



## Grace United Church

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### Ordained Minister

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

### Director of Music

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

### Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

**April 24, 2022**

*Second Sunday of Easter*

**Worship Leader: Barb DeJeet**

### Order of Worship

*In Canada the Month of April is:*

**Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month**



**Prelude:** *Chorale Prelude on a theme by Orlando Gibbons – Healey Willan*

**Welcome – Joan Mackinnon**

**Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Centering Music: “PEACE BE WITH YOU!” The words of Jesus**

### Prayer for Ukraine

God of Mercy, we pray for Ukraine. For all of humanity distorted by war, for all the lives lost, homes seized and peace broken. May the Spirit of comfort and compassion envelop all who dwell in fear. May the Spirit of wisdom and humanity enliven our global leaders. May we affirm the dignity and rights of all. May we seek peace, AMEN

### Call to Worship:

Let not your heart be troubled; God’s Word is sure.

**Let us come seeking the place made for us in Jesus.**

Let us come to Christ with our questions and confusion.

**Let us come to seek and to serve our Risen Lord.**

Let us worship God.

Carol E Bayma, Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norfolk Virginia.

### Song of Praise: Voices United #374

*“Come and Find the Quiet Centre” Tune: Hyfrydol VU 333*

1. Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.
2. Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, face to face,  
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we’re shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.
3. In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other’s pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:  
there’s a place for deepest dreaming, there’s a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit’s lively scheming there is always room to spare!

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### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Christ appeared among his disciples with words of greeting and support: “Peace be with you.” Christ is with us now, offering these same words of greeting and comfort: “Peace be with you.” Let us share signs of this peace with one another.

**PRAYER OF APPROACH: (all)**

**God has the power to heal us. Christ has the love to save us. The Spirit has the strength to free us. These gifts are graciously given, even in the midst of our doubts. God is here to lead us deeper. And show us the way home. AMEN**

**Song of Illumination: Voices United # 377**

*"Holy Spirit, Hear Us"*

1. Holy spirit, hear us, help us while we sing;  
breathe into the music of the praise we bring.
2. Holy Spirit, shine now on the book we read;  
light its holy pages with the truth we need.
3. Holy Spirit, prompt us when we bow to pray;  
speak within and teach us what we ought to say.
4. Holy Spirit, help us daily by your might,  
what is wrong to conquer, and to choose the right.

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**Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey**

**John 20: 19-31 - Jesus says: "Peace be with you" to Thomas and the disciples.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the

mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Anthem: A Never-ending Alleluia - Joseph Martin**

**Grace United Church Choir**



**Reflection: "The Table!"**



**Song of Hope & Healing: Voices United #400**

*"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace! Repeat

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**Prayers of the People**

**The Prayer of Jesus**

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.**



**Our Offerings Make Miracles Evident**

**INVITATION OF OFFERINGS:**

We give back to God, with thanksgiving, a portion of what he has given to us to help those in need.

**OFFERING PRAYER: (all)**

**For the blessing of this and all our days, we thank you. Gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use all that we offer in this place of worship and wherever you might take us in service of your love. AMEN**



**Closing Hymn: Voices United #884**

*"You Shall Go Out With Joy"*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,  
will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
while you go out with joy.

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**Sending Forth & Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude:** *Postlude on a theme by Melchior Vulpus - Healey Willan*

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*April 24, 2015, marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. The Canadian Parliament passed Motion M-587 and declared the **month of April as Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month** and declared April 24 as Armenian Genocide Memorial Day.*



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## **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 Dorothy Maxwell, who celebrates 92 years this week and to Helen Merkley, who celebrates her 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday today.**

**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. \*\***

## **Offerings – April 17, 2022 - Attendance: 59**

	<b>Sunday</b>
General	\$ 1837.00
Mission & Service	\$ 447.00
Local Missions	\$ 50.00

***Thank you for your offerings***

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



***Next Sunday, please wear RED to commemorate Red Dress Day, which is May 5<sup>th</sup>.***

***This Honours Canada's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit people***

## **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/>

There are copies of Grace Church Newsletter (Grace's Chatter), the Year End Report, Daily Bread and other documents and resources available on the table Narthex. Please help yourself.

## **Community Kitchen – April 28<sup>th</sup> – 4:15 to 6:30 pm at Grace United**

Free sessions are for anyone who would like to learn to prepare inexpensive but delicious and healthy food. Participants prepare a meal under the leadership of a highly qualified cook/chef and can choose to either eat with the group after the meal is prepared or take the food home...we provide recycle compostable containers.

**To register call Marian at 613-382-0165**

***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)

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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: 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**

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**Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> - Board of Stewards Meeting**

**Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – 4:15 – Community Kitchen**

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – 10:30 am Worship Service - Red Dress Day**

**Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Carveth Service at 11:00am**

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Worship Service – Mother’s Day**

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Worship Service**

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10:30 am Worship Service**

**Worship Leader – Tammy Fergusson**

**Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am Worship Service**

**Worship Leader – Tammy Fergusson**

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**Important Information**

*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.