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**Easter Sunday**

**Come early next week to our Celebration of Easter and Baptism, with Rev. Kathy Walton. Our Brass Quintet and organist will be presenting a pre-service recital, beginning approximately 10:15 am. Come early, bring your friends and family, and enjoy a cup of coffee and the glorious strains of organ and brass.**

**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

**April 13, 2025**  
**Palm Sunday**

**Licensed Lay Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson**

**We Gather as Grateful People**

**Prelude:** *Meditation on a Theme by George Bennard*

**Welcome:** Shirley Clark

**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**

*The Stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone - Psalm 118:22*

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship Psalm 118**

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
The stone that the builders rejected  
Has now become the chief cornerstone  
This is God's doing;  
And it is marvelous in our eyes.



**Opening Hymn - Voice United #122**

*"All Glory Laud and Honour"*

**Prayer of the Day (Responsive)**

One: On this Palm Sunday, we remember the words of the prophet:

**All: Pay attention, your king is coming to you, Humble and mounted on a donkey.**

One: And we respond with praise:

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

One: Let us worship God, waving palm branches and singing together.

*Catherine Elsdon, Kingston Ont.*

## We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

### **Song of Illumination: Voices United #124**

*"He Came Riding On A Donkey"*

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

Luke 19:28-40 Jesus enters through the gates of Jerusalem

### **Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey**

**Reader:** Listen for the Sacred Story,

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

### **Scripture Reading Psalm 118 (NKJV)**

#### ***Praise to God for His Everlasting Mercy***

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

For His mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now say,

"His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron now say,

"His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the Lord now say,

"His mercy endures forever."

I called on the Lord in distress;

The Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

The Lord is on my side;

I will not fear.

What can man do to me?

The Lord is for me among those who help me;

Therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me.

It is better to trust in the Lord

Than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord

Than to put confidence in princes.

All nations surrounded me,

But in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

They surrounded me,

Yes, they surrounded me;

But in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

They surrounded me like bees;

They were quenched like a fire of thorns;

For in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

You pushed me violently, that I might fall,

But the Lord helped me.

The Lord is my strength and song,

And He has become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation

Is in the tents of the righteous;

The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

The right hand of the Lord is exalted;

The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

I shall not die, but live,

And declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has chastened me severely,

But He has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness;

I will go through them,  
And I will praise the Lord.  
This is the gate of the Lord,  
Through which the righteous shall enter.  
I will praise You,  
For You have answered me,  
And have become my salvation.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
Has become the chief cornerstone.  
This was the Lord's doing;  
It is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day the Lord has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Save now, I pray, O Lord;  
O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.  
God is the Lord,  
And He has given us light;  
Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.  
You are my God, and I will praise You;  
You are my God, I will exalt You.  
Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!  
For His mercy endures forever.



**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:** *Shout to the King Hosanna - Patterson*

**Morning Message:**

***This Strange Prediction Is Now True***

Tammy Fergusson

**We Respond to God's Grace**

**Song of Assurance: Voices United # 958**

*"Halle Halle Halle" (Sing 2X)*

**Prayers of Hope and Healing**

**Lord's Prayer** *Sung (Voices United #960)*

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:**

**Supporting a Rights-Based Approach to Growing Food**

**Invitation to Offering**

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

**Collection of the Offering** - Music

**Offertory Hymn: Voices United #541**

*"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Words: Thomas Ken ca. 1674

Music: Genevan Psalter 1551 Public domain.

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

**Loving God,**

**The world we have fashioned**

**within your good Creation is incomplete  
and flawed - yet ripe for renewal.**

**In Jesus, you show us the path that mends  
what is broken.**

**Bless these gifts we offer in Jesus' name,**

**we pray, using them to transform roundedness  
into healing.**

*Good Dunbar, Kincardine Ont.*

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

**Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #123**

*"Hosanna Laud Hosanna"*

**Commissioning**

Jesus triumphantly entered through the gates of  
Jerusalem,

Thus beginning a week of pain and sorrow.

In these days of defeat and victory, you have brought  
together

Humiliation and exaltation, death and resurrection

**Benediction**

As we journey towards the Cross,

May God be with you,

As we follow in joy and in sorrow

May we feel God's love,

Following The Way of the Cross

In the Footsteps of Jesus our Saviour.

**Choral Amen:**

**Postlude:** *Improvisation on "Ellacombe"*

## 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, Jack & Paul.

Happy 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Brian & Cecile

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

**The Walk of the Cross will take place on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am.**

**The Walk will start at Christ Church on (Church St.) and proceed through town stopping at Town Hall and the churches on Stone St. All are welcome to join in on this very moving and emotional journey.**

Thank you to our worship Leader this morning, LLWL, Tammy Fergusson. We appreciate your time and dedication.

## Offerings March 2025

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)	LENT
April 6	32	\$1252.50	\$ 252.50	\$ 11.50	\$ 200.00
April 13					
April 20					
April 27					
BMO					
PAR					

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 CreditCard through CanadaHelps.

**UCW MEETING - Date changed to Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm**

**Official Board Meeting, Sunday April 27**  
**at 1:30 pm – All are welcome**  
**Coming up at Grace United....**

Monday, April 14 9am to 11:30 1:30pm	Office 8am – 1pm Seniors – Better Balance UCW Meeting
Tuesday, April 15 9am – 12pm 5:30 – 6:30	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters PILATES
Wednesday, April 16 9am to 11:30	Office Closed Seniors – Better Balance
Thursday, April 17 9am to 11:30 7:30pm	Office 8am – 1pm Seniors – Better Balance CONCERT – Back Home Again
Friday, April 18 10:00am Christ Church 9am to 11:30	Office Closed GOOD FRIDAY -Walk of the Cross Seniors – Better Balance
Saturday April 19	Office Closed
Sunday, April 20 EASTER SUNDAY 10:30am	Office Closed Rev. Kathy Walton

**List of guest Worship Leaders**

DATE	Worship Leader
April 20 (Easter Sunday)	Rev. Kathy Walton
April 27 (Holy humour)	Tammy Fergusson
May 4	Tammy Fergusson
May 11	UCW
May 18	Tammy Fergusson
May 25 (Communion)	Erin Burns

**Our next concert is the 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.**