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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-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

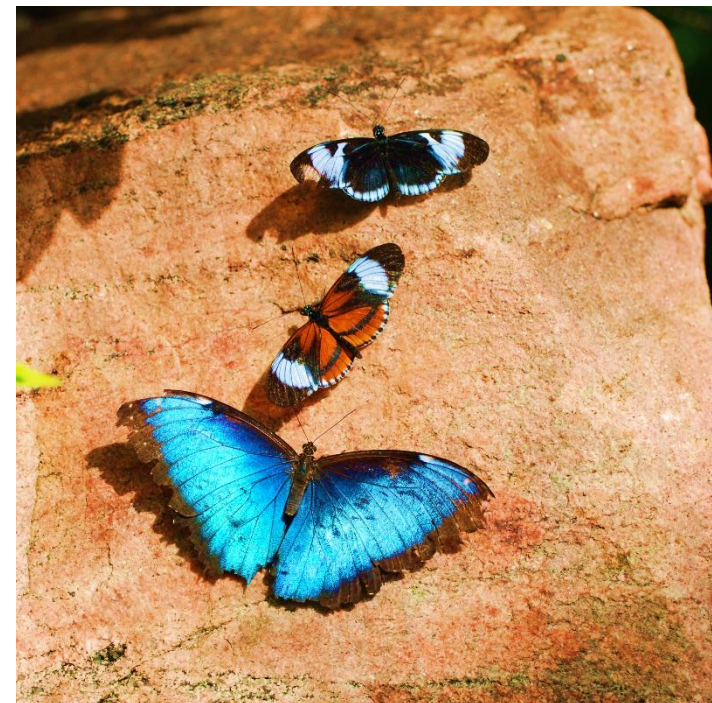


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Butterfly Conservatory – Niagara Falls

Where Everyone is Part of the Family

&

Worship is a Lifestyle NOT an Event

*(Remember to pass this bulletin to someone else –
You never know how you will Bless them)*



Grace United Church

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February 11, 2024



Order of Worship

Transfiguration Sunday

Valentine's Day

WE GATHER AS PEOPLE WHO WALK IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

Organ Prelude: *Meditation on "Terra Beata" - Traditional English Melody*

Welcome – Mary Haussler

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:

*"Embracing who you are with **unconditional love** allows your **True Self to Emerge...**"*

Lighting the Christ Candle:

*We light this candle to spread the **Light of Christ**, into the corners which seek to hinder us from the truth—we are reminded that **we are all loved**, and we are **called to LOVE** one another **unconditionally**.*

Gathering Call (Responsive):

One: The Glory of God shines like a consuming fire. Ps. 50:1, 3; 2 Cor. 4:6; Mark 9:7

All: We have seen the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

One: The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

All: Out of the cloud, God speaks:

This is my Beloved Son; listen to him!

One: Let us adhere to the voice of God and follow the way of Jesus.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song – An Invitation - Voices United #296

"This is God's Wondrous World"

- 1- This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.
- 2- This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.
- 3- This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!



Words: Malthie Davenport Babcock 1901, alt.

Music: English traditional melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard 1915; adapt. Stanley Oliver 1929
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(Please be seated)

You are worth it! - A Prayer of Praise and Confession (All):

God who turns the world's values up-side-down,
we think of our world
where un-needed luxuries
are sold with promises
of increasing our feelings of self-worth.
And we thank you that you love each one of us
here and now, as we are.

God who turns the world's values up-side-down,
we think of our world
where beauty's secret,
we are told,
is hidden in a jar of face cream.
And we thank you that beauty comes from within
and is a reflection of your love for us.

God who turns the world's values up-side-down,
we think of our world
where love is shown
by the size of the bouquet,
or packaging of the chocolates.
And we thank you that your love is shown
in flesh and blood, community and stories.

God who turns the world's values up-side-down,
forgive us when we look to the world
to find our self-worth,

forgive us when we value others,
according to their looks, or their age, or their mobile phone.
And we thank you that we receive your forgiveness and your love
and hear you say to us, 'You are worth it'!

Amen.

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WE SEEK WISDOM

(Please stand as able)

Song of Illumination - Voices United #341

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

- 1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the troubled heart to sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.
- 4 All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.



Words: from the German 1677
Music: Silesian folk melody
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(Please be seated)

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

*"Transfiguration: Courage to do Good –
Count Your Blessings."*

(Please remain seated)

Song of Commitment More Voices # 18:

"Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary"

(sing through twice)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy tried and true;
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Words and music: John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs

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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: Vicki Leakey

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Present Weakness and Resurrection Life.

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Second reading

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9
The Transfiguration

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.



As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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: *In His Love* - Mark Patterson

Life Lesson: "Nothing can Extinguish this Light..."

(Please remain seated)

Song of Assurance Voices #381

"Spirit of Life" (sing through twice)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

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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: *Small Gifts with a BIG Impact*

Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:

Beloved, let our words become actions of giving not only financially, but also from our time and talents for the Glory of God.

(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): 2 Cor. 4:6

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us
and the fire of faith within us. As we go forth from this place
let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory:
Jesus Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

Song of Commitment & Going Forth Voices United #670

"Precious Lord Take My Hand"

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 2 When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 3 When the darkness appears,
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,



guide my feet, hold my hand:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune in D - Henry Purcell*

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.

PIE ORDERS

While Tom & Carol are away on holiday, pies can be ordered by calling Betty Matthews at 613-382-3315

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 Peter Mills, Helen Chapman, Gary Petro and David Grant.

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)
Feb 4	35	\$ 1247.50	\$ 282.50	\$ 25.00
Feb 11				
Feb 18				
Feb 25				
PAR				
BMO				

Thank you for your generosity.

There are many ways you can partner up with God's Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference. by cheque.

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e-transfer to grace.gan@outlook.com

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) Forms are located on the table in the Narthex.

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/>

Donation Tax Receipts are ready.

They can be picked up at Sunday morning worship on the table in the Narthex or contact the church office to have your receipt emailed or mailed out. *(Some have already been sent in the mail.)*

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Sunday, February 18th

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held, immediately following morning service. All are encouraged to attend.



**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

Coming up this week at Grace United...

Sunday, February 11 10:30 am Worship Following Service 2:00pm	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi Session Meeting Youth Group
Monday, February 12 6:00pm	Office 8am – 1pm YOGA
Tuesday, February 13 9am – 12pm 4:30 to 6:30pm	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters Pancake Supper
Wednesday, February 14 9am to 12 pm 5:30 – 7:30	Office Closed Seniors – Beginner French (9-10:30) Step 2 French (10:30 – 12) Bootcamp/Zoomba
Thursday, February 15 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 16	Office 8am – 1pm
Saturday, February 17	Office Closed
Sunday, February 18 10:30 am Worship Service Following Service	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi Annual General Meeting

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