



Grace United Church

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February 5, 2023 - Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Black History Month

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Prelude: *Meditation on "Jesus Loves Me" - Wm. Bradbury*
(arr. P. Harding)

Welcome – Dave Charles

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Centering Music: *We Center Our Hearts for Worship.*

Spiritual Focus:

"Salt is nothing if it is not mixed in...

Light is nothing if it is not connected...

*Being Salt and Light, requires **action and dedication...**"*

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Gathering Call

(Please Stand as Able)

Gathering Song of Unity & Praise: Voices United #296

"This is God's Wondrous World"

- 1 This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.
- 3 This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Words: Malthie Davenport Babcock 1901, alt. Music: English traditional melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard 1915; adapt. Stanley Oliver 1929. Public Domain

(Please be seated)

Prayer of the Day (All): Holy God, you gave the law to show your people the way of righteousness. Help us receive your commandments as grace and live as your obedient children that your goodness may shine through us, to the glory of your name through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WE SEEK WISDOM

Time with Youth and Young at Heart: *"Salt & Light"*

Repeating Prayer

Song of Assurance: Voices United #646

"We are Marching" (Eng., Zulu, Eng.)

English: We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo-oo,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo-oo,
we are marching in the light of God.

Zulu: Siya ham-ba ku khan yen kwen khos.

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Music: South African trad. song 20th century; arr. Anders Nyberg et al 1984
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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reader: Joan MacKinnon

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,
All: our ears and hearts are open.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSV)

Salt and Light

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Reader: For the Sacred Story is God's story,

All: for the Sacred Story is our story,

Reader: for the Sacred Story is our source and inspiration.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem – *My Peace I Leave With You* - Judith Snowdon

Life Lesson *"Salt and Light SERVE others..."*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Song of Trust: Voices United # 642

"Be Thou My Vision"

- 1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Words: Irish ca. 8th century, trans. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905; vers. Eleanor H. Hull 1912. alt.

Music: Irish traditional melody. Public Domain

Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer that Jesus taught His followers (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.**

Your Generosity Matters:

Fighting Racism at Home and Abroad: Adele Halliday's Work

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

*Mindful of the abundance we have received from God,
we offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All): Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given to us and praise you for your astounding goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom, and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #87

"I Am the Light of the World"

Refrain:

**'I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

- 1 When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found
their way home, the work of Christmas is begun:

Refrain:

**'I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

- 2 To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth
and good food, to feel the earth below, the sky above!

Refrain:

**'I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

- 3 To free the prisoner from all chains,
to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
to see God's children everywhere!

Refrain:

**'I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

- 4 To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth!

Refrain:

**'I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Aria from Semele: "Where'er You Walk" - G. F. Handel*

Welcome

as we gather for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or a newcomer to this Community of Faith, either in person or virtually, we extend a warm welcome. May you come in as a stranger but depart knowing you are part of the family. Thank you for joining us, we look in seeing you again.

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. ****

NOTE – Due to privacy laws and confidentiality, the names of people on our list are not printed in the Order of Service.



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 50th Anniversary to Ron & Mary Haussler.

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.

There are many ways you can partner up with God's Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference. by cheque –120 Pine ST.

Gananoque, On K7G 1C7, e-transfer to grace.gan@outlook.com

Sign-up for PAR Forms 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/>

Donation Envelopes for 2023 are out and ready for pick up. PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON YOUR ENVELOPES AS NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED. If you would like envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet available on the table.

Offerings January 2023

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local
Jan 1				
Jan 8	48	\$ 2302.00	327.00	\$ 25.00
Jan 15	29	\$1962.00	\$ 192.50	0
Jan 22	47	\$ 1082.00	\$ 227.00	\$ 15.00
Jan 29	31	\$ 547.00	\$ 177.00	\$ 20.00
PAR		\$ 1210.00	\$343.50	\$12.50
BMO		\$ 450.00	\$ 100.00	

Thank you for your offerings.

(PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR ENVELOPE)

YOGA – Monday nights at 6:00pm and Wednesday afternoon classes at 3:30pm. If interested, you must preregister through Thomas' website.

www.yoga1000islands.com

Milk Bags for Beds

Please keep your milk bags and bring them to the church. These are being used to make beds for the less fortunate. A box is at the back of the church to put your clean milk bags in.

COPIES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT ARE OUT FOR PICK UP. PLEASE REVIEW PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING.

NOTICE – the Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on February 12th immediately following service. We will go over the Annual Report, our financial status, changes to our policies and other important matters. All are welcome to attend.

The Gananoque Seniors Association along with the Town of Gananoque will be hold a series of FREE - Workshops. Classes and other events over the next few months. Here at Grace, we will be hosting "MELT METHOD" classes, Thursdays 1 – 3 pm, beginning February 9th with instructor Gloria Laux.

And Conversational French classes on Fridays 10-12, beginning February 10th, with Nicole Tyo. (Both are 8 week programs)

MELT helps to address a host of middle-age complaints: chronic pain, aching joints, weight gain, stress, wrinkles, digestive problems, low energy and insomnia. Researchers describe connective tissue as a three-dimensional, fluid-filled support network that surrounds the muscles, bones, nerves and organs. As we age, our bodies endure wear and tear that is thought to result in dehydration of this system. Even in young people, repetitive motions like running can compress and dry out the fascia. Once you learn the method, just 10 minutes three times a week is all you need. Gloria Laux started in dance classes at three years old and loved moving. Still does. While becoming an Aromatherapist in 1997 she learned about Pilates which lead her to other modalities. A friend suggested she check out the Melt Method and she was hooked, becoming the first instructor in Ontario.

Conversational French course will be offered by a retired qualified French language teacher, Nicole Tyo, who has several years of experience teaching all ages from junior kindergarten to post secondary students. Come learn some commonly used words and sentences to better communicate in French through activities , role playing and of course, lots of laughs.



Gananoque Seniors Association

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The 2022 Directory is available in the Narthex

Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am
V.I.B.E. – NEW SESSION _ STARTS FEB. 8, 2023

Sunday, February 5th -Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Rev. Takouhi

Sunday, February 12th – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, Rev. Takouhi

Annual Congregation Meeting to follow Service.

2:00pm - Gananoque Pride Alliance Youth Group

Sunday, February 19th – Transfiguration Sunday, Tammy Fergusson

Tuesday, February 21st – 4:30 pm, PANCAKE SUPPER

Sunday, February 26th – First Sunday of Lent, Communion, Rev. Takouhi

Friday, March 3 – World Day of Prayer

Sunday, March 5th – Second Sunday of Lent, Rev. Takouhi

Sunday, March 12 – Third Sunday of Lent, Rev. Takouhi

Important Information

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.