



## Grace United Church

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### Ordained Minister

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro B.A., B.Th., M.Div.

**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. J. Harry Seeley B.A.

### Director of Music

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

### Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue



**March 27, 2022**  
*Fourth Sunday in Lent*  
**Order of Worship**



## WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

**Prelude:** *Meditation on "In The Garden" - Mark Hayes; seq. P. Harding*

**Welcome – Colleen Harding**

**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:

Dearly Beloved,

Let us thank God for the love that holds us from eternity to eternity,  
moment by moment, ever welcoming us home.

This Relentless Love welcomes us here and walks with us wherever we are.

Come, let us celebrate God's Love, Mercy, and Grace with an open heart and mind.

### Song of Praise: Voices United #271

*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" – Tune: Stuttgart VU 444*

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.
2. There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such gracious judgement given.
3. There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that Christ has shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.
4. Troubled souls, why will you scatter  
like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts, why will you wander  
from a love so true and deep?
5. For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

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**Prayer of Approach (All):**

**God, our Father, and Mother,**

**we quieten ourselves to be present  
to you, to ourselves, and to each other.**

**We come as we are, sometimes lost,**

**because we choose our way and not yours,  
because we make an outward show of your way,  
but without love – and that is not your way.**

**Thank you for your outrageous love,**

**always and forever welcoming us home, repeatedly.**

**We humbly pray. Amen.**

**WE SEEK WISDOM**

**Song of Illumination: Voices United # 375**

*“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”*

**Refrain:** Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro’ the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

**Refrain**

2. You swept thro’ the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke thro’ your prophets to open their eyes.

**Refrain**

3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still,  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew thro’ your people on the rush of the wind.

**Refrain**

4. You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions your people arise.

**Refrain**

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**Scripture Reader: Marilyn Belbin**

**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (The Message)

By this time a lot of men and women of questionable reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, “He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends.” Their grumbling triggered this story.

Then he said, “There was once a man who had two sons. The younger said to his father, ‘Father, I want right now what’s coming to me.’

“So the father divided the property between them. It wasn’t long before the younger son packed his bags and left for a distant country. There, undisciplined and dissipated, he wasted everything he had. After he had gone through all his money, there was a bad famine all through that country and he began to feel it. He signed on with a citizen there who assigned him to his fields to slop the pigs. He was so hungry he would have eaten the corn-cobs in the pig slop, but no one would give him any.

"That brought him to his senses. He said, 'All those farmhands working for my father sit down to three meals a day, and here I am starving to death. I'm going back to my father. I'll say to him, Father, I've sinned against God, I've sinned before you; I don't deserve to be called your son. Take me on as a hired hand.' He got right up and went home to his father.

"When he was still a long way off, his father saw him. His heart pounding, he ran out, embraced him, and kissed him. The son started his speech: 'Father, I've sinned against God, I've sinned before you; I don't deserve to be called your son ever again.'

"But the father wasn't listening. He was calling to the servants, 'Quick. Bring a clean set of clothes and dress him. Put the family ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Then get a prize-winning heifer and roast it. We're going to feast! We're going to have a wonderful time! My son is here—given up for dead and now alive! Given up for lost and now found!' And they began to have a wonderful time.

"All this time his older son was out in the field. When the day's work was done he came in. As he approached the house, he heard the music and dancing. Calling over one of the houseboys, he asked what was going on. He told him, 'Your brother came home. Your father has ordered a feast—barbecued beef!—because he has him home safe and sound.'

"The older brother stomped off in an angry sulk and refused to join in. His father came out and tried to talk to him, but he wouldn't listen. The son said, 'Look how many years I've stayed here serving you, never giving you one moment of grief, but have you ever thrown a party for me and my friends? Then this son of yours who has thrown away your money on whores shows up and you go all out with a feast!'

"His father said, 'Son, you don't understand. You're with me all the time, and everything that is mine is yours—but this is a wonderful time, and we had to celebrate. This brother of yours was dead, and he's alive! He was lost, and he's found!'"

