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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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg)

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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 30, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Worship Leader. Mr. Paul Whiteley**

**We Gather as Grateful People**

**Prelude:** *Meditation on a Theme by James Manley*

**Welcome:** Colleen Harding

### **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**

#### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

#### **Call to Worship (Responsive)**

One: As we travel this Lenten pathway,  
we journey together, a community of faith.

**All: As we travel this Way of Jesus,  
we journey together, but also alone.**

One: Practicing our faith:

**All: living Christ's call  
to love God with all that we are,  
to love our neighbour  
as we love ourselves.**

One: Practicing our faith:

**All: as stewards on the Way.**

*(--Called to be the Church, United Church of Canada, 2020)*

#### **Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #395**

*"Come In, Come In and Sit Down"*

#### **Prayer of the Day (All)**

**God of the hungry times,  
God of the difficult times,  
God of all the times of our lives,**

**we need to talk.  
Sometimes it's difficult to understand  
the direction we need to go.  
With all the choices we have in our lives,  
sometimes we're not sure  
when to say "Yes," or when to say "No."  
So we ask for your guidance.  
We ask for wisdom.  
We ask for Spirit.  
In our worship, in our work,  
in our choices, in our lives.  
May it be so, loving God!  
Amen.**

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### **We Reflect on the Sacred Stories**

#### **Song of Illumination: More Voices #154**

*"Deep In Our Hearts"*

#### **A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart**

**Scripture Reader: Joan MacKinnon**

**Scripture Reading:**

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

**All: our ears and hearts are open.**

**Scripture Reading: *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32***

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming

near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son

said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son. But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'

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:** *A Green Hill Far Away – Don Besig/Nancy Price*

**Morning Message: Points of View**

**We Respond to God's Grace**

**Song of Assurance: More Voices #90**

*"Don't Be Afraid"*

**Prayers of Hope and Healing**

**Lord's Prayer** *(All –spoken)*

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:**

**Breaking Barriers: Women in Theology and Leadership**

**Invitation to Offering**

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

**Collection of the Offering** - Music

**Offertory Song: Voices United #537**

(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.

Words: Calvin Weiss Lauffer 1927, alt.

Music: from Virginia Harmony 1831, adapt.

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All)**

**The bills and the coins  
and the numbers in the bank  
are symbols of the work of our hands,  
loving God.**

**We offer them to you,  
that they would be signs and symbols  
of our worship as they go out into the world.  
May they be used in ways  
that bring healing and wholeness  
to all creation.**

**Amen**

*(Called to be the Church, United Church of Canada, 2020)*

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

**Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 402**

*"We Are One"*

**Commissioning**

**Benediction**

**Choral Amen: All**

**Postlude:** *La Réjouissance – G.F. Handel*



## 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, Mr. Paul Whiteley. We appreciate your time and dedication; next Sunday Mr. Whiteley will join us again and lead us in 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 Anniversary this week to Jim & Dianne, who celebrate 53years of marriage and Paul & Carolyn who celebrate 55 years of marriage.**

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

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**Plans are underway for the Annual Walk of The Cross, Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> – stay tuned for details.**

## List of guest Worship Leaders

DATE	Worship Leader
March 30 (Lent 4)	Paul Whiteley
April 6 (Lent 5)	Paul Whiteley
April 13 (Palm Sunday)	Tammy Fergusson
April 20 (Easter Sunday)	Rev. Kathy Walton
April 27 (Holy humour)	Tammy Fergusson
May 4	Tammy Fergusson
May 11	UCW
May 18	Tammy Fergusson

## Pies, for God's Sake

**Our freezers are full of Pies. We will be taking pie orders for Easter with the pickup date of April 10th.**

**To order call Carol Currie 613 382 4376.**

**Fruit pies are \$18, Raspberry and Mincemeat pies will remain at \$20 each.**

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## Offerings March 2025

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
Mar 2	18	\$ 1031.50	\$ 167.50	\$ 86.50
Mar 9	27	\$ 1282.50	\$ 147.50	\$ 26.50
Mar 16	27	\$ 672.50	\$ 122.50	\$ 21.50
Mar 23	30	\$ 1977.50	\$ 172.50	\$ 91.50
Mar 30				
BMO		\$ 550.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00
PAR		\$ 1935.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 20.00

**Thank you for your generosity.**



**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.**

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.

**Coming up at Grace United....**

<b>Monday, March 31</b> 9am to 11:30	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Seniors – Better Balance</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 1</b> 9am – 12pm 8:30 to noon 5:30 – 6:30	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Quilters</b> <b>PIES</b> <b>PILATES</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 2</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, April 3</b> 1:30 to 2:30	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Seniors – MELT</b>
<b>Friday, April 4</b> 9am to 11:30	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Seniors – Better Balance</b>
<b>Saturday April 5</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Sunday, April 6</b> <b>Worship Service 10:30am</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>LLWL, Paul Whiteley</b>

**Our next concert is coming up on Thursday, April 17. Back Home Again, featuring Cliff Edwards, Jeff Callery, Ken Hall, and Colbert and Scott Burns.**

**Mark your Calendar**

**Tickets are available this morning.**

**Back Home Again**



**Grace United Church**  
**120 Pine St., Gananoque**  
**Presents**

**The Music of Jimmy Buffet & John Denver**  
**Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**



CLIFF EDWARDS, and JEFF CALLERY with Ken Hall, Zak Colbert and Scott Burns come together to preform some of the greatest hits from these two superstars. Hits such as, "Leaving on a Jet Plane", "Country Roads", "Annie's Song", "Come Monday", "Margaritaville" and "Manana" to name a few.

Tickets are \$25 each  
 Available (cash only) at Grace United Church, Beggars Banquet Books and the Gananoque Visitors Centre.  
 Online purchases can be made through the link on Grace United Church Facebook Event page.