



WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH



Hagharitsin Monastery, Armenia - Photo by: Rev. Takouhi – September 26, 2018

***Where Everyone is Part of the Family
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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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***Motion M-587 (2015) Declares Month of April as Genocide
Recognition and Condemnation Month in Canada.***

April 21, 2024

We Remember the 109th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS A RESURRECTION PEOPLE

Organ Prelude: *Meditation on "St. Catherine"*

Welcome – Diane Kirkby

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:

“God lifts the *rejected of the world –
The weak are **Strong**, the lowly are **Lifted up...**”*

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Call to Worship

Come, everyone, to Christ the cornerstone.
Come to the one who gives resources to build the kingdom.
God invites you, and empowers you with the Spirit.
So come and worship Jesus, beloved Son of the Father.

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #580

“Faith of Our Fathers”

- 1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
whene'er we hear that glorious word:
 faith of our fathers, holy faith,
 we will be true to you till death.
- 2 Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real:



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 faith of our mothers, holy faith,
 we will be true to you till death.

- 3 Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark,
the cross of Christ still burning bright:
 faith for today, O living faith,
 we will be true to you till death.
- 4 Faith born of God, O call us yet;
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.
 Faith born of God, O living faith,
 we will be true to you till death.

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(Please be seated)

A Prayer of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide – April 24, 1915 ¹(All):

Holy and life-giving God,
we come to you today with trust,
knowing that your Spirit hovers over all existence,

bringing life out of nothingness,
beauty out of ashes,
and resurrection from the depths of the earth.

Today, we remember the atrocities of the Ottoman Empire, that was marked on April 24, 1915, when many Armenian priests, scholars, and community leaders were lined up and assassinated ruthlessly. We also remember many Armenians who were deported and sent into exile in the deserts. Some survived by crossing rivers of living water and found new life.



Tender God, we cry for all the victims of the Armenian Genocide. The cry of the 1.5 million Armenian victims can still be heard, and the soil absorbing their blood still refuses to yield.

God of Life, the Armenian Genocide was one of the worst atrocities of the 20th century, Turkey attempting to eliminate the Armenian race, the very first nation to accept Christianity as a nation;* but the oppressor was defeated because your persistent love stands by the oppressed.

Therefore, today, we praise you for your grace, mercy, and power upon the Armenians, whose faith remains to be their compass, whose hope helps them soar, and whose joy helps them sing and dance even in despair.

We pray with thanksgiving,
in the name of the One who was, and is, and shall be forever. **Amen.**

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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

*"How to USE your Power – The Work of the A.M.A.C."
(Armenian Missionary Association of Canada)*

Song of Illumination: Voices United #376

"Spirit of the Living God"

- 1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
- 2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

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Scripture Reader: Tom Marlor

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Acts of the Apostles 4:5-12 (NRSV)

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,

with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

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: *Soon and Very Soon* - Andraé Crouch

Life Lesson *"Power & Identity: Holistic Healing..."*

Song of Assurance: Voices United #703

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of Hope and Healing

Հայր Ար - Hayr mer - Our Father– Sung in Armenian

Rev. Takouhi

Your Generosity Matters: Tom Marlor

Building and Strengthening Community Through Art

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



One of the ways that we witness to the resurrection and all that it means and does in our lives is to be generous. We give to show that Jesus is alive and new life has settled within us. In the spirit of Jesus, I invite you to make a generous offering.

Our Offerings are Received - Music

(Please stand as able)

Offertory Song: Voices United #542

"We Give You But Your Own"

We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):

Dear God, as we make this offering, we ask that your Spirit would fill it and us and all people, that your love may be revealed as we use these gifts to care for those in need, wherever we may find them. Please abide in us as we love one another in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #684

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

- 1 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:
- 2 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.
- 3 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: *Fugue in Bb - J.S. Bach*

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.

A.M.A.C. Donations can be made, by **cheque:**

A.M.A.C. (Armenian Missionary Association of Canada):

A.M.A.C.

c/o Armenian Evangelical Church

2600 14th Ave, Markham, ON

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Donations over \$20.00 will receive an income tax receipt. Please ensure your name and address are available in your correspondence/cheque.

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.

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.

*Our thanks to **Liz Church** and **Barb DeJeet** for leading us in worship while Rev. Takouhi was on a much-needed break to refresh and rejuvenate.*

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 \$1100.00 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	

Thank you for your generosity.

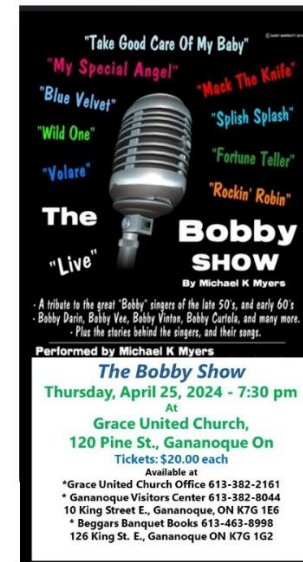
There are many ways you can partner up with God's Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference:

- 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/>



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

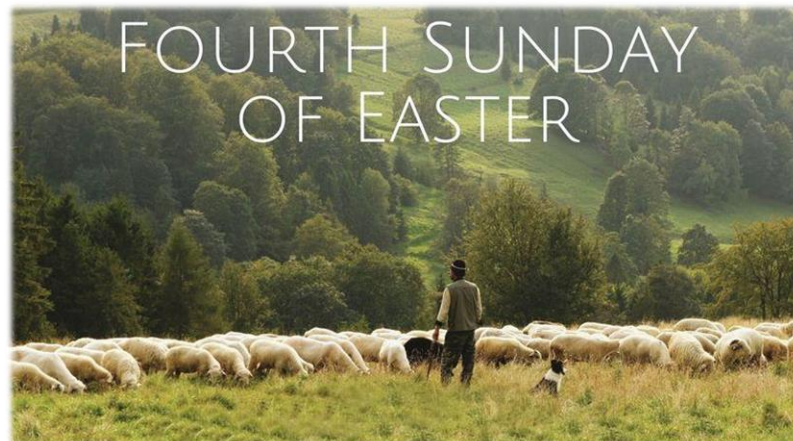
Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the church office, Beggars Banquet Books, the Gananoque Visitors center or online through the following link.

[The Bobby Show - CanadaHelps](#)



Coming up this week at Grace United...

Sunday, April 21 10:30 am Worship	Office 8am – 1pm Worship Leader, Barb DeJeet
Monday, April 22 6:00pm	Office 8am – 1pm YOGA
Tuesday, April 23 9am – 12pm	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters
Wednesday, April 24 10:30 am	Office Closed Seniors French Class
Thursday, April 25 10:30 to 12 pm 1:30 – 2:30	Office 8am – 1pm Choir Practice (10:30 – 12pm) Seniors – MELT Fitness
Friday, April 26	Office 8am – 1pm
Saturday, April 27	Office Closed
Sunday, April 28 10:30am Morning Worship	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi



Contact information:

Call Rev. Takouhi to book a visit. (Wednesday to Sunday)

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Church Office Hours:

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(Closed on Wednesdays)

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The 2024 Directory will be out when the information is received.

Bulletin Dedication

*This week's Bulletin is dedicated in the memory of Beverly Scott,
and her parents Mildred & Ralph Scott.*

*The Scott family was devoted and active in Grace Church,
particularly in the Choir and Sunday School for their entire lives.*

Lovingly remembered by Paul & John Harding and families.