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If you are not able to join us in person or want to  
watch the service again, watch on YouTube.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-](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**  
120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7

**Director of Music**

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

**Office Administrator**

Laurie Cadue

**May 18, 2025**

**Fifth Sunday after Easter**

**Worship Leader – Tammy Fergusson LLWL**

**We Gather as Grateful People**

**Prelude:** *Meditation on "Royal Oak"*

**Welcome:** Colleen Harding

**Land Acknowledgement (Responsive)**

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.**

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**Community in Action**

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Announcements

**Centering Music**

Lighting of the candles and bringing forward the Bible

**Spiritual Focus**

*"You can't swim for new horizons until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."*

- William Faulkner

**Lighting the Christ Candle**



**Call to Worship** *Psalm 148*

Praise the Lord from the heights above,  
For the moon and sun,  
The shining stars and the waters from the skies.  
Praise the Lord from this bounteous earth,  
From the mountains and hills  
And the great depths below.  
At God's command, everything is created  
And is established with God's divine love.

**Opening Song:** **Voices United #291**

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

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**Prayer of the Day** *Tony Tuck*

**All: Gracious and loving God,  
We want to join our voices with the whole of  
creation and rejoice in your goodness and grace.  
We praise you for making us new creatures in  
Christ and for your promise to be with us  
throughout this life. We marvel in the fact that you  
have made yourself known through the Holy  
Scripture, throughout the Holy Spirit, and in the  
work of the Lord Jesus Christ, our God and our  
Saviour. We praise your name, O God, for your  
faithfulness, kindness, goodness and grace. May we  
never lose the sense of awe and wonder for all you  
have done for us. May we come to know and love  
you better day by day as we show your love and  
compassion to all.**

**We Reflect on the Sacred Stories**

**Hymn of Illumination: Voices United #333**

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

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

*"Would You Look At That!"*

**Youth and Young At Heart Prayer**

Dear God,  
Your world is so awesome,  
We're bursting with pride.  
There's robins of Spring,  
There's the great Northern Lights.  
The willows are soft,  
The bees, how they buzz.  
The signs of your nature.  
The signs of your love!



**Scripture Reader: Shirley Clark**

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

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

**Scripture Reading Acts 11: 1-18**

**Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem**

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed

animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God? "When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

**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:** *Just As I Am I Come* - Mary MacDonald

**Morning Message** Open our Hearts to Wonder ...  
Tammy Fergusson

### We Respond to God's Grace

**Hymn of Assurance:** Voices United #679  
*"Let There Be Light"*

**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**

*Rooted in History, Reaching for Tomorrow*

### **Invitation to the Offering**

Now is the time to answer God's Call with our time,  
talent and treasures. Let us stretch and grow with  
courage and respond to God's love.

### **The Offering will now be Received**

#### **Offertory Hymn    Voices United #542**

*"We Give You But Your Own"*

We give you but your own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is yours alone,  
we give it gratefully.

Words: William Walsham How 1858, alt.

Music: Johann Balthasa König 1738. Adapt. William Henry  
Havergal, 1847.

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### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Voices United #544

**All: In gratitude and humble trust  
We bring our best today.  
To serve your cause and share your love  
With all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us  
In Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Teach us to give ourselves each day,  
Until life's work is done.**

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

#### **Hymn of Going Forth:    Voices United #238**

*"How Great Thou Art"*

### **Commissioning**

Let us be amazed at the wonder of God's World.  
Let us be excited, energized and renewed  
Ready to take on whatever is before us with God's  
hope and love.

#### **Benediction    Voices United #429**

May the blessing of God be upon you  
May God's love light all your way.  
May the grace of Christ enfold you  
And peace around you stay.  
May the Spirit of God dwell within you.  
May you live in joy each day.



## Choral Amen

**Postlude:** *Awake, Thou Wintry Earth - J.S. Bach*

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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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Thank you to Tammy Fergusson for leading our worship Service this morning, next Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> Rev. Erin Burns will lead our Communion Worship 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 Diane, Betty & Christina.

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

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**Official Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm.**  
**All are welcome to attend.**



## **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.

## Offerings MAY 2025

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)	LENT
May 4	33	\$ 882.50	\$ 127.50	\$ 26.50	
May 11	33	\$1210.00	\$147.50	\$ 26.50	
May 18					
May 25					
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.**

### 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
July 6	Paul Whiteley
July 13	Paul Whiteley
July 20	Lillian McNamee
July 27	Barb DeJeet
August 3	Norma Wrightly

## Coming up at Grace United....

<b>Monday, May 19</b> 9am to 11:30	<b>Office CLOSED - Victoria Day</b> <b>Seniors – Better Balance</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 20</b> 9am – 12pm 5:30 – 6:30	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Quilters</b> <b>PILATES</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 21</b> 9am to 11:30 1:30pm 1:30 – 3:30 (SMR)	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Seniors – Better Balance</b> <b>Official Board Meeting</b> <b>Communications Class</b>
<b>Thursday, May 22</b>	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b>
<b>Friday, May 23</b> 9am to 11:30	<b>Office 8am – 1pm</b> <b>Seniors – Better Balance</b>
<b>Saturday May 24</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Sunday, May 25</b> 10:30 am Worship	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Rev. Erin Burns (Communion)</b>

**\*SMR = Small meeting room**

Mark your Calendar, the next  
**Community Kitchen is Wednesday,  
May 28<sup>th</sup>**

An indoor picnic is planned.  
Call Marian to secure your spot.  
613-382-0165

