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**Grace United Church**

**January 23, 2022**

**Third Sunday After Epiphany**

**Guest Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson**



**We Gather as a Community of Grace**

**Organ Prelude:** *Largo (from Xerxes) - G.F. Handel*

**Welcome:** Vicki Leakey

**Community of Action** - Birthdays and Announcements

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Centering Music**

**Spiritual Focus**

**We Approach God**

**Call to Worship** *Nehemiah 8:10*

This Day is Holy to our Lord!

It is not a day for weeping;

It is the day to celebrate Jesus among us together.

To breathe in the Sacred Spirit

And to share what we have with others.

For the Joy of the Lord is our strength.

**Opening Hymn** **Voices United #402 "We Are One"**

1. We are one as we come,  
as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips  
there's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing,  
as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace  
as we meet, together in this place.
2. We are one as we share,  
as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand  
there's a sense that God is here.  
We are one as we care,  
as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace  
as we pray together in this place.
3. We are one as we feast,  
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;  
in the bread and the wine  
there's a sense of love divine.  
We are one as we come,  
as we feed, we are fed;

and we feel God's refreshing grace  
as we meet at table in this place.

4. We are one as we hear,  
as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive  
there's a sense that God is light.  
are one as we leave,  
as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God's ways  
as we move together from this place.

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### **Opening Prayer (All)**

**Creator God,  
We come to you in many ways.  
Individually,  
As men and women.  
Collectively,  
As church and community.  
And yet,  
We are more than this.  
We belong to the Body of Christ.  
And through the Holy Spirit,  
May we be Jesus' hands and feet.**



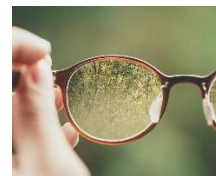
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## **We Listen for the Voice of the Spirit**

### **Illumination Hymn Voices United #371** **"Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

1. Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free  
*Refrain: Silently now I wait for thee  
Ready, my God, thy will to see  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*
2. Open my ears, that I may hear  
Voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
And while the wavenotes fall on my ear  
Everything false will disappear  
*Refrain: Silently now I wait for thee  
Ready, my God, thy will to see  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love with thy children thus to share  
*Refrain: Silently now I wait for thee  
Ready, my God, thy will to see  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

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### **Prayer of Illumination (All)**

**We journey with the wisemen,  
Who follow the Eastern Star.  
Guiding us on Righteous Paths,  
Showing us who we are.  
Jesus now among us,  
Emmanuel, God made flesh.  
Teaching us that we too are gifts,  
Cherished by God's love.  
Now empowered by all these things,  
Do we sit and wait?  
Let us hear what happens next,  
As we celebrate.**

### **Scripture Readings**

Reader: Joan Shaw

#### **1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - One Body with Many Members**

Now you are the body of Christ.

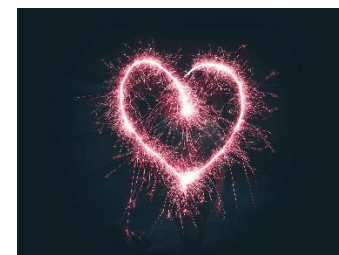
For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be?

As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

#### **Prayer Psalm 19:14**

**Life Lesson** "You are the Body of Christ"  
*Tammy Fergusson*



## We Respond to God's Grace

### Mission Hymn: Voices United #697

#### **"O For A World"**

1. O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways; where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
2. O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.
3. We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.
5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

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**Your Generosity Matters** - Dave Charles  
"Haiti: How Your Generosity is Helping"

### Our Offerings

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All)

Dear Loving God,

**We thank you for the church with all its vibrant and moving parts.**

**May our contributions strengthen and maintain Grace United,**

**As we continue to glorify your Holy Name.**

**May we continue to serve you with room for all of us to contribute.**

**Giving what we have to do your work with inspiration and with love.**

## God Sends Us into the World with Hope

### Hymn of Hope Voices United #579

#### **"The Church Is Wherever God's People"**

1. The church is wherever God's people are praising, singing God's goodness for joy on this day. The church is wherever disciples of Jesus remember his story and walk in his way.
2. The church is wherever God's people are helping, caring for neighbours in sickness and need. The church is wherever God's people are sharing the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

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## Prayers of Hope and Healing



### The Lord's Prayer

**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,  
For ever and ever.  
Amen**

### God Sends Us Into The World To Be The Church

#### Closing Hymn **Voices United #289** **"It Only Takes A Spark"**

1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around  
can warm up in its glowing;  
That's how it is with God's Love,  
Once you've experienced it,  
Your spread the love to everyone  
You want to pass it on.
2. What a wondrous time is spring,  
When all the trees are budding  
The birds begin to sing,  
the flowers start their blooming;  
That's how it is with God's love,  
Once you've experienced it.  
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,  
You want to pass it on.

3. I wish for you my friend  
This happiness that I've found;  
You can depend on God  
It matters not where you're bound,  
I'll shout it from the mountain top  
I want the world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me  
I want to pass it on.

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### Sending Forth and Benediction

#### Choral Amen

#### Postlude – *Trumpet Tune in C – Michael Ryan*

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### *Welcome*

**as we gather for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or newcomer to this Community of Faith, we extend a warm greeting. Thank you for joining us virtually.**

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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.

Happy Birthday to **Marg & Merna**

May Joy abound and Love Multiply.

**Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary added to our announcements? Please contact Laurie at the church Office and give her the details. Birthdays or Anniversaries can only be added with your written consent.**





## Prayers for the people

Remember in your prayers all those who are in hospital, recovering at home and those who may need our comfort, guidance, and support.

**\*\*Please notify the church office if there is someone you know who is ill, in hospital or in need of pastoral care. \*\***

Thank you to our guest Worship leader today, Tammy Fergusson. We appreciate your leadership, time, and dedication.

There are many ways you can contribute to Grace United Church and our causes.

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**Fundscrip Orders:** Fundscrip is ongoing throughout the year. The next date for orders to be in is February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Denise, Linda or Laurie for your Order form.

Denise: 613-876-7739

Linda: 613-382-2385

Laurie: 613-382-2161

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### **Contact information:**

**Office** (Laurie) 613-382-2161 [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)

**Church Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:  
8:00am to 1:00 p.m. **(Closed on Wednesdays)**

**Rev. Takouhi (direct Line) 613-777-0880**

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**Session:** Chair: Paul Scott,

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**January 30<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am Worship, Rev Takouhi.**

### **Important Information**

*Until further notice, Worship services will be held virtually on our YouTube Channel. [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg)*

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

***This Community of Faith acknowledges all traditional territories, all ceded and unceded lands that we live upon - and give thanks for all the generations of people who have taken care of these lands before us and still do with us today. May we be open to historical truths and may we continue to learn from the past, shape our present time and build a better world with All People.***



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