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watch the service again, watch on YouTube.

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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**



***Where Everyone is Part of the Family  
and  
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

### Director of Music

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

### Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

**March 9, 2025**

**First Sunday of Lent/Communion  
Worship Leader, Rev. Tom Walton**

**We Gather as Grateful People**

### Prelude:

Welcome: Vicki Leakey

### Land Acknowledgement

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.

**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

Centering Music *We Centre Our Hearts for Worship.*

### Spiritual Focus

*This morning we will hear Jesus speaking to each of us about the important role of children. There is one key stipulation to entering the kingdom of heaven.*

*What is it?*

### Lighting the Christ Candle

### Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn of Praise: Voices United # 226

*"For the Beauty of the Earth" Tune: Dix VU#81*

### Prayer of the Day

**We Reflect on the Sacred Stories**

Hymn of Illumination: Voices United # 445

**"A Little Child the Saviour Came"**

### A Time for the Young and Young at Heart

**Reader: Linda Brooks**

### **Scripture Reading:**

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

**All: our ears and hearts are open for the Sacred Story is our story.**

**Psalm 91 (Voices United pg 807)**

***Refrain***

***“And I will rise you up on eagle’s wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn.  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of my hand.”***

You who dwell in the shelter of your God,  
Who abide in God’s shadow for life,

**Say to your God: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear:

**Under God’s wings your refuge,  
God’s faithfulness your shield.**

***Refrain***

***“And I will rise you up on eagle’s wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn.  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of my hand.”***

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;

**Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come.**

For to the angels is given a command to guard you  
In all your ways;

**Upon their hands they will bear you up,**

**lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

***Refrain***

***“And I will rise you up on eagle’s wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn.  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of my hand.”***

“Because they have set their love upon me I will deliver them,

**I will uphold them because they know my name.**

When they call to me I will answer,

**I will be with them in trouble;**

I will rescue and bring them to honour.

**With long life I will satisfy the,  
And show them my savings power.”**

***Refrain***

***“And I will rise you up on eagle’s wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn.  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of my hand.”***

**Gospel: Mark 10: 13-16. Luke 18:15-17**

**The Little Children and Jesus**

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do

not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

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:** *He* - Jack Richards, arr. P. Harding

**Morning Message:** *The Key to the Kingdom*

<b>We Respond to God's Grace</b>
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**Communion Hymn: Voices United # 460**

**"All Who Hunger"** Tune: Hyfrydol VU#333

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*One: The Lord be with you*

**All: And also with you.**

*One: Lift up your hearts.*

**All: We lift them up to God.**

*One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

...And for Jesus in whom your fullness dwells:

(Responsive)

Born of Mary **he shares our life**

Eating with sinners **he welcomes us**

Guiding the children **he leads us**

Visiting the sick **he heals us**

Dying on the cross **he saves us**

Raised from the dead **he gives new life**

Living with you **he prays for us**

**Prayer After Communion (Together)**

**For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here, may so put its mark on us, that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, and that ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ's name. Amen.**

**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.**

**Your Generosity Matters:**

***PIE—Public, Intentional, Explicit Inclusion***

**Invitation to Offering**

We give as able to spread God's Love with JOY!

**Collection of the Offering** - Music

**Presentation of our offerings**

**Offertory Hymn: Voices United # 544**

***"In Gratitude and Humble Trust"*** Tune: *Amazing Grace*

In gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.

Words: Frank von Christerson 1960, alt.

Music: from Virginia Harmony 1831

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church**

**Song of Going Forth Voices United # 586**

*"We shall go out with hope"*

**Commissioning**

**Benediction**

**Choral Amen: ALL**

**Postlude:**

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*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.*

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**Thank you to our worship Leader this morning, Rev. Tom Walton. We appreciate your time and dedication.**

**Join us next Sunday as Charlotte Hoy leads our service.**

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## 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 Marg & Diane.**

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

**2025 Donation Envelopes are ready for pick up in the Narthex. If you cannot find your envelopes or would like envelopes. Please contact Laurie 613-382-2161.**

### Offerings March 2025

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
Mar 2	18	\$ 1031.50	\$ 167.50	\$ 86.50
Mar 9				
Mar 16				
Mar 23				
Mar 30				
BMO				
PAR				

**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](mailto: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](https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf) by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

**PLEASE CHECK DOORS AS YOU LEAVE.** There have been a few times that doors have been found unlocked or not shut completely. Please check the doors when you leave, be sure they are locked and latched. Give the outside door a pull after you exit.

### List of guest Worship Leaders

DATE	Worship Leader
March 16 (Lent 2)	Charlotte Hoy
March 23 (Lent 3)	Elaine Farley
March 30 (Lent 4)	Paul Whiteley
April 6 (Lent 5)	Paul Whitely
April 13 (Palm Sunday)	Tammy Fergusson
April 20 (Easter Sunday)	Rev. Kathy Walton
April 27	Tammy Fergusson

### Coming up at Grace United....

<b>Monday, March 10</b> 9am to 11:30	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Seniors – Better Balance</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 11</b> 9am – 12pm 1:30pm 5:30 – 6:30	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Quilters</b> <b>Knitters</b> <b>PILATES</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 12</b> 9am to 11:30 1:30 to 2:30	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Seniors – Better Balance</b> <b>Seniors – Communications</b>
<b>Thursday, March 13</b> 1:30 to 2:30	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Seniors – MELT</b>
<b>Friday, March 14</b> 9am to 11:30 2:00pm	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Seniors – Better Balance</b> <b>MAGIC SHOW</b>
<b>Saturday March 15</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Sunday, March 16</b> <b>Worship Service 10:30am</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>LLWL, Charlotte Hoy</b>

# WACKY MAGIC SHOW

FRIDAY, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2025, 2:00pm  
at Grace United Church  
120 Pine St., Gananoque



**Rob Driscoll Is One of the Most Exciting and Amazing Entertainers You'll Ever Meet!**



**Admission:**  
Family of five \$20 or \$5 per person  
Tickets Available in Advance at  
Grace United Church 613-382-2161

Tickets also available at Beggars Banquet Books  
and at the door.

## Edna's Musical Cafe

### A Sing-along and Afternoon Tea

For everyone!  
A special welcome to  
persons living with dementia,  
and their caregivers.

**March 19, 2025**

1:30 to 3:30pm

Music has the power to unlock memories by  
reaching parts of the brain in ways other forms  
of communication cannot.

Singing together in a social atmosphere is fun!  
Please come and enjoy old familiar tunes.

**No experience necessary.**

**It's for everyone.**

**Free Admission**

Grace United Church, 120 Pine St.  
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Gananoque

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