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**Official Board Meeting, Sunday April 27  
at 1:30 pm – All are welcome**

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**List of guest Worship Leaders**

DATE	Worship Leader
April 27 (Holy humour)	Tammy Fergusson
May 4	Tammy Fergusson
May 11	UCW
May 18	Tammy Fergusson
May 25 (Communion)	Erin Burns

Service from the previous week is 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      Office Administrator**  
Mr. Paul Harding, B.Mus., B.Ed.      Laurie Cadue

**April 20, 2025**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**Rev. Kathleen Walton**

**We Gather as A Grateful People**

**10:15 a.m. Brass Quintet Mini recital**

**Prelude:** Organ and Brass

***The Day of Resurrection - arr. Todd Marchand***

**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**

It is Easter AND Baptism!!! It is cause for celebration and the expression of pure Joy

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship:** *(Responsive)*

One: Let all the people say:

**All: God's love endures forever!**

One: Let the family of Christ declare

**All: God's love endures forever!**

One: Let us lift up our voices and our hearts in praise.

**All: For God's love endures forever! Hallelujah!!**



**Gathering Hymn of Praise: Voices United #155**

*"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

**Prayer of the Day:** *(Together)*

**Gracious and Loving God, let this be the day on which your people proclaim that you have destroyed the shroud that is cast over all peoples, that you have swallowed up death forever and that we can declare your salvation for all people. You are the Lord for whom we have waited and we lift up our hearts with rejoicing. Amen**

## Sacrament of Baptism:

Landon Dennis Kent

### **Baptismal Hymn: Voices United #445**

*"A Little Child the Saviour Came, Vs 1, 2*

### **To the Congregation:**

One: As a baptized and baptizing church, will you continue to support and nurture this child and all children within a community which worships God, resists evil, and seeks justice.

**All: We will, God being our helper**

**Baptismal Hymn** (cont'd): **Voices United #445** Vs 3, 4

## Presentation of Gifts and Welcome

## We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

### **Hymn of Illumination: Voices United # 164**

*"The Day of Resurrection"*

**Reader:** Barb Jenkins

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

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

**Psalm 118** (*Voices United pg 837*) (*sung response*)

**Reader: Rev Kathy Walton**

**Gospel: John 20:1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.<sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;<sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

### ***Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene***

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the

feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>1</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**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:** *Worthy is the Lamb* - Allen Pote

**Morning Message:** *The Deep Joy of our Faith*

## **We Respond to God's Grace**

**Hymn of Assurance:** *"New Resurrection,"*

*A hymn by Rev. Robert Belbin*

New Resurrection! Glory from Heaven!  
Christ's is the new birth; fresh in our hearts  
Rise up the praises, to God be given  
Praise for the living on this glad day

His is the vict'ry, his is the glory,  
New doors are opened a-mid the strife.  
Ours is the failure, old is the story;  
Ours for the taking is this new life.

Glory to Jesus! Ring out the chorus!  
Lift high the praises; this he has done:  
Conquered the darkness, opened the heavens,  
God's lovingkindness once more has won.

Words: Rev. Robert Belbin. Used with permission.

Music: Morning Has Broken - Voices United #409

**Prayers of Hope and Healing and The Lord's Prayer**  
**Your Generosity Matters:**

*Renewing Hope and Growing Love*



## **Invitation to Offering**

**Our Offerings are received**

## **Offertory Hymn: Voices United #541**

*"Praise God from whom all blessing 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

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication: (Together)**

Gracious God, how can we ever express to you our gratitude for the gift of love you have given us. Accept the gifts we bring, that are tokens of our hearts, minds, strength and spirit. Let these gifts shine with the reflected light of your love into a world that sorely needs our love too. In Christ we ask for the blessing of these gifts and the work they do. Amen.

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

## **Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #211**

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

## **Commissioning**

## **Benediction**

## **Choral Amen: All**

**Postlude:** *Easter Hymn - Descant: Derek Holman*

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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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## **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, Connie & Joan.**

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



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

Next Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> our service will be led by LLWL, Tammy Fergusson.

### Offerings April 2025

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)	LENT
Apr 6	32	\$1252.50	\$ 252.50	\$ 11.50	\$ 200.00
Apr 13	35	\$ 4457.50	\$ 172.50	\$ 51.50	
Apr 20					
Apr 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 Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

Thanks to our brass quintet this morning: Wayne Tindale, Gillian MacDonald, Cory van Allen, Lorenzo Sivilotti and Mark Moise. We appreciate your uplifting contribution to our worship this Easter Sunday.

We appreciate the generosity of members of our community of faith, who have provided donations toward the cost of our special music this morning. There are opportunities for you to contribute to the expenses that enhance our worship experience, from palm branches to guest musicians. Contact the church office - tax receipts are provided.

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

Monday, April 21 9am to 11:30	Office Closed Seniors – Better Balance
Tuesday, April 22 9am – 12pm 5:30 – 6:30	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters PILATES
Wednesday, April 23 9am to 11:30	Office Closed Seniors – Better Balance
Thursday, April 24	Office 8am – 1pm
Friday, April 25 9am to 11:30	Office 8am – 1pm Seniors – Better Balance
Saturday April 26	Office Closed
Sunday, April 27 1:30pm	Office Closed LLWL, Tammy Fergusson OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING