

Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Supper
Feb. 21, 2023

At Grace United - 4:30 to 6:30pm
By Donation - All are welcome



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The 2023 Directory will be out soon

If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again.

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.

Welcome
To
Grace United Church
Sunday, February 19, 2023





Grace United Church

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Ordained Minister

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

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*Did you know....God is calling you today, but not on your cell phone.
Please silence your phone. 😊*

February 12, 2023 - Order of Worship

Worship Leader: Lay Minister, Tammy Fergusson

Transfiguration Sunday

Black History Month

Black History Month (or African Heritage Month) has been recognized in Canada since February 1996, to honour the contributions and struggles of peoples of African descent.

We Gather as United and Uniting People

Prelude: *Meditation on "He Leadeth Me"*

Welcome – Vicki Leakey

Community in Action - Birthdays & Anniversaries

Centering Music *We Centre Our Hearts for Worship.*

Spiritual Focus:

"You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." 2 Peter 1:19

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering Call

One: Today we are gathered,
On top of God's mountain,
Surrounded by our elders and friends.
Let us be glad
that God has declared,
"This is my Son, and with him, I am well pleased!"

Song of Praise: Voices United #104

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" (Tune: Hyfrydol VU#333)

- 1 We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.
- 2 Light breaks in upon our darkness;
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel

We Seek Wisdom

Time with Youth and Young at Heart "Hide It Under a Bush, O No!"

Song of Devotion "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine!

Everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine!

Words and music: Harold Dixon Loes 1920

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Children's Repeating Prayer

Dear Loving God,

Thank you for loving us just who we are.

Thank you for letting our little light shine.

Grant us the courage to say what is true.

Spreading God's light out from me, now to you!

We Hear the Sacred Stories

Scripture Reader: Shirley Clark

Scripture Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9 *NRSV*

The Transfiguration

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was

as the heavenly voice is heard.

Eyes and hearts behold with wonder

how the Law and Prophets meet:

Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

- 3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

Words: Carl P. Daw Jr. 1988

Music: Rowland Huw Prichard ca. 1838

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Opening Prayer

All: O God of dazzling light,

We approach you in your many wondrous ways:

In swirling nature, high up upon the mountain,

In Jesus Christ, your Beloved Son,

Together, let us witness your wondrous mystery.

Together, let us realize broader understandings.

Leading us closer to you.

transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; [b] with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Anthem: *People Need the Lord - Nelson, McHugh / Mary MacDonald*

Life Lesson: The Many Mysteries of God's Glory... *Tammy Fergusson*

We Respond to God's Grace

Song of Trust: 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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Prayer 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:

Update: 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism

Our Offerings - Supporting God's Ministries

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

Song of Thanksgiving: 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.

Words: Thomas Ken ca. 1674

Music: Genevan Psalter 1551

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

All: O God of Mystery,

We find you in the many places of our lives.

One: May we respond to you now,
With the offerings that we give to you today.

**All: May we spread your Glory and your Love,
Within our Lives, out into this Church
and throughout your wondrous World.**

God Sends Us Into The World To Be The Church

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #657

"He Leadeth Me"

1 He leadeth me; O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, Where're I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me! He Leadeth me!
By his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
For by is hand he leadeth me!

2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deeper gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom.
Be waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me! He Leadeth me!
By his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
For by is hand he leadeth me!

3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine,
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me! He Leadeth me!
By his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
For by is hand he leadeth me!

4. And when my task on earth is done,
When by they grace the victory's won,
Even death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me! He Leadeth me!
By his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
For by is hand he leadeth me!

Words: Joseph Henry Gilmore 1862
Music: William Batchelder Bradbury 1864
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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude *Prelude No. 8 in Bb - J.S. Bach*

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.

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 Birthday to 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.

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 Pre-Authorized Remittance (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/>

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON YOUR DONATION ENVELOPES

If you would like envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet available on the table in the Narthex.

Offerings February 2023

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local
Feb 5	31	\$ 827.00	\$167.00	\$15.00
Feb 12	32	\$ 1275.00	\$ 372.00	\$15.00
Feb 19				
Feb 26				
PAR				
BMO				

Thank you for your offerings.

DONATION RECEIPTS

2022 Donation Receipts are ready for pick-up at the back where the Donation envelopes are. Please confirm the information on the receipt including your mailing address.

UCW MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRAURY 20TH AT 1:30 IN CHURCH HALL

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.

Fall Prevention Classes

CPHC Senior Support Services is offering a Fall Prevention Course, here at Grace United.

The course starts Monday, Feb 27th and runs for 12 weeks.

Classes are Mondays & Wednesdays from 1 to 2pm.

You must register with CPHC.

Call Kim at 613-34-3693 ext 2303

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