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**WELCOME
TO
GRACE UNITED CHURCH**



***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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Grace United, Gananoque

Sunday, April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday after Easter

Worship Leader, Liz Church

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

We Gather as a Resurrection People

Prelude: *Meditation on "Hyfrydol"* - Rowland Huw Prichard (1838)

Welcome: Colleen Harding

Land Acknowledgment

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 and Anniversaries

Gathering Hymn: Voices United # 389 - tune 'Hyfrydol' VU #333

"God is Here"

- 1) God is here! As we your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.
- 2) Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit;
Here the cross has central place.
Herein honesty of preaching,
Here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3) Here our children find a welcome
In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken,



Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
To believe and to adore.

- 4) God of all, of church and kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel;
Help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you,
We adore you! We believe!

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Opening Prayer (together)

We come to worship You today, our Lord, with the Easter miracle still alive in our hearts. As we gather, we recognize the blessing of being together and offer You our thanks. Be pleased with our offering of worship. Amen

Spiritual Focus:

If peace and harmony were easy,
do you think we would need so many
reminders?

Lighting of the Christ Candle: (Responsive)

ONE: As people who are free to worship, we acknowledge that
Christ is the Light of the World.

ALL: And that we will take the light of Christ with us out into the world, and share God's love as opportunities are given to us.

Gathering Call (Responsive)

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

All: His faithful love endures forever.

One: Take refuge in the Lord.

All: The Lord is my strength and song.

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it

Hymn: Voices United # 213 *"Rejoice the Lord is King"*

1 Rejoice the Lord is King!

Your risen Lord adore!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins,
he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

3 God's kingdom cannot fail;
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

4 Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

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Passing of the Peace

Illumination Hymn: Voices United # 501

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

- 1) Break now the bread of life, Saviour, to me,
As once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
My spirit waits for you, O Living Word.
- 2) Bless your own truth, dear Christ, to me, to me,
As when you bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace, my all-in-all.

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Scripture Readings

Scripture Reader: Wes Rideout

Reader: Let us listen to the Living Word of God

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Psalm 133 New Living Translation

A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem. A psalm of David.

How wonderful and pleasant it is
when humankind live together in harmony!
For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil
that was poured over Aaron's head,
that ran down his beard
and onto the border of his robe. Harmony is as refreshing as the
dew from Mount Hermon
that falls on the mountains of Zion.
And there the LORD has pronounced his blessing,
even life everlasting.

John 20: 19-31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when

they saw the Lord! Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

"My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

Purpose of the Book

The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

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

All: Amen

ANTHEM: *A Never-ending Alleluia - Joseph Martin*

Prayer for Illumination:

Dear Creator of all – as Your Word was read You spoke to us. May the words I share now be received and bring blessing, guidance and encouragement. Thank You. Amen.

Reflection: "Seeing is Believing"

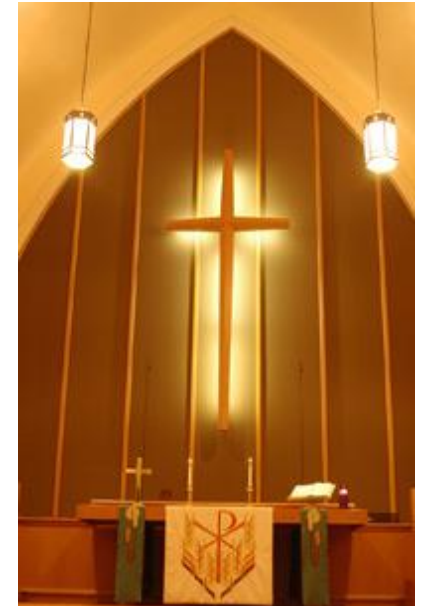
Prayers of Hope and Healing

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
forever and ever. Amen.**

Your Generosity Matters:

United Church Camps – But Make them All Year Long.



Offertory Hymn: Voices United # 537

“Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands” (tune: Amazing Grace VU #266)

- 1) Your work, O God, needs many hands
To help you everywhere,
And some there are who cannot serve
Unless our gifts we share.
- 2) Because we love you and your work,
Our offering now we make:
Be pleased to use it as your own,
We ask for Jesus’ sake.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Gracious God, we offer back to You a portion of what You have bestowed on each of us. Through the generosity of many, may Your Kingdom grow. We ask in Your holy Name. Amen

Closing Hymn: Voices United # 635

“All The Way My Saviour Leads Me”

- 1 All the way my Saviour leads me;
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy
who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in him to dwell,

for I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

- 2 All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see!
- 3 All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
'Jesus led me all the way!'

