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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.

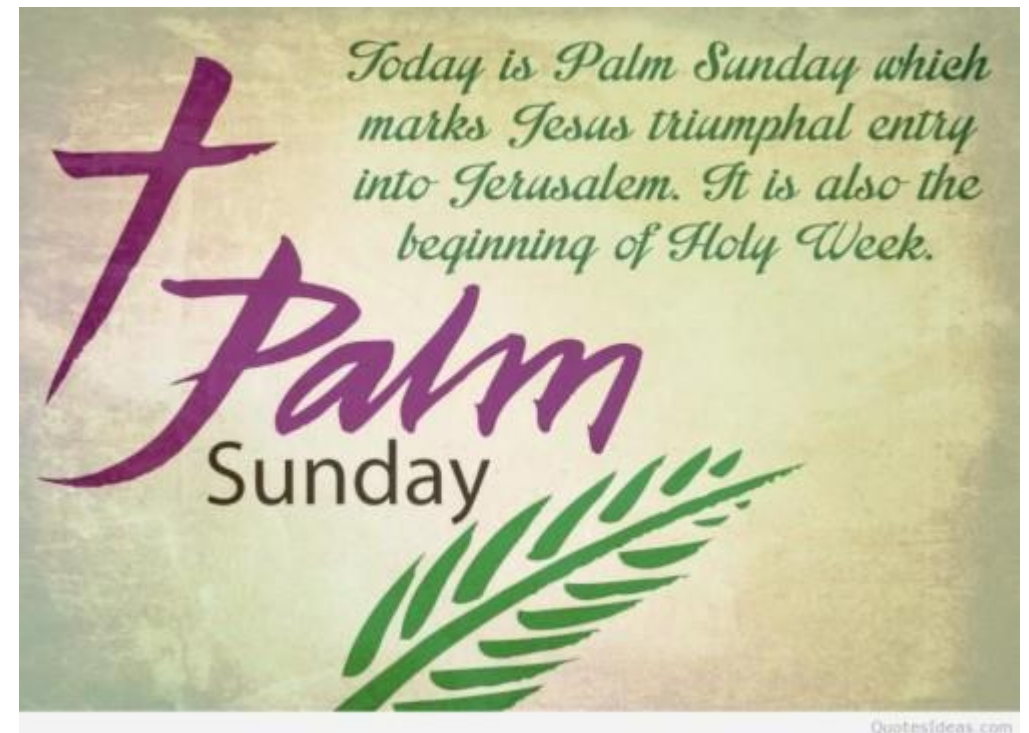
Service will also be shown live on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>

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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*





Grace United Church

120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7

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April 2, 2023

Palm/Passion Sunday

Order of Worship

***Motion M-587 (2015) Declares Month of April as Genocide
Recognition and Condemnation Month in Canada.***



WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Prelude: *Ride On, Ride on in Majesty* - Graham George

Welcome – Vicki Leakey

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Celebration & Praise: *“Marching into Jerusalem”*

Opening Words: *Rev. Takouhi*

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

(Please Stand as Able)

Processional Song of Praise: Voices United #122

“All Glory, Laud and Honour”

***All glory, laud and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

- 1 You are the King of Israel,
and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and blessed one.
***All glory, laud and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***
- 2 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.
***All glory, laud and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***
- 3 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

**All glory, laud and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

- 4 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious king.

**All glory, laud and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

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Spiritual Focus:

"The Prince of Peace is the Prince of NO Compromise..."

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)



Gathering Call (Responsive) Ps. 118:26a

One: Beloved, Awake for the day of Entry is here.

**All: We enter with Jesus,
with Thanksgiving and Praise; with Courage and Bravery.**

One: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

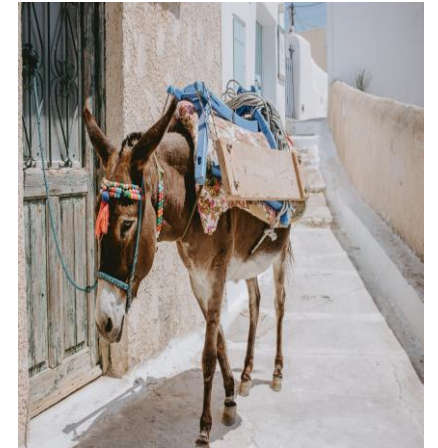
All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

(Please Stand as Able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #124

"He Came Riding on a Donkey"

- 1 He came riding on a donkey,
he came riding into town;
slow and easy kind of lowly
he came riding with the dawn.
His disciples walked beside him,
staying close, a little shy;
not too sure where he would guide them,
on to live or on to die.
But all the morning sang his praises;
waking birds and dancing wind;
here he is, the Son of David;
riding on to take his throne.
- 2 Then the children gathered, singing
shouts of laughter, bursting cheer;
in the streets their song was ringing,
'Hosannas' filled the morning air.
Timid adults strained to see him,
caught the Spirit, joined the song;
spread their cloaks along before him,
branches flashing in the sun.
So all the city sang his praises;
waking streets and dancing crowd;
here he is, the Son of David;
our Messiah, Son of God.



