

**Official Board Meeting
Sunday May 5th, following service.**

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

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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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**



Rideau Lakes Township - Photo by: Rev. Takouhi – April 20, 2024

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

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS A RESURRECTION PEOPLE

Prelude: *Meditation on "Nettleton" - John Wyeth*

Welcome – Vicki Leakey

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 will use every offering we make, and every offering we make will bring us closer to God."



Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Call to Worship

In the wilderness, water brings life.

In the deserts of life, the fount of every blessing quenches our thirsts.

Let us come together in Spirit and Truth and praise the True Vine, who pours out goodness and grace, through and through.

(Please stand as able)

Song of Praise: Voices United #559

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

- 1 Come, O Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unfailing love.

2 Here I pause in my sojourning,
giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning,
God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger,
precious presence, precious blood.

3 O, to grace how great a debt
or daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.

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(Please be seated)

Prayer of the Day (All):

Wondrous Vinegrower,

you make all things new in water and Word,
feeding your people with Peace, and Love.

Lead us today and every day

to the font of new beginnings.

Teach us to love what you have commanded

and prune what does not nourish.

We pray in the name of the Creator, Redeemer,
and Sustainer, Triune God,
now and forever. Amen.

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Time with Youth and Young at Heart

"LIFE: Journeying with Others..."

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: Barb Jenkins

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40 (NRSV)

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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: *My Tribute* - Andraé Crouch

Life Lesson "God's Covenant is to Bless ALL peoples"

Song of Assurance: Voices United #664

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer of Jesus (ALL):

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:

"Healing Through Story Telling"

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, we give as able...

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):

Holy Provider, through our offerings, may your loving
Spirit be evident to a world in need of comfort.

Make our many gifts one offering for Your Eternal Purposes. **Amen.**

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD
TO BE THE CHURCH**

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #595

Tune: Hymn to Joy Voices United #232

"We are Pilgrims on a Journey"

- 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.
- 5 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.

- 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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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: *Little Prelude in F Major - 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.

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 Dorothy Maxwell

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.

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 April 2024

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
April 7	40	\$ 1237.50	\$ 287.50	\$ 270.00
April 14	34	\$ 837.50	\$ 407.50	\$ 35.00
April 21	38	\$547.50	\$ 157.50	\$250.00 **
April 28				
PAR				
BMO				

****\$200 for Count Your Blessings and \$50 for Community Kitchen**

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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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/>

Gananoque Choral Society Concert



Theme - On Broadway

7:30 pm - Friday May 3rd

at Grace United Church

Or

2:30 pm - Sunday, May 5th

at Lansdowne United Church



Admission: Adults \$15, Children under 14 yrs \$5, Family \$30

Tickets available at the door.

Coming up this week at Grace United....

Sunday, April 28 10:30 am Worship Following Service	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev Takouhi Session Meeting
Monday, April 9 6:00pm	Office 8am – 1pm YOGA
Tuesday, April 30 9am – 12pm Evening - Sanctuary	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters Choral Society Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 1 10:30 am	Office Closed Seniors French Class
Thursday, May 2 10:30 to 12 pm 1:30 – 2:30	Office 8am – 1pm Choir Practice (10:30 – 12pm) Seniors – MELT Fitness
Friday, May 3 10:00am 7:30 pm	Office 8am – 1pm Stewards Meeting Choral Society Concert
Saturday, May 4 2:30 pm	Office Closed Wedding
Sunday, May 5 10:30am Morning Worship Following Service	Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev Takouhi OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING