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Bulletin Dedication

Sunday April 26

This week's Bulletin is dedicated to the memory of Beverly Scott, and her parents Mildred and Ralph Scott. The Scott family was devoted and active in Grace Church, particularly in the Choir and Sunday School for their entire lives. Lovingly remembered by Paul and John Harding and families.

**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)*



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April 26, 2026

Earth Day Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Tammy Fergusson LLWL

We Gather as A Grateful People

Prelude: *Meditation on "Crimond"*

Welcome: Joan MacKinnon

Land Acknowledgment

One: Grace United Church takes seriously the commitments made to First Nations communities throughout 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

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Centring Music *We Centre Our Hearts for Worship*

Spiritual Focus

"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."

Robert Swan (British Explorer)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: This is the day that God has made.

Let us rejoice, giving thanks for the newness of life offered to us.

**All: We are glad for the warmth, for green grass, and for flowers,
For soft breezes and the music of birds,
For gentle raindrops raining down upon the earth.**

One: On this day of hope and new life,
We are reminded that God dwells with us,
And within all Creation.

**All: We remember we are called
To be partners with God in Creation.**

One: Let us join in celebrating God's gift of life.

(Celebrate God's Presence p 621)

Gathering Hymn: **Voices United #296**

This Is God's Wondrous World

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Prayer of the Day Unison and with Actions
We love your sky, O God. (*reach for the sky*)
We love your earth. (*stomp, stomp*)
We love the Seasons. Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring (*point in all 4 directions*)
We love the animals and the birds.
And we love all your people. (*reach out in a big gesture*)
Most of all, we love you, O God. (*big smile for God*)
Creator of the earth and sky, prairies and mountains, rivers and hills,
We come to worship you, in love, in joy, in hope.
(*open and close arms*)
(*Repair the Earth. Gathering Worship, 2021*)

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart

The View From Outer Space

Youth and Young At Heart Prayer (Unison)

Creator God,
Thank you for rockets around the moon,
Thank you for exploring the Universe.
But when we return, we thank you for the Planet Earth.
The Earth is our home and it has everything we need to live.

Our home has clean water, fresh air and good food.
Here, we can learn about God's love and protection,
And how to share the Earth's bounty equally with all.

May we still to be curious about the world,
But may we also know how precious these resources truly are.

Through God's love of this planet,
Let us help take care of the Earth,
In peace.

Hymn of the Month: Voices United #716 **My Life Flows On**

Scripture Reader: Barb Jenkins

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,
All: Our ears and hearts are open.

Gospel Reading: John 10: 1-10

Jesus the Good Shepherd

10 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. **2** The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know

his voice. **5** They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers. **6** Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. **8** All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. **9** I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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 Is a Light* - Michael Barrett

Morning Message:

For the Love of Creation ...*Tammy Fergusson*

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn of Assurance: Voices United #747

The Lord's My Shepherd

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:

Room to Speak, Space to Listen

Invitation to Offering

It says in Acts 2:42-27 that during the time when the Good News was being spread to the people and the new Church was just beginning, they spent much time

together. They broke bread and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having goodwill of all the people. Today, may we continue this tradition giving what we can to the Church and to the Community.

The Offering Will Now Be Received

Offertory Hymn: 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

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Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Gracious and Loving God,

Today, we bring our offerings to you not as strangers, but as Your people that listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd. May these offerings be freely given. May these gifts help others hear Your voice, to find safety in Your fold, and to experience the fullness of your Kingdom. Let our generosity reflect Your abundant grace, poured out for all.

God Sends Us Into The World To Be The Church

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #238

How Great Thou Art

Commissioning

Today, may you never feel worried or alone. For Jesus is the Door and the Good Shepherd. Jesus calls us by name and protects us from harm. By God's love, we are guided and nurtured. God is with you. Thanks be to God.

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. Amen. Amen.

Words: Don Besig, Nancy Price. Music: Don Besig

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Organ Postlude: *Hornpipe - G.F. Handel*

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, Tammy Fergusson. Next Sunday May 3rd our worship leaders are the United Church Women.

Celebration Candle



Today we send Blessings of Joy to all who are celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Special Events in the coming week.

Happy Birthday to Joan, Connie & Dorothy and 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.

“Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ.”

EPHESIANS 4:32

Offerings –April 2026

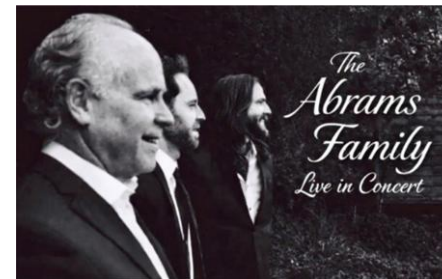
Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)
April 5	68	\$ 2610.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 50.00
April 12	26	\$ 1137.50	\$ 147.50	\$ 27.50
April 19		\$ 800.00	\$ 300.00	
April 26				
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Thank you for your generosity.

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-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>

<https://www.facebook.com/GraceUnitedChurchGananoque>
Service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.



**Our next concert will feature *The Abrams Family*
May, 20th, 2026 at 7:30pm
“A Joyful Noise”
Gospel, Country and Blues music**
