sunday, March 20th – 10:30am Service – 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 22 – 4:15 to 6:30pm - Community Kitchen

Learn to cook easy chicken meals (must be preregistered)

Sunday, March 27th – 10:30 am Service – 4th Sunday of Lent

Food Bank Donations

Sunday, April 3rd – 10:30am Service – 5th Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 10th – 10:30am Service – Palm Sunday

Important Information

We are back in the Sanctuary!! Masks are still mandatory.

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.