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Service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.

**PLEASE – check to doors when you leave.
With the cold weather, snow & ice, the doors
are not always latching. Push the door shut
and give it pull from the outside.**

**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

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March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Rev. Stephen C. Shay, BSc, MDiv.

We Gather as A Grateful People

Prelude: "Down to the River to Pray" unknown authorship, ~1850

Welcome: Shirley Clark

Land Acknowledgement (*read by Lay Person*)

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 and Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus

Lighting the Christ Candle



Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Music can articulate who we are, what we believe, and what we aspire to become as individuals and communities. Our traditions inform us that music is praying twice. So, let us sing together.

ALL: We sing because it is a worship language of love toward God. Music is indeed praying twice.

One: Music is personal prayer that lifts our spirits up into the heavenlies toward God.

All: We sing the old, old songs of faith, with gratitude in our hearts, first sung in Bible camps and Christian gatherings along the water.

One: We are most often, and more often called to worship by words set to familiar tunes, like the circuit riders did who spread God's love from place to place over two centuries ago. Let our voices rise as a sweet offering, connecting us to the faithful communities of every time and place.

All: We praise Him with our presence and our souls praying through song. Praise Him in the highest. Let everyone who has breath praise the Lord!

Responsive Reading of Psalm 95 (vs 1-7)

One: Come let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

One: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

All: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

One: The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

All: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

One: for He is our God and we are His people
Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
of His pasture, the flock under His care.

Amen

Gathering Hymn of Praise: Voices United #327

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

Prayer of the Day (All)

Lord, I don't know what lays before me today, or this week even, but I commit it all to You. Please give me strength and courage to get through the joys, challenges and happenings of today. I thank You for the life I have in You. I commit this day to You, no matter what happens. I know You have me in the palm of Your hand. Teach me Your ways. Guide me in Your truth and all righteousness. You are God my Saviour, and my hope is in You all day long, and it is in Jesus' name that I pray today. Amen.

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

Learning Together

Song of the Month: More Voices # 89

Love is the Touch

Scripture Reader: Brian Brooks

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples

had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.^[a])

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ 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."

¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a

prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

The Disciples Rejoin Jesus

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" ³⁰ They came out of the town and made

their way toward him.

³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something."

³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about."

³³ Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?"

³⁴ "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

Many Samaritans Believe

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just

because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

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:

There's Something About That Name - arr. Stan Pethel

Morning Message: Rev. Stephen Shay

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn of Assurance: Voices United # 337

Blessed Assurance

Prayers of Hope and Healing

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: Partnership in Bloom

Invitation to Offering

Let us worship God with our morning offering.

The Offering is Received

Offertory Hymn: Voices United # 541

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

God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Closing Hymn: Voices United # 663

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Commissioning

Benediction

Choral Amen: All

Postlude: "People Get Ready" Curtis Mayfield 1965

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.

Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning, Rev. Stephan Shay and our supply organist, Doug Gifford. Next Sunday, March 15th our worship leader is Rev. Erin Burns.

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 Marg & Diane.

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

Offerings –March 2026

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)
Mar 1	16	\$ 575.00	\$100.00	
Mar 8				
Mar 15				
Mar 22				
Mar 29				
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Thank you for your generosity.

Schedule for Guest Speakers

March 15th – Rev. Erin Burns

March 22nd – Rev. Stephan Shay

March 29th – Rev. Erin Burns

April 3rd – **Good Friday** - Walk of the Cross

April 5 -**Easter Sunday** – Paul Whiteley

April 12 – Elaine Farley

April 19 Tammy Fergusson - **Joint service at St.**

Andrew's Presbyterian Church

April 26 -Tammy Fergusson

Sunday, April 5th is Easter, and we will have a Brass Quintet joining us for worship and a pre-service mini recital. If you would like to contribute to the cost of this special music, please contact the Church Office or speak to our Director of Music. Your continued generosity is appreciated

Lenten Offerings go to the UCW to help cover the costs associated with their programs, such as Edna's Café and other ventures. Envelopes are available for your Lenten Donation on the table in the narthex.

**The next Concert is Wednesday, March 25th.
The sounds of Celtic, Irish and Folk music with
"Seventh Town"**

Enjoy the Sounds of Celtic,
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with

SEVENTH TOWN



Wed. March 25th, 2026
7:30pm

Grace United Church,
120 Pine St. Gananoque

Tickets \$25 in Advance (\$30 at the Door)
Available at Beggars Banquet Books,
Gananoque Visitors Center
and Grace United Church Office.

Visit our Facebook page for a link to tickets online