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Today's service is on YouTube. 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

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April 27 2025

Holy Humour Sunday

Second Sunday after Easter

Worship Leader. Tammy Fergusson, LLWL

We Gather as Grateful People

Prelude: *Meditation on "Victory" - Giovanni Palestrina*

Welcome: **Denise Wood**

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

Easter Limerick Time!

Centering Music: *We Centre Our Hearts for Worship.*

Spiritual Focus

We are an Easter People. Hallelujah is our song.
- Pope John Paul II

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship Psalm 150

We are an Easter People!

We celebrate that Jesus lives!

Let us praise God in this place.

For the mighty deeds God has accomplished.

For God's greatness that surpasses our understanding.

Let everything that breathes praise God!

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United # 245

"Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpets"

Prayer of the Day (Together)

Holy One,

Keep us from taking ourselves too seriously.

By your grace, you set us free from the illusion

That we are in control of everything we are part of.

Help us to shed our worries and fears

And to take up your gift of a light heart

And a joyful spirit.

Wendy MacLean, Brockville Ont.

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

Song of Illumination: Voices United # 396

"Jesus Stand Among Us"

Easter Limerick Time!

A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart

What is it like to be a Witness?

Scripture Reader: Joan MacKinnon

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Scripture Reading: John 20: 19-31 (NRSV)

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Jesus and Thomas

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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: An Easter "Hallelujah"

Music by Leonard Cohen

Words by Mac Campbell and Kelley Mooney

Morning Message: Through Believing, There Is Life!

We Respond to God's Grace

Song of Assurance: Voices United # 159

"The Strife is O'er"

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:

Changing the Narrative: Young Voices for Climate Justice

Easter Limerick Time!

Invitation to Offering

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

Collection of the Offering - Music

Offertory Song: 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

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All)

Take and bless these offerings, O God

That through them,

We may find connection with our aching world.

In our joyful giving,

may we find hope and healing for ourselves.

In our offering,

may we foster delight in others,

Which brings healing laughter.

Good Dunbar, Kincardine, Ont

God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 574

"Come, Let us Sing of A Wonderful Love"

Commissioning

How very good, and pleasant it is
When we are here together
With limericks and song
We sure get along
Praising our God forever

Benediction

And as you leave this time with us
May it linger around you with glee
Blessed are those who have not seen
And yet they come to believe.

Choral Amen: All

Postlude: *Postlude on "The Strife is O'er" – Healey Willan*

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.

*Welcome on this Holy Humour Sunday!
Holy Humour Sunday was celebrated by the early Christians. It was their tradition to share laughter and song on the Sunday after Easter. As we continue to celebrate the season of Easter, let us also celebrate the time when God played a joke on death by raising Jesus from the cross! In our worship time today, we will have three Easter Limerick Times, one game and lots of time to sing. Let us share the joy and laughter! Christ is risen. Hallelujah!*

Thank you to our worship Leader this morning, LLWL Tammy Fergusson. We appreciate your time and dedication. Tammy will be back next Sunday, May 4th to lead our service.

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.

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

List of guest Worship Leaders

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

Offerings April 2025

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)	LENT
Apr 6	32	\$1252.50	\$ 252.50	\$ 11.50	\$ 200.00
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Coming up at Grace United....

Monday, April 28 9am to 11:30	Office 8am – 1pm Seniors – Better Balance
Tuesday, April 29 9am – 12pm 5:30 – 6:30	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters PILATES
Wednesday, April 30 9am to 11:30 1:30 – 3:30 (SBR)	Office Closed Seniors – Better Balance Communications Class
Thursday, May 1	Office 8am – 1pm
Friday, May 2 9am to 11:30 7:00pm (sanctuary)	Office 8am – 1pm Seniors – Better Balance Choral Society Concert
Saturday May 3	Office Closed
Sunday, May 4	Office Closed LLWL, Tammy Fergusson

Thank you to all who attended our Concert on April 17th.

**Our next concert is set for May 15th.
 “Celtic Kitchen Party”**

Come on out an enjoy some wonderful music with Andrew Vanhorn on guitar and vocal, Brian Flynn fiddle and vocal and Colin Skinner on whistle and pipes. The Celtic Kitchen Party plays a mix of their own Celtic-infused originals, as well as traditional and contemporary east coast, Irish and Scottish music, with just the right dash of pop and classic rock. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.