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<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

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May 4, 2025

Earth Day Sunday

Third Sunday after Easter

Worship Leader. Tammy Fergusson, LLWL

We Gather as Grateful People

Prelude: *Meditation on "Bunessan"*

Welcome: Mary Haussler

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

Spiritual Focus

Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished.

Lao Tzu

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

We come to sing and to praise the Good Creator

For the wondrous works of all Creation.

We come to celebrate and acknowledge the soil of this bountiful land.

May we open our spirits to experience the connectedness of all things,

The connectedness within us, the connectedness of all Creation

Through our Creator God.

Jim McKean, Severn, Ont.

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #409

"Morning Has Broken"

Prayer of the Day (Responsive)

One: God of Love, Lover of Creation,

All: We thank you for the wisdom you offer, so that we may discover your way of living with respect in creation.

One: We thank you for the Spirit of discernment and the guidance of your Son, who journeyed before us and who travels beside us.

All: Lay his hands on our shoulders, and remind us of your love that surrounds us as we journey on this earth.

Anna Atkinson, Nanaimo, BC

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

Hymn of Illumination:

Voices United #271 (Tune: VU 540)

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart

Jesus Loves And Trusts Us To Do Good

Scripture Reader: Julie Price

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Scripture Reading John 21: 1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to

them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus and Peter

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than

these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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 Never-Ending Alleluia - Joseph Martin*

Morning Message We Are A Forgiven People

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn of Assurance: Voices United #649

"Walk With Me"

Prayers of Hope and Healing

The 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:

Faith in Every Word: The Mohawk Bible Translation

Invitation to the Offering

2 Corinthians 9:6 The one who sews sparingly will reap sparingly and the one who sews bountifully will reap bountifully.

The Offering will now be Received

Solo: David Grant

You Raise Me Up - Graham/Lovland

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. Public domain.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (Together)

Life-giving God

The earth overflows with your abundant blessings, the miracles of your creation, and yet there are too many shortages in our world. Your love knows no bounds, your care for us is limitless, and yet there are too many who gather more than they need.

Awaken us, your people to notice the cries of hunger and rouse us to find the ways so that all have food. Take these gifts as our promise today to trust in your unfailing goodness.

Gill Le Fevre, Oakville Ont.

God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Song of Going Forth: Voices United # 227

"For The Fruit of All Creation"

Commissioning

It was a morning for reflection, for fellowship and discussion on the beauty of God's creation and our role as its caretakers. Take all your creativity, your awe of this world, and your actions for making it a better place and leave this place filled with the glory and blessings of God our Creator.

Benediction

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you, in the palm of
Loving hands.

Choral Amen: All

Postlude: *Now Thank We All Our God - J.S. Bach*

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 this week to Dave, Betty, John, Mackensie, Maryfil, Nicole & Max.

Happy Anniversary to Steve & Connie.

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

Grace United Goes to the Movies

THE KING OF KINGS

Private Showing
Thursday, May 22
2:00 pm
Silver Cinema - Gananoque
345 Herbert St.
Tickets \$6.00

ANGEL STUDIOS

Grace United Church goes to the Movies

RSVP: Julie - 613-382-4304 Canteen will be open to purchase snacks in support of the Cinema

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

Next Sunday, May 11th the UCW will lead our service in honour of the 100th Anniversary.

CELTIC KITCHEN PARTY

May 15th at 7:30pm



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

Come on out and 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.

List of guest Worship Leaders

DATE	Worship Leader
May 4	Tammy Fergusson
May 11	UCW
May 18	Tammy Fergusson
May 25 (Communion)	Rev. Erin Burns
June 1 (Pride Service)	Tammy Fergusson
June 8	Christina Kaya
June 15(100 th Anniversary)	Watch Party (Hall)
June 22	Join – Seeley’s Bay
June 29 (Canada Day - Ribfest)	Ecumenical Service

Coming up at Grace United....

Monday, May 5 9am to 11:30 7 pm	Office 8am – 1pm Seniors – Better Balance Pride Alliance Meeting (SMR)
Tuesday, May 6 9am – 12pm 8:30 to noon 1pm – 3pm (SMR) 5:30 – 6:30	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters PIES Knifty Knitters PILATES
Wednesday, May 7 9am to 11:30 1:30 – 3:30 (SMR)	Office Closed Seniors – Better Balance Communications Class
Thursday, May 8	Office 8am – 1pm
Friday, May 9 9am to 11:30	Office 8am – 1pm Seniors – Better Balance
Saturday May 10	Office Closed
Sunday, May 11	Office Closed United Church Women

*SMR = Small meeting room

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	76	\$ 2402.50	\$ 252.50	\$ 101.50	\$ 50.00
Apr 27	29	\$ 2367.50	\$ 272.50	\$ 111.50	\$ 20.00
BMO		\$ 550.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00	
PAR		\$ 1895.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 20.00	

Thank you for your generosity.

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