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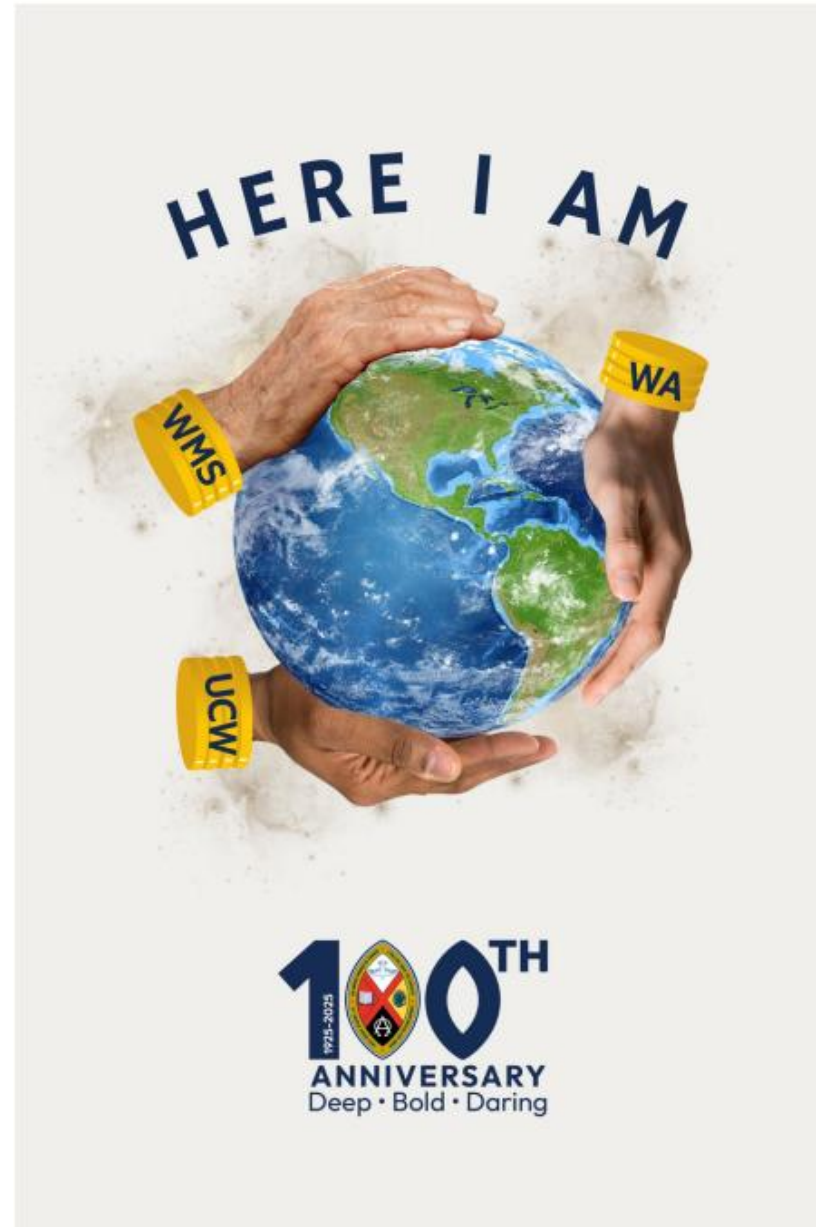
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# WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH





## Grace United Church

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### Director of Music

Mr. Paul Harding, B.Mus., B.Ed.

### Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

**May 11, 2025**

**United Church Women**

**Worship for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**"Here I Am"**

**We Gather as Grateful People**

**Prelude:** *Meditation on "Aurelia"*

**Welcome:** Linda Brooks

### **Land Acknowledgement**

One: 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.

**All: 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 & Announcements

**Introit: More Voices #7** *"Gather Us In"*

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

**(Responsive) Vicki Leakey**

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." *(John 8:12, NIV)*

**All: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world...let your lights shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify God in Heaven." *(Matthew 5:14, 16, NIV)***

One: We light the Christ candle to celebrate the light of Christ that penetrates and removes our darkness.

**All: We light the Christ candle to remind ourselves that Jesus has called us to reflect his light in God's world.**

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

One: Creator God, You call.

**All: We come as others came before us.**

One: You call your people to do your work.

