



Grace United Church

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May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter - Order of Worship

May 5: Red Dress Day

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



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *The Stranger of Galilee – Lilia Nay*

Welcome – Cheryl O'Leary

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

"Discipleship: Being the 'I AM' in the world!"

1

Call to Worship:

O Lord our God, we praise you. Ps. 30

We cried to you for help and you answered us.

You have restored our lives; you have rescued us from the grave.

(Please stand as able)

Song of Praise: Voices United #559

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

1. Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.
2. Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger, precious presence, precious blood.
3. O, to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

Words: Robert Robinson 1758, alt

Music: John Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II 1843

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(Please be seated)

Prayer of Approach (All):

Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may follow you this day, and always. We pray because of Jesus. Amen.

2

(Please remain seated)

Song of Illumination: Voices United # 562

"Jesus Calls Us"

1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea
day by day his clear voiced sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me."
2. Long ago apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."
4. In our joys and in our sorrow, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
5. Jesus calls us: by your mercies, Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander 1852, alt.

Music: William Herbert Jude 1874

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Scripture Reader: Marilyn Belbin

Gospel: John 21:1-19 (NRSV)

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Anthem : *Open My Eyes, That I May See* - Clara H. Scott, arr. Hal Hopson

Grace United Church Choir

Life Lesson: *"Tend My Sheep..."*

(Please stand as able)

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**

Words and Music: Ken Medema 1970

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(Please be seated)

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.**



(Please stand as able)

Song of Commitment: 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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(Please be seated)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Your Generosity Matters:

Our Offerings Make Miracles Evident

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

Worthy are you, O God, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. Receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise and use them for your glory and the good of your people; in the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

(Please stand as able)

Going Forth: Voices United #575

"I'm Gonna Live so God can Use Me"

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time!
I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time!
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!

Words and music: African-American spiritual
Music arr. Wendell Whalum
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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Blessing: *Go Now in Peace* - Besig/Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Words: Don Besig, Nancy Price

Music: Don Besig

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Postlude: *Postlude on Diademata* – Peter Christian Lutkin



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 David Tompkins, Betty Young, John Chapman and Mackenzie Abrams

Happy 34th Wedding Anniversary to Steve & Connie Thompson.

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 24, 2022 - Attendance: 39

	Sunday	PAR	BMO
General	\$ 805.00	\$ 1,220.50	\$ 450.00
Mission & Service	\$ 167.00	\$ 331.00	\$ 75.00
Local Missions	\$	\$ 12.50	\$ 25.00

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

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

by CreditCard through CanadaHelps.

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

Christ Church in Lyn, is having a SPRING FLING – May 14th from 8am to Noon

A variety of donated items are available as well as craft items, preserves and more. All proceeds will go to the United Church of Canada Emergency Response Ukraine Crisis

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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The 2022 Directory will be available soon

Sunday, May 1st – 10:30 am Worship Service - Red Dress Day

Thursday, May 5th – Carveth Service at 11:00am

Sunday, May 8th – 10:30 am Worship Service – Mother's Day

Sunday, May 15th – 10:30 am Worship Service

Sunday, May 22nd – 10:30 am Worship Service

Worship Leader – Tammy Fergusson

Sunday, May 29th – 10:30 am Worship Service

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Important Information

Service will also be shown live on YouTube.

<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.

Bulletin Dedication

This week's Bulletin is dedicated to the memory of Beverly Scott, and her parents Mildred and Ralph Scott. The Scott family was devoted and active in Grace United Church, particularly in the Choir and Sunday School for their entire lives.

Lovingly remembered by Paul and John Harding and families.