**Anthem:** *He Became a Lamb* - Mary Kay Beall

**Grace United Church Choir**

**Life Lesson:** *"In God's Heart: NO ONE is Lost..."*

**Song of Hope and Healing: Voices United #506**

*"Take My Life and Let it Be"*

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, all for thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and purposeful for thee.
3. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee;  
take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
4. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
5. Take my love: and I will pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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**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  
forever and ever. **Amen.**



**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

**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.**

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**Your Generosity Matters:** *"100 Million Signatures for Peace"*

**Our Offerings Make Miracles Evident**

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

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

**God of wilderness and Promised Land,  
in days of want and in days of plenty you have been with us.  
By these gifts we now share, may others know of your providence and care.  
Send us—not only our offerings, but our very selves— to console and  
comfort, to lift up and reach out, to listen and sit beside your children  
everywhere at the one Table you have set; we pray humbly and sincerely.  
Amen.**

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

**Going Forth: Voices United # 288**

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

1. Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain:** Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided –  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**Refrain**

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.

**Refrain**

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**Sending Forth & Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude:** *Fanfare-Rondeau (from Suite de symphonies) - Jean-Joseph Mouret*

**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](mailto:revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca) or 613-777-0880)**

**Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the time of Your Generosity Matters we will hear a beautiful recording by Dorothy M. Goubault, a friend of Rev. Takouhi's who has come to Grace united church a few times, since Rev. Takouhi's arrival here. Dorothy has written and performed **"When Will I See You Again"** in memory of her lifetime partner, Gerald McBride who died at the age of 64, on Feb. 13, 2020. Dorothy wrote this song in his honour, in 2021. Gerald would have turned 66 on April 8th, 2022, if he was still on this earth. However Dorothy is making generosity to come out of this sadness and all Proceeds go to the Heart Institute in Ottawa. Let us welcome Dorothy's vision and partner up with her vision to make this world a better place. The CD is \$20.00 each

**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 Gillian McCarney, who celebrates this week.

**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. \*\***

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

**Offerings - March 20, 2022 - Attendance:**

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>PAR</b>
General	\$ 727.00	\$ 1220.50
Mission & Service	\$ 192.00	\$ 331.00
Local Missions	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.50

***Thank you for your offerings***

**PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR ENVELOPE**

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](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)

by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/>



Grace United Church has an Assistive Hearing System which may help you hear the service better. There are presently 4 units available. You may use headphones supplied by the church or, even better, your own personal earbuds. Any earbuds are compatible, whether they came with your cell phone or some other device. If your hearing aid has a telephone "T" setting, the units may connect directly to your aids. If you are having any trouble hearing what's said in church, please consider using one of these units. They are in the back South-East corner of the church, and there are simple instructions with them. If you would like to experiment with one of these units outside church-time, contact Paul Harding to make an appointment.

**Contact information:**

**Office** (Laurie) 613-382-2161 [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)

**Church Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00am to 1:00 p.m. **(Closed on Wednesdays)**

**Rev. Takouhi (direct Line) 613-777-0880**

**Email: [RevTakouhi@Terraautopia.ca](mailto:RevTakouhi@Terraautopia.ca)**

**Session:** Chair: Barb Jenkins

Vice Chair: Marg Worth, Clerk: Susan Barwell

**Board of Stewards:** Chair: Denise Wood

Vice Chair: Vacant, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

**Official Board:** Chair: Brian Brooks

Vice Chair: Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

**The 2022 Directory will be available soon**

**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Service – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Food Bank Donations**

**Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:30am Service – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am Service – Palm Sunday**

**Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm Service – Maundy/Holy Thursday**

**Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Walk of the Cross – beginning at Christ Church**

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday/Communion**

**10:30 am Service**

**Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Service - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter**

**Important Information**

*We are back in the Sanctuary!!*

*We ask that everyone wear a mask unless seated and to wear one while singing. The policy will be reviewed again in a few weeks.*

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

*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.

**Schedule of Services for the Residents of Carveth**

May 5<sup>th</sup>

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

July 7<sup>th</sup>

August 4<sup>th</sup>

August 25<sup>th</sup>

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

October 13<sup>th</sup>

November 24<sup>th</sup>

December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Note – Dates may change as needed. Dates will be posted in the Church Bulletin the week prior to service. Please share the information with your friends and family who reside at Carveth.

**Organ Repairs**

The 2002 Budget included a sum for repairs to our pipe organ and those repairs have been begun. A number of large and small pipes from the pedal division of the organ had to be removed in order to remove the part that needed repair. The organ will be out of commission for a short while but, once repaired, will be ready for another 150 years of service.



***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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