**All: We come to listen to your call.**

One: As our ancestors listened to your call to action one hundred years ago,

**All: Here we are.**

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

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

### **Gathering Prayer (Diane Nuttall)**

Creator God, we come in search of unity with others and with you. We have not always listened. We have not always heard. We come in gratitude to you for walking with us on our journey. Be with us now as you have with those who have gone before. Be near us as we strive to listen to each other and walk together as one United Church. We welcome all to celebrate God's presence in their lives. Let us join to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. We join our voices in the words of prayer that Jesus taught us to pray:

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

#### **Hymn of Illumination:** (Tune: "Hyfrydol" VU #333)

*"God, We Praise You for the Women"*

- 1 God, we praise you for the women,  
who have taught us to be strong,  
who have held us, who have raised us  
with a prayer and with a song.  
Sarah laughed to hear the promise –  
God would bless her with a son;  
Sarah laughed and Sarah doubted  
till she saw what God had done.

2. Pharoah's daughter, like a mother,  
lifted Moses from a pool,  
brought him safely to the palace  
where a slave would go to school.  
Mary watched the killing madness,  
as her son died on the cross;  
she who knew the joy of childbirth,  
now was torn by bitter loss.
3. As her life drew on toward evening,  
after she had raised her own,  
Lois held her baby grandson,  
told him of God's love made known.  
God, we praise you for the women  
who have taught us to be strong,  
who have held us, who have raised us  
with a prayer and with a song.

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### **Scripture Readings Christina Gordon**

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

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

**Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1-19**

## **Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room, the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." "Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your

servant is listening. "Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

## **Matthew 10: 5-15**

### **Bold Discipleship - The Mission of the Twelve**

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles,

and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near. Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

**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:** *Peace Like a River* - arr. Joel Raney

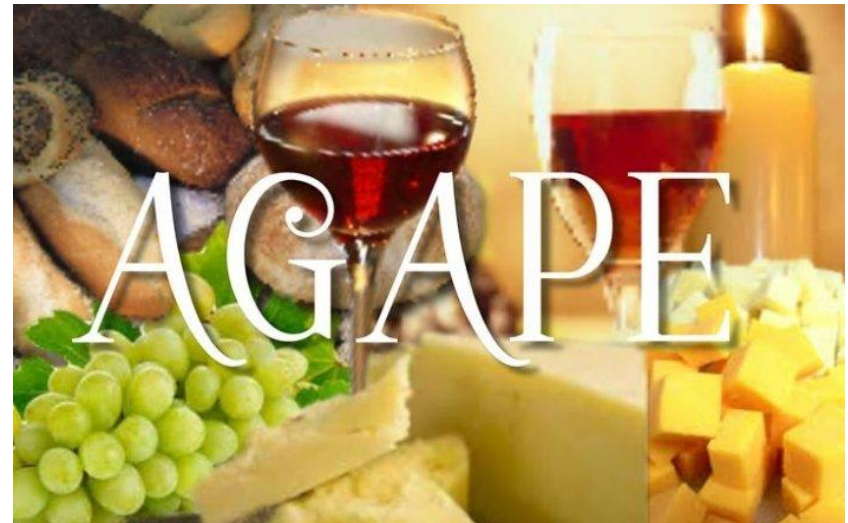
**Reflection: Here We Are! - Vicki Leakey**

**We Respond to God's Grace**

**Song of Assurance: Voices United #509**

*"I, The Lord of Sea and Sky"*

**The Agape Meal**



**The Agape Meal (Love Feast)**

**Introduction to the Agape Meal (Denise Wood)**

An agape meal, or Love Feast, is a Christian fellowship meal that recalls the meals shared with disciples during his ministry, and expresses the community, sharing and fellowship enjoyed by the family of Christ. Its origins in the early church are closely interconnected with the origins of the Lord's Supper but the two became quite distinct and should not be confused with each other.

## **Communion Song: Voices United #480**

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

### **Gathering Words (responsively) (Denise Wood)**

One: 'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.' (Acts 2:42)

**All: 'They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people.'** (Act 2 46b-47a, NIV)

One: We gather now to break bread with each other, celebrating the fellowship into which we have all been called and the love of God that binds us together.

**All: Praise be to God!**

### **Scripture Reading: Luke 14:16-2 – (Dianne Nuttall)**

Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

"But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

"Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'

"Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

"The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

"'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

"Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.'

### **Grace (sung) (Denise Wood)**

*(Tune: This Is God's Wondrous World)*

Father of earth and heaven

Thy hungry children feed,

Thy grace be to our spirits given,

That true immortal bread.

Grant us and all our race

In Jesus Christ to prove

The sweetness of thy pardoning grace,

The manna of the love.

*(Words: Charles Wesley)*

### **Passing the Bread** (responsive)

One: The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt. There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into the desert to starve

this entire assembly to death.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I will rain down bread from heaven for you.' (Exodus 16:3-4, NIV)

**All: Jesus said, 'Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you bread from heaven but it is my Father who gives the true bread from heaven'...Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry.'** (John 6:32, 35, NIV)

One: We remember the one who is the Bread of Life.

