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**(Closed on Wednesdays)**

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

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

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**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

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

### Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Worship Leader Rev. Erin Burns



**We Gather as A Grateful People**

**Prelude: A Setting of Londonderry Air – Henry Coleman**

**Welcome: Diane Nuttall**

### **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 and Anniversaries

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

### **Spiritual Focus**

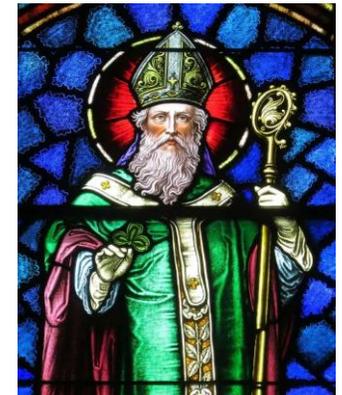
All that is eternal in me  
Welcomes the wonder of this day,  
The field of brightness it creates  
Offering time for each thing  
To arise and illuminate.

From "A Morning Offering". By John O'Donohue in  
*To Bless the Space Between Us: A book of Blessings*

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship** (unison). *From St Patrick's Breastplate*

**I arise today, through  
God's strength to pilot me,  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's shield to protect me.**



**I arise today  
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the  
Trinity,  
Through belief in the Threeness,  
Through confession of the Oneness  
of the Creator of creation.**



## **Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #642**

*Be Thou My Vision*

### **Prayer of the Day (Unison)**

#### **Holy and Loving God**

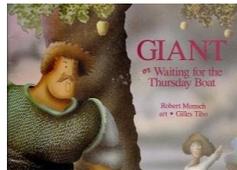
**we thank you for the little things in life,  
and to notice them, and to remember them, for all  
creation lives and flows in ceaseless praise;  
in the name of Christ, Lord of all creation. Amen.**

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

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

##### **"The Giant"**

**by Robert Munsch**



#### **Song of the Month: More Voices #115**

*Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New*

*(The Choir will sing twice through;  
the congregation is then invited to stand and sing twice)*

#### **Scripture Readings: Vicki Leakey**

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



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

#### **Exodus 3:1-5 Holy Ground (NIV)**

<sup>5</sup> "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

## **Psalm 23 (NIV)**

### **A psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,

<sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,<sup>[a]</sup>

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.



#### **Mark 4:1-9 The Parable of the Sower (NIV)**

##### **The Parable of the Sower**

**4** Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people

were along the shore at the water's edge. <sup>2</sup> He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: <sup>3</sup> "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

**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:** *Lamb of God - Beethoven/Angerman*

**Morning Message:**

**The Giant, and where God finds us**



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

**Song of Assurance: Voices United #410**

*This Day God Gives Me*

**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:**

**A Steady Flow of Care**

**Invitation to 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

Public domain.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (Responsive)**

One: Gracious God, bless these gifts and these givers.  
May they be used well to foster peace and joy in  
this world and in the lives of those who cross our  
paths.

**All: May real and lasting change start now,  
with us, through us, and with God's blessing.  
Amen.**

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

## **Song of Going Forth: Voices United #586**

*We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection*

## **Commissioning and Benediction**

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind always be at your back,  
May the sunshine warm upon your face,  
May the rain fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again  
May you be held in the palm of God's hand.



## **Choral Amen**

**Postlude:** *Finale on "Londonderry Air"*



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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 our Worship Leader this morning, Rev. Erin Burns. Next Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Rev. Stephan Shay will lead our 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 to all those who are celebrating this week.**

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	18	\$ 77.50	\$ 127.50	\$ 27.50
Mar 15				
Mar 22				
Mar 29				
BMO				
PAR				

Thank you for your generosity.

### Schedule for Guest Speakers

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rev. Stephan Shay

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Erin Burns

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – **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 25<sup>th</sup>.  
The sounds of Celtic, Irish and Folk music with  
“Seventh Town”**

Enjoy the Sounds of Celtic,  
Irish & Folk Music  
with

# SEVENTH TOWN



Wed. March 25<sup>th</sup>, 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