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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

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



Grace United Church

120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7

Ordained Minister

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Director of Music

Mr. Paul Harding, B. Mus., B. Ed.

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March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Order of Worship

St. Patrick's Day



**WE GATHER AS PEOPLE WHO WALK IN THE WILDERNESS OF LIFE
WITH GOD'S PRESENCE & PEACE**

Organ Prelude: *Meditation on "Rockingham" - Lowell Mason*

Welcome – Shirley Clark

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:

*"Lent: A time of **Self-Reflection, Spiritual Discipline, Commitment, and Community...**"*

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 loved**, even in the wilderness of our lives.*

Call to Worship

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise & Trust: Voices United #297

"All Praise to You"

- 1 All praise to you, O God of all creation:
you made the world, and it is yours alone.
The planet earth you spun in its location

amid the stars adorning heaven's dome.
We lease the earth but for a life's duration,
yet for this life it is our cherished home.

- 2 With wondrous grace you clothed the earth in splendour;
with teeming life you filled the sea and land.
Instil in us a sense of awe and wonder
when we behold the bounty of your hand.
Then when we hear the voice of bird or thunder,
we hear the voice our faith can understand.
- 3 To tend the earth is our entrusted duty,
for earth is ours to use and not abuse.
O gracious God, true source of all resources,
forgive our greed that wields destruction's sword.
Then let us serve as wise and faithful stewards
while earth gives glory to creation's Lord.

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Music: Jean Sibelius 1899; arr. The Hymnal 1933

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(Please be seated)

A Prayer of the Day (All):

Eternal God, your love stretches to the ends of the earth, over barbed wire fences and through contested airspace. Your love knits together our public and private lives. Your love is for all people, in all places, at all times. Teach us to make sense of this hopeful message in the midst of pain and grief. Empower us to bear witness to your illimitable love, through your



Son, Jesus Christ our Teacher and Friend, who lives in and through us.
Now and forever. **Amen.**

WE SEEK WISDOM

Count Your Blessings – Hamse's Story

(Please stand as able)

Song of Commitment: Voices United #595

Tune: Hymn to Joy VU #232

"We are Pilgrims" (verses 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6)

- 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.



6 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)

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reader: *Barb Jenkins*

Reader: Let us listen to the Living Word of God

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

Jesus Predicts His Death

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.



"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Reader: May God's Spirit add understanding in our hearing.

All: Amen

Anthem: *The Old Rugged Cross - arr. Doug Andrews*

Life Lesson: *"Altered Alongside our Enemies..."*

(Please remain seated)

Song of Assurance More Voices #90

"Don't Be Afraid" (Sing through Twice)

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 always near.



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Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Lord's Prayer

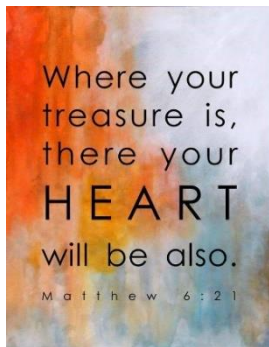
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Your Generosity Matters: Social Support through Education

Invitation to Offer Ourselves, Finances, Gifts and Talents to God



Making an offering, giving, and being generous are a lot like planting seeds. A single seed can produce a bountiful harvest. Imagine how big an impact we can have when together we plant generously with our gifts to this community of faith and Mission and Service. As followers of Jesus, I invite you to give

Our offerings are received. *Music*

(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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Music: Genevan Psalter 1551
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Prayer of Thanksgiving – (All):

Gracious and creating God, we offer these gifts and those already given through PAR and online. May they bear much fruit, may they be signs and symbols of Jesus in our world. **Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

Song of Commitment & Going Forth Voices United #112

"O God, How We Have Wandered..."

- 1 O God, how we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.
But how, in exile dwelling,
we turn with fear and shame,
as distant but compelling,
you call us each by name.



- 2 And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
by faith we are returning
with hope and trust in you.
In haste you come to meet us,
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.
- 3 O God of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
our peace and hope assured.
Grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.

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Commissioning & Benediction

Choir: The Irish Blessing - *Joyce Eilers*

Postlude: *The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (from "Solomon")*
- G. F. Handel, 1749

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.

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

FOOD BANK Requests for MARCH Cookies & Crackers, Canned Fruit, Canned Meat



The Knifty Knitters are busy and looking for donations of yarn, specifically, DK worsted weight or sport yarn. (NO BABY YARN PLEASE). Yarn can be dropped off on Sunday mornings or during office hours.

On Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024, Grace United Church will officially welcome full members.

If you are considering making Grace United Church Your Spiritual Family Home, please contact Rev. Takouhi at revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca
Or by phone - direct line: 613-777-0880 By March 17.

