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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.

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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.

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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*Welcome
To
Grace United Church*



John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes I me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."



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April 9, 2023

Easter / Resurrection Sunday

Order of Worship

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



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

10:15 a.m. **Mini-recital - Classic Brass**

Trumpets: Gillian MacDonald, Rick Calich; French Horn: Cathy Redsell;
Trombone: Lorenzo Sivilotti; Tuba: Marc Moeys

Prelude: Classic Brass and Organ

The Day of Resurrection - arr. Todd Marchand

Welcome – Shirley Clark

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Spiritual Focus:

***“Despite fear and fright, Easter gives us the COURAGE we need, to
run and tell the Good News with Joy –
At the End a New Beginning.”***

Call to Worship (Responsive):

One: Beloved church,

behold the victory of our God:

Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Sin and death shall reign no more.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Let this place resound with joy.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

Song of Praise: Voices United #155

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!



3. But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!
4. Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

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Invitation to Confession Ps. 118:19

God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love, let us pray together our prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession (All): Col. 3:1; John 20:11; John 20:16

Holy One, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet often we do not live as Easter people. Our circumstances make us unsure of your promises, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger.

Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, and do not recognize your presence. We pray that you call us by name once again, that we may recognize you with confidence.

Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep

our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression.

Forgive our shortfalls we pray and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant life you offer freely to all.

We pray through the Power of Love. **Amen.**

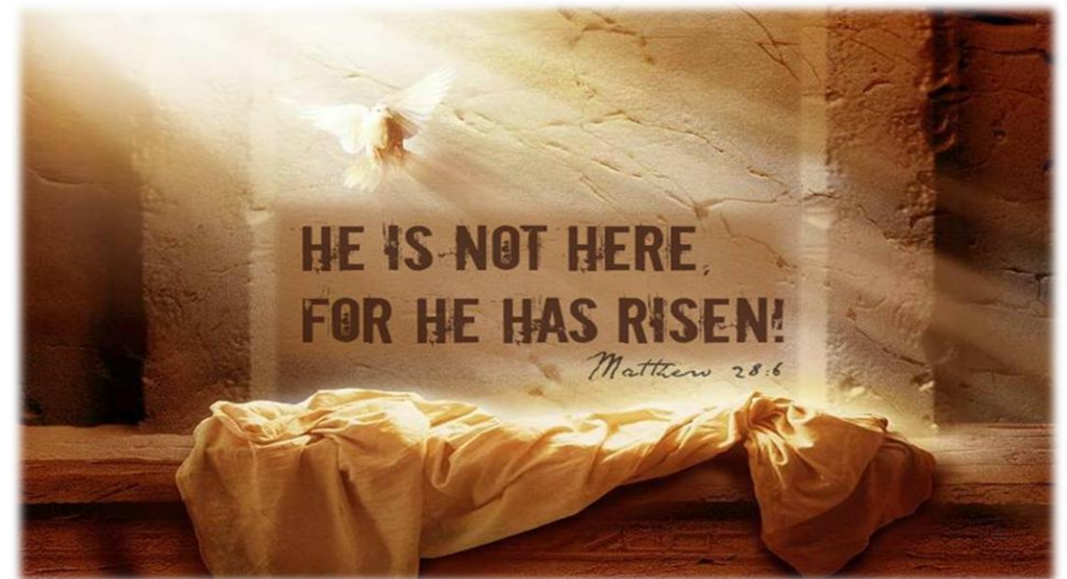
Assurance of Pardon (Responsive) Ps. 118:18

One: Beloved Church, listen,

God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Hallelujah! We are forgiven indeed!



Song of Praise: Voices United # 157

"New Resurrection"

1. New resurrection! Glory from heaven!
Christ's is the new birth, fresh in our hearts.
Rise up the praises, to God be given
praise for the living, of this glad day.
2. His is the vic'try! His is the Glory!
New doors are opened, amid the strife.
Ours is the failure, old is the story;
ours for the taking is this new life.
3. Glory to Jesus! Ring out the chorus!
Lift high the praises, this He has done.
Conquered the darkness, opened the heavens;
God's loving kindness, once more has won.