3 In our fasting, and our feasting,
called to follow in his way;
called to walk his road to Easter,
called to live his cross today.
Hosanna to the Son of David,
hosanna in the heavens above;
blessed is he who comes to save us,
blessed is he who brings his love.
Let us join to sing his praises;
open hearts and souls to God;
he is with us, Son of David;
God's Messiah, Christ the Lord.

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(Please be seated)

A Prayer for Palm Sunday (All): Voices United # 125
We praise you, O God,
for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph
and was proclaimed Messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches
along his way.
Let these branches be signs of his victory,
and grant that we who carry them
may follow him in the way of the cross,
that, dying and rising with him,

we may enter into your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reader: Barb Jenkins

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

Gospel: Luke 19:29-44 (NRSV)

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

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 – *Hosanna to the King of Kings* - Judith Snowdon

Life Lesson "Silent No More..."

Special Music: *In the Name of the Lord*

Soloist: Sheri Shenton

Words: Gloria Gaither, Phill McHugh, Sandi Patty

Music: Sandi Patty

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer that Jesus Taught His Followers (Sung – Voices United 960)

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.**

Adapted from a chant by R. Langdon



**WE OFFICIALLY WELCOME NEW FAMILY MEMBERS
TO THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

Marie Yvette Michele Denis (nee: Bellavance)

Christina Kaya

(By profession of faith)

Statement of Purpose

One: The church is a community of people with varied gifts,
united by the Holy Spirit...of the church of Jesus Christ.

Presentation / Commitment of New Members

Congregational Commitment

One: Dear friends... our love, care and support.

**All: As your brothers and sisters in Christ,
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.**

We pledge to you our love, care and our support.

With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Jesus.

One: Together as one family let us stand, as able and say together our corporate profession of faith.

A New Creed¹ (All):

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.



¹ A New Creed is a brief and well-loved affirmation of faith used widely in our worship (1968; rev. 1980, 1995).

Presentation of Certificate

**Welcome To Your
Church Family**



Love. Grow. Serve.

Song of Celebration Voices United # 958

"Halle, Halle, Halle" (x 2)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (Hallelujah!)
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Words: trad. liturgical text
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Your Generosity Matters: *Your Generosity Increases Food Security*

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

*Our offerings make the deserts sing with Living Water
and quench the thirst of many who thirst.*

(Please stand as able)

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.

Words: Thomas Ken ca. 1674
Music: Genevan Psalter 1551 Public domain.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication - Rev. Takouhi
(Please Remain Standing)

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

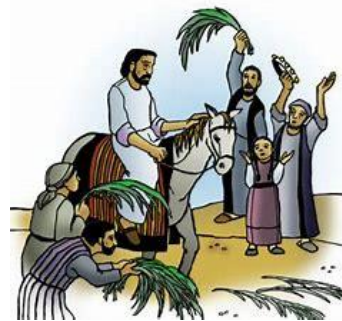
Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Recessional - Song of Going Forth: Voices United #123

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna
the happy children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang;
to Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.
- 2 From Olivet they followed
'mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and singing clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
content that little children
should on his bidding wait.



- 3 'Hosanna in the highest!
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;
earth, let your anthems ring.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his humble presence
eternally rejoice!

Words: Jennette Threlfall 1873

Music: trad. 18th -century German tune, adapt. Xavier Ludwig Hartig 1868

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Postlude on "Ellacombe" - 18th Century German

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 Graham Anglin and Happy Anniversary to Dianne & Jim Wallbridge and Paul & Carolyn Scott

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 & AMOUNT ON YOUR DONATION ENVELOPES

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

Offerings March 2023

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local	LENT
Mar 5	39	\$ 1089.72	\$ 232.50	\$ 25.00	
Mar 12	53	\$ 70.50	\$170.50	\$20.00	\$50.00
Mar 19	42	\$ 1605.00	\$ 170.00	\$.15.00	
Mar 26	44	\$ 1697.50	\$ 192.50	\$ 25.00	\$ 105.00
PAR		\$ 1210.00	\$ 323.50	\$ 32.50	
BMO		\$ 450.00	\$75.00	\$ 25.00	

Thank you for your generosity.

Your Lenten Offerings are for the United Church Women (UCW) and provide funds allowing them to support others in our community through various outreach programs.

Thank you to all who continue to support the FUNDSCRIP gift card fundraising program. Reminder, Gift Cards can be ordered anytime you like and shipped right to your home. Also each month, there are specials that give back more to Grace United. If you need help placing an order speak to Denise Wood or Linda Brooks.

Pies are now available to purchase. Please call Carol Currie at 613-382-4376 to place your order. Apple, Blueberry, Bumbleberry, Cherry, Peach, Rhubarb, Strawberry & Strawberry Rhubarb are \$15 – Raspberry is \$20 – (no crumble topping at this time.) Pick up Date is Thursday. April 6th. 3pm to 6pm.

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023 - “Washing of the Hands” at 7:00pm. Rev. Takouhi will lead the gathering.

Walk of the Cross – Friday, April 7th, 2023, 10:00am. Starting at Christ Church, proceeding through town with various stops along the way to Grace United Church. All are welcome.

Grace United Church presents,

“The Servant at Supper”

Good Friday, April 7, 2023 at 3pm

Eleanor Glenn describes the events taking place

as she witnesses them at:**The Last Supper**

The Crucifixion - The Resurrection

All are Welcome – Good will Offering



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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