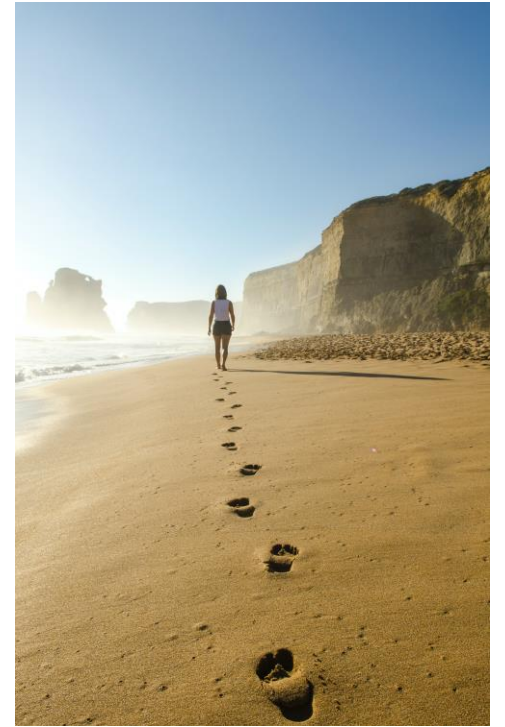
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Commissioning and Benediction

May the blessing of God go before you.
May grace and peace abound. Be guided by the Spirit and
spread God’s love to the world.
As you go, walk in the Light of God. Know God’s presence in your life.
And may the Spirit of God keep you, now and forever.



Choral Benediction: More Voices # 215

"Peace Be With You"

Peace be with you, peace forever
Peace be with you, my friends.
Till we meet again, may God be with you
Peace, peace, peace.

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Postlude: *Recessional on Darwall's 148th - John Darwall*

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.

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 Graham Anglin

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

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.

Rev. Takouhi will be away for the week of **April 1 & 18**, for a much-needed time to refresh and rejuvenate.

Next Week, **April 7**, Worship Celebration will be led by **Liz Church**, Who will also cover for **Pastoral Care Emergencies** (April 1-17), she can be reached at: **902-441-5357**

Worship on **April 14** will be led by **Barb DeJeet**.

May you ALL be Blessed by the True Meaning of Easter, which is Life Altered to the better by the Spirit of God. Amen.



The Knifty Knitters of Grace United Church have been busy making prayer blankets and they also just completed their "Izzy Dolls".

Knitters in various communities have been working extremely hard in the past months to knit 80 Peacekeeper Izzy Dolls for the 80th Anniversary of Juno Beach. Each of these dolls will be put into a Shadow Box, with an explanation of their origins and their purpose, then sent to the mayors of the towns in Normandy, after being on display at the Juno Beach Presentation. (more information is available in the Narthex.)

Thank you to all who contributed to the "Count Your Blessings" Calendar. To date, we have raised \$1096.25 for the Gananoque Refugee Settlement Group, who are helping Hamse bring his family to Canada.

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)	Count Your Blessings
March 3	39	\$ 1307.50	\$ 212.50	\$ 45.00	
March 10	39	\$ 1300.30	\$ 212.5	\$ 25.00	
March 17	45	\$ 1337.50	\$ 212.50	\$ 55.00	
March 24	44	\$ 1179.50	\$ 202.50	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00
March 31	90	\$ 2134.00	\$ 228.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 1096.25
PAR		\$ 1790.00	\$ 258.50	\$ 57.50	
BMO		\$ 550.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00	

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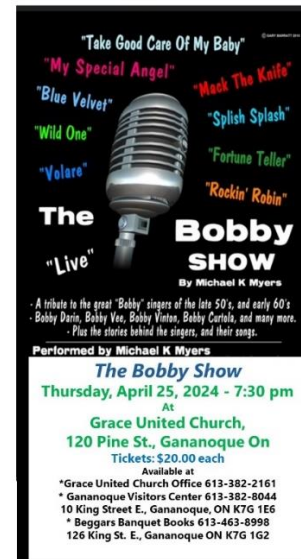
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Concert – Thursday, April 25th at 7:30pm
Featuring, Michael Myers, Tim Hallman and more...

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](#)

Coming up this week at Grace United...

Sunday, April 7 10:30 am Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Liz Church
Monday, April 8 6:00pm	Office Closed – ECLIPSE DAY YOGA
Tuesday, April 9 9am – 12pm	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters
Wednesday, April 10 10:30 am	Office Closed Seniors French Class
Thursday, April 11 10:30 to 12 pm 1:30 – 2:30	Office 8am – 1pm Choir Practice (10:30 – 12pm) Seniors – MELT Fitness
Friday, April 12	Office 8am – 1pm
Saturday, April 13	Office Closed
Sunday, April 14 10:30am Morning Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Barb Dejeet