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WE SEEK WISDOM

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

"Changed but STILL the same."

Song of Praise – "Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah!"

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord!
Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord!
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord!



Prayer of Illumination (All):

Living God, by your Holy Spirit,

open our eyes to see the new light of this day;

open our lips to tell of the empty tomb;

open our hearts to believe the Good News;

we pray through the One who is Resurrection and Life, the Word made Flesh. **Amen.**

Scripture Reader: Tom Currie

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-4 (NRSV - New Revised Standard Version)

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV - New Revised Standard Version)

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his

disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Anthem: *Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)*

Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford, Gabriel Wilson, Jenn Johnson, Joel Taylor, Kari Jobe; arr. Heather Sorensen

Life Lesson: *"The End... A New Beginning..."*

WE SEEK PEACE & COMMUNION

Preparing our hearts for Communion: Voices United #: 480

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

1. Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.
Refrain: When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees,
let us drink wine together on our knees.
Refrain: When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees.
Refrain: When I fall down on my knees

with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

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GOD'S BANQUET... OUR PARTICIPATION...¹

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit.

Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love:

We praise you for Jesus Christ,

who reminds us that even in fear-filled days,
cloaked with the powers of death,
your eternal love arises, and never leaves us.

We rejoice with all your people and with the angels,
because *Love* is stronger than death!

**All: Holy is Jesus, God Incarnate, the Risen Christ,
whose mercy gathers us together in community,
whose grace meets us in our brokenness,
and whose loving faithfulness gives us renewed hope.**

One: In this meal, we remember Jesus, his promises,
and the price he paid for who he was, what he said,
and what he did; for our benefit.

On the night before Jesus died,
He took a loaf of bread,
Gave thanks, broke it, and said,
"Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this, in remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup and poured, saying,
"This is the cup of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for all people.
Do this in remembrance of me."

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

**All: We remember Christ's life of love, and friendship, and teaching,
We remember Christ's dying, and rising to life again.**

One: Bless this bread and this cup,
the wheat and the grape,
the farmer and the harvest,
the seed and the Sower.

These simple elements are shared in community,
so that we may taste and see your goodness
and become *the United and the Uniting* body of Christ.

For it is through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
that all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forevermore.

¹ Adapted from UCC – USA – April 2, 2023 – written by: Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey Guillaume, pastor of Union
Congregational United Church of Christ in West Palm Beach.

The Prayer of Jesus (ALL):

At this time, we proclaim the glory of your name
with the saints of the past, the present and the future
and we come to you as our Mother and...

**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.**

One: The body of Christ,

All: the bread of life.

One: The essence of Christ,

All: the cup of blessing.

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.



Sharing of the elements –

Jesus the Bread of Life – Bread for the Journey. *(Gluten Free Bread)*

Jesus the True Vine – The Cup of the New Covenant.

Post-Communion Prayer (Responsive):

One: O Christ, we thank you for this feast of life.

Fed by your love, and strengthened by your life;
we humbly accept your call to go
into this world to live with hope,
and to share your joy.

All: You commission us to

**feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
and love as we have been loved.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Offertory Song: Voices United # 164

"The Day of Resurrection"

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see aright
the Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to the accents, may hear so calm and plain
Christ's own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.

Words: John of Damascus ca. 750, trans. John Mason Neale 1862.

Music: Gesanguch der Herzogel. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle 1784, alt. 1868.
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Our Offerings Make Miracles Evident

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication:

Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord who lives and reigns with you forever. **Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 173

"Thine is the Glory"

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.
Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
2. Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.

Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
 for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting.
Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

- No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
 life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
 make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
 bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

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 Music: Harmonia Sacra ca. 1753, arr. from George Frideric Handel 1747
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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Classic Brass and Organ

Rondeau - John-Joseph Mouret

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.

Our thanks to members of **Classic Brass:** Gillian MacDonald, Rick Calich, Cathy Redsell, Lorenzo Sivilotti and Marc Moeys. We appreciate your contribution to our worship service this Easter morning. Please come back soon.

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.

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 and by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

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| April 2 | 51 | \$ 2002.50 | \$ 492.50 | \$ 125.00 | \$ 70.00 |
| April 9 | | | | | |
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