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 March 2024

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
March 3	39	\$ 1307.50	\$ 212.50	\$ 45.00
March 10	39	\$ 1300.30	\$ 212.5	\$ 25.00
March 17				
March 24				
March 31				
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.

120 Pine ST. Gananoque, On K7G 1C7,

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/>

Easter Pie Orders

Place your order now for your Easter Pies

Apple, Blueberry, Bumbleberry, Cherry, Strawberry, Strawberry/Rhubarb, Rhubarb \$15

Raspberry \$20

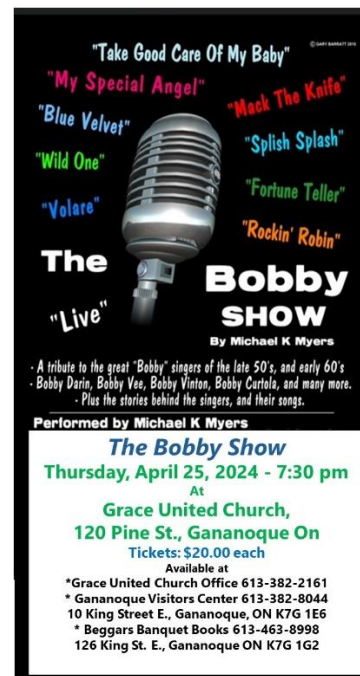
Call Elaine at 613-382-3772

Pick up Date – March 21, 3:30 to 6:00pm



United Church Women – Lent Offerings

During Lent, offerings in the Lent Envelopes or mark Lenten Donations are for the UCW and their programs.



Concert – Thursday, April 25th at 7:30pm
Featuring, Michael Myers, Tim Hallman and more...

Join us for a tribute to the Great Bobby Singers of the 50s & 60s.

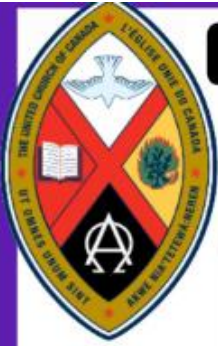
All are welcome

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the church office,

Beggars Banquet Books, the Gananoque Visitors center

or online through the following link.

[The Bobby Show - CanadaHelps](#)



Grace United Church

120 Pine St., Gananoque, ON

invites you to journey through

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Sunday March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday – 10:30 A.M.

(Marks the beginning of Holy Week)

Maundy (Holy) Thursday March 28, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

(Commemorates the Washing of the Feet and Last Supper of Jesus with the disciples)

**Good Friday Walk of the Cross
March 29, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.**

(Starting at Christ Church **30 Church St**, Gananoque, proceeding through town with various stops along the way to Grace United Church).

All are welcome.

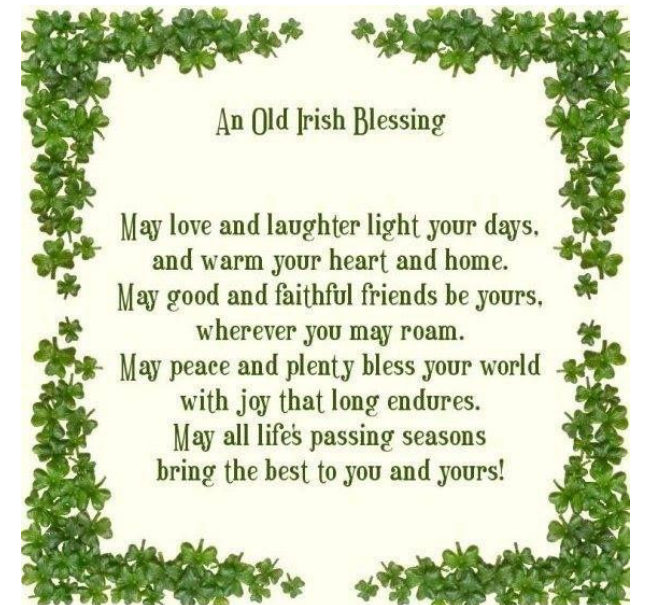
Sunday March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday – 10:30 A.M.

(Special Music – Brass Quintet & Communion)

ALL Are Welcome!

Coming up this week at Grace United....

Sunday, March 17 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi
Monday, March 18 6:00pm	Office 8am-1pm YOGA
Tuesday, March 19 9am – 12pm 5:30 to 7:30pm	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters BootCamp/Zoomba
Wednesday, March 20	Office Closed
Thursday, March 21 10:30 to 12 pm 5:30 to 7:30	Office 8am – 1pm Choir Practice (10:30 – 12pm) Boot Camp / Zoomba (5:30-7:30)
Friday, March 22 2:00pm	Office 8am – 1pm FoxRun Chapel Service
Saturday, March 23	Office Closed
Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday – Welcome New Members 10:30 am Worship Service	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi



An Old Irish Blessing

May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours,
wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours!