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The 2023 Directory are out on the table in the Narthex

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg>

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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



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***Where Everyone is Part of the Family
&
Worship is a Lifestyle NOT an Event***



Grace United Church

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January 28, 2024

Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER AS ADVENT PEOPLE

Organ Prelude: *Meditation on "Friendship" - Charles Converse*

Welcome – Brian Brooks

Land Acknowledgement (Responsive):

One: Grace United Church takes seriously the commitments made to First Nations communities through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report, especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

All: Therefore, we acknowledge, this day, that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the original nations of this land, and we acknowledge with respect, their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Call (Responsive):

One: The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

All: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening. 1 Sam. 3:9

One: Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

All: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song – An Invitation - Voices United #374

"Come and Find the Quiet Centre"

1 Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,

knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

3

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

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(Please be seated)

Gathering Prayer (All):

You invite us, O God, to live in your ways, and you give us to each other to know and to love as we journey in this life.

Show us your will for all creation.

Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts so that we may honour what you have made, in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

WE SEEK WISDOM

(Please stand as able)

Song of Illumination More Voices #154

"Deep In Our Hearts"

1. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.
2. Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.
3. Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.
4. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.



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Time with Youth and Young at Heart

"The Call: In Different Ways"

Based on 1 Samuel 3:1-10

(Please remain seated)

Song of Commitment More Voices #189

"Jesus, We Are Here"

(2x with Music 3rd time a capella)

Jesus, we are here;

Jesus, we are here;

Jesus, we are here;

we are here for you.

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all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Our second reading

Gospel of Gospel of John 1:43-51 (NRSV)

"Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael"

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Prayer of Illumination (All): By your Holy Spirit, O God, open our ears, our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to the Holy Word so that it comes to rule within us for Jesus' sake. **Amen**

Scripture Reader: Linda Brooks

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (NRSV)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with

you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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: *Standin' in the Need of Prayer* - arr. Joel Raney

Life Lesson

"Sometimes the Call WAKES us up! "

Song of Assurance More Voices #96

"And When You Call for Me" - Rev. Takouhi – a capella

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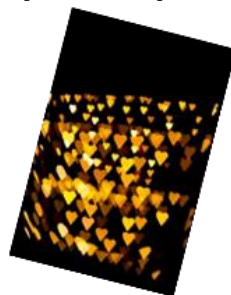
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Prayers of Hope and Healing –

"Known - A Blessing" by Jan Richardson

The Prayer that Jesus taught his followers -(VU 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,

for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please stand as able)

Song of Assurance – More Voices #157

"I Am a Child of God"

Verse 1 I am a child of God,
I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God,
I am a child of God.

Verse 2 I am an endless prayer,
I am a yearning for contemplation,
I am an endless prayer,
I am an endless prayer.

Verse 3 I am an angry voice,
I am compassion and consternation,
I am an angry voice,
I am an angry voice.

Verse 4 I am a cry for peace,
I am commitment and dedication,
I am a cry for peace,
I am a cry for peace.



Verse 5 I am a song of joy,
I am the moment of jubilation,
I am a song of joy,
I am a song of joy

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Your Generosity Matters: Your Generosity Revitalizes Languages

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

Jesus promised that you and I will come to see heaven opened and angels dancing in splendour. Our offerings are a thanksgiving for God's abundant gifts. Come, Let us open our hearts and share from our possessions so that the Mission of Jesus continues for the sake of this Beloved World. (John 1:51)

(Please stand as able)

Offertory Song: Voices United # 538

"For the Gift of Creation"

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.



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Prayer of Thanksgiving – (All):

Bless in every way, O Lord, the gifts of the people here given.
Enrich the ministries of your people and make us grateful to be able to let go of the things we do not, finally, own. As everything we have and hold are temporary, but Your Love is Eternal. **Amen**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

Song of Commitment & Going Forth: More Voices #213

*"Take Up His Song" (*Hope, *Faith & *Love)*

- 1 Take up his song of peace
and go into the world.
Take up his song of peace
In ev-'ry moment.
In ev-'ry moment of the journey
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in peace,
lay them down and take up his song.
- 2 Take up his song of hope
and go into the world.
Take up his song of hope
In ev-'ry moment.
I ev-'ry moment of the journey
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in hope
lay them down and take up his song.



- 3 Take up his song of faith
and go into the world.
Take up his song of faith
In ev-'ry moment.
In ev-'ry moment of the journey
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in faith
lay them down and take up his song.
- 4 Take up his song of love
and go into the world.
Take up his song of love
In ev-'ry moment.
In ev-'ry moment of the journey
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in love
lay them down and take up his song.

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Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Finale on "Last uns erfreuen" (Hope, Faith and Love)*
Cologne, 1623

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 Rev. Takouhi or the church office if there is someone you know who is in need or a visit, in hospital or any other needs.

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 this week Merna Price, Gary Seidl and Cecile Bass

Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary added to our announcements contact Laurie at the church Office and give her the details.

Our sincere condolences to Terry Moran, Liz & Doug Dennison and Family on the recent passing of Son and Brother, Tim Moran. Tim was a member of Grace United Church, he passed away peacefully at his home on January 8th.

Our sincere condolences to Susan Barwell and family on the passing of Susan's brother Roger on January 10th.

Our sincere condolences are also extended to Barb & Randy Jenkins, and family on the passing of Barb's mother, Joan. Joan was a member of Grace United, she passed away on January 17th at KGH, service and visitation will be held at the Gordon F. Tompkins Funeral Home, Kingston on February 24th.

Know that we are thinking of each of you and holding you close in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Church Board Meetings

**Official Board Meeting – Sunday, January 28th – Following Service.
Annual Congregation Meeting – Date to be Confirmed.**

Memory Tree Ornaments are available for pick up. They are located with the 2024 Offering Envelopes

MAKE SURE YOUR NAME & THE AMOUNT ARE ON YOUR DONATION ENVELOPES. 2024 Envelopes are out and ready for pick up.

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

Offerings January 2024

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
Jan 7	27	\$ 712.50	\$ 157.50	
Jan 14		Cancelled due to weather.		
Jan 21	63	\$ 1,707.50	\$ 377.50	\$ 70.00
Jan 28				
PAR				
BMO				

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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/>

Coming up this week at Grace United....

Sunday, January 28 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi Official Board Meeting
Monday, January 29 6:00pm	Office 8am – 1pm YOGA
Tuesday, January 30 9am – 12pm 3:30 – 4:30 5:30 – 7:30	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters YOGA Boot Camp / Zoomba
Wednesday, January 31 9am to 12 pm	Office Closed Seniors – Beginner French (9-10:30) Step 2 French (10:30 – 12)
Thursday, February 1 10:30 to 12 pm 1:30 to 7:30	Office 8am – 1pm Choir Practice (10:30 – 12pm) Seniors – Pilates (1:30-2:30) Chair YOGA (3:30 – 4:30) Boot Camp / Zoomba (5:30-7:30)
Friday, February 2	Office 8am – 1pm
Saturday, February 3	Office Closed
Sunday, February 4 10:30 am Worship Service	Office Closed Worship Leaders, Rev. Takouhi



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 13th
4:30 to 6:30 pm
Good will Offering**

Like to help out? Volunteers are always welcome, speak to Murray Roantree.