*The bread is shared*

### **Passing the Cup**

One: But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and our livestock die of thirst?' The Lord answered Moses, 'I will stand before you by the rock of Horeb. Strike the rock and water will come out of it for the people to drink.' (Exodus 17:3, 5a, 6a, NIV)

**All: Jesus said, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'** (John 4:13-14, NIV)

One: We remember the One who is the Water of Life.

*The cup of water is shared*

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

**Prayers of the People** (VU 909, adapted) Shirley Clark

Compassionate God

Hear us as we pray in this Anniversary year,

For the UCW, with its history and hopes

We pray for the church and the various ministries

For your Church and its varied ministries

For the work of justice and the healing of creation

For care of strangers, neighbours, family, friends,

For those isolated by sickness, sorrow, violence, fear

For those who face illness and death

For those broken by the world

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

### **The Lord's Prayer (Together)**

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.**

**Invitation to the Offering: Shirley Clark**  
**The Offering will now be Received**

**Offertory Song: More Voices #191**  
*"What Can I Do?"*

What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**  
**Shirley Clark (Together)**

**Loving God, You have given us so much, have  
called us to use our time and talents and treasures,  
united in Your service. Receive our gifts as an  
expression of our love for You, and of our loyalty  
and devotion to Jesus Christ. May they be used for**

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**the total mission of the United Church, responding  
to Your call to build a new and better world for  
tomorrow.**

**UCW Presentation: Denise Wood**

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

**Closing Hymn: Voices United #332**  
*"The Church's One Foundation"*

**Commissioning & Benediction**  
**(Responsive) Marg Worth**

One: It is the love of Christ that has brought us  
together in fellowship today.

**All: It is the love of Christ that brings us into  
fellowship with all God's children.**

One: Let us take the blessings that have been ours  
today and bring them into God's world and into  
the lives of God's people.

**All: May we let our lights shine before others, that  
they may see your good deeds and glorify  
God in heaven.**

**Closing Prayer - UCW Prayer**

And now, go with us, God into the days ahead.  
Strengthen us for peace. Give us wisdom, keep us  
humble, and may we live and work together, And so  
striving, build a new and better world for tomorrow.  
Amen.

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### **Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace**

Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen.

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### **Postlude: Finale on "Aurelia"**

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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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On behalf of the United Church Women, thank you for joining us today. All Women are welcome to join the UCW any time and learn more about what they do. A wonderful group of women who support each other and various organizations in this community and beyond.

As you leave this morning, please help yourself to a carnation, generously donated by the UCW.

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**Thank you to the United Church Women for leading our worship Service this morning. Join us next Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> as LLWL, Tammy Fergusson leads 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 Birthday this week to Angus & Gloria.**

**Happy Anniversary 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary to Paul & Colleen.**

*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



Grace goes to the movies. On May 22, Silver Cinema, will be having a private showing of “The King of Kings” animated Christian film written and directed by Seong-ho Jang, loosely inspired by the children's book *The Life of Our Lord* by Charles Dickens. Please contact Julie Price or sign-up at the back of the church.

# CELTIC KITCHEN PARTY

May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm



**Our next concert is set for May 15<sup>th</sup>.  
“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 18	Tammy Fergusson
May 25 (Communion)	Rev. Erin Burns
June 1 (Pride Service)	Tammy Fergusson
June 8	Christina Kaya
June 15(100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	Watch Party (Hall)
June 22	Special Service
June 29 (Canada Day - Ribfest)	Ecumenical Service

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

<b>Monday, May 12</b> 9am to 11:30	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Seniors – Better Balance</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 13</b> 9am – 12pm 8:30 to noon 5:30 – 6:30 6:30pm	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Quilters</b> <b>PIES</b> <b>PILATES</b> <b>Choral Society AGM</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 14</b> 9am to 11:30 1:30 – 3:30 (SMR)	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Seniors – Better Balance</b> <b>Communications Class</b>
<b>Thursday, May 15</b> 7:30pm	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Celtic Kitchen Party</b>
<b>Friday, May 16</b> 9am to 11:30	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Seniors – Better Balance</b>
<b>Saturday May 17</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Sunday, May 18</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>LLWL, Tammy Fergusson</b>

\*SMR = Small meeting room

**Offerings April 2025**

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)	LENT
May 4	33	\$ 882.50	\$ 127.50	\$ 26.50	
May 11					
May 18					
May 25					
BMO					
PAR					

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