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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

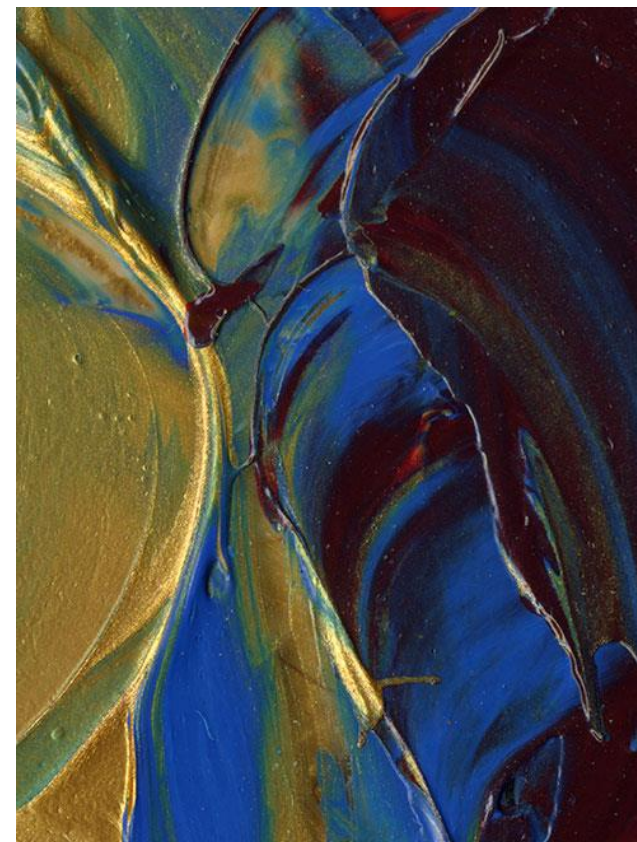


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[Epiphany 5: That All Be Made Well « The Painted Prayerbook](#)

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&
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February 4, 2024

FEBRUARY - BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER AS PEOPLE WHO WALK IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

Organ Prelude: *Fugue and Harmonization on "St. Anne" - Hal Hopson*

Welcome – Dave Charles

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:

*"Life is ALL about...
How We **Love** and **Serve...**"*



Lighting the Christ Candle

Gathering Call (Responsive):

One: Have we not known? Have we not heard?

All: Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

One: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

All: they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

One: they shall run and not be weary;

All: they shall walk and not faint.

One: Beloved, Come and find a safe space where love is proclaimed and lived.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song – An Invitation - Voices United #595

"We Are Pilgrims"

(Tune: Hymn to Joy - VU #232)

1. We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

2. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.
3. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.
Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

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(Please be seated)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (All): Ps. 147:5; Ps. 147:11
God, Your Love is everlasting. Your understanding
is beyond measure. We confess to you that we
have sinned against you and our neighbours.
Help us to remember your forgiving compassion.
We place our hope in Your Steadfast Love. **Amen.**



Assurance of God's Love

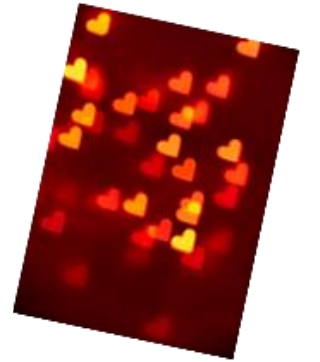
WE SEEK WISDOM

(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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(Please be seated)

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

"No One Is Left Out"



(Please remain seated)

Song of Commitment

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

(Verses 1 & 2)

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus:

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in this land.

Chorus:

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Prayer of Illumination (All): Isa. 40:21

Holy God, speak to us what has been told from the beginning,
Your Word that is the foundation of the world and the Light on our
path. **Amen.**

Scripture Reader: Joan MacKinnon

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

I have become all things for all people for the gospel's sake.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Second reading

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Simon's Mother-in-law and many others healed...

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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 – *What a Wonderful World/This Is My Father's World*

- arr. John D. Miller

Life Lesson "Walk in LOVE: Serve One Another..."

Song of Assurance More Voices #90

"Don't Be Afraid" (x2)

Don't be afraid.
My love is stronger,
my love is stronger
than your fear.
Don't be afraid.
My love is stronger
and I have promised,
promised to be al-ways near.



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Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer that Jesus taught his followers (Spoken).

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.**



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Your Generosity Matters:

Lessons of Racism Learned When Young

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 # 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.

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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: Voices United #507

"Today We All Are Called to be Disciples of the Lord"

(Tune: New Britain - VU #266)

1. Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make ploughshare out of sword,
2. to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.
3. God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
4. But we are vain and sadly proud, we sow not peace but strife,
our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.
5. Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
6. For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.
7. May we in service to our God act out the living Word,
and walk the road the saints have trod, till all have seen and heard.
8. As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

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Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Eine fest burg* - Johannes Pachelbel

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 52nd Wedding Anniversary to Ron & Mary Haussler.

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

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 | 39 | \$ 872.50 | \$ 182.50 | \$ 25.00 |
| PAR | | \$ 1770.00 | \$278.50 | \$ 57.50 |
| BMO | | \$ 450.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 75.00 |

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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/>

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Sunday, February 18th

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held, immediately following morning service.

All are encouraged to attend.

Coming up this week at Grace United...

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| Sunday, February 4 10:30 am Worship | Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi |
| Monday, February 5 6:00pm | Office 8am – 1pm YOGA |
| Tuesday, February 6 9am – 12pm 3:30 – 4:30 5:30 – 7:30 | Office 8am – 1pm Quilters YOGA Boot Camp / Zoomba |
| Wednesday, February 7 9am to 12 pm | Office Closed Seniors – Beginner French (9-10:30) Step 2 French (10:30 – 12) |
| Thursday, February 8 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 9 | Office 8am – 1pm |
| Saturday, February 10 | Office Closed |
| Sunday, February 11 10:30 am Worship Service | Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi |

If you have a meeting or event you would like added to the events chart or calendar, notify Laurie.



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.



World Day of Prayer

Friday March 1st, 2024
At 2:00pm
Hosted by Christ Church
30 Church St., Gananoque
All are welcome

Dear God,

All through this day,
help me to touch the
lives of others for good,
whether through the
prayer I give, the word I
speak, or the life I live.

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Amen