



Grace United Church

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January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Order of Worship



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Bless This House - May Brahe*

Welcome – Vicki Leakey

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

"God's Love and Justice is for Everyone!"

Call to Worship:

From the very beginning, God calls us.
God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

We come up with excuses to avoid our calls,
for we are afraid. (Jer. 1:4)

But God reassures us in many and various ways through
the course of our days. (Jer. 1:6, 8)

Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,
God is with us and sustains us.

Song of Praise: Voices United # 333

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

1. **Love divine, all love excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**
2. **Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.**
3. **Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee,**

**Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Words: Charles Wesley 1747

Music: Rowland Huw Prichard ca. 1838

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CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: The Word became flesh and lived among us

All: And we have seen his glory.

One: The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

**All: Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ.
Glory to God forever.**

WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All): (Jer. 1:4, 9)

Holy Spirit, as the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah in his time, bring Your Word now to us.

Touch our mouths and our hearts with Your Word today, that we may build on it in our lives, in the church, and in your world. Amen.

Scripture Reader: Shirley Clark

Hebrew Bible: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NRSV)

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to

whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30 (NRSV)

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.



Song of Illumination: 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!

Word and music: Clara H. Scott 1865
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Life Lesson: *"God's **TRUTH** causes Turmoil"*

WE SEEK PEACE

Special Music: "You Are The Light of the World"

(Godspell) - Stephen Schwartz

Soloist: Ramona Gilmour-Darling

Prayer of Hope and Healing

The Prayer of Jesus (ALL)

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.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Your Generosity Matters: Dave Charles

"Dreams Are Realized Through Education"

Offertory Song: More Voices # 187

"We Give Our Thanks" - (x2)

We give our thanks to God,

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we give our thanks to God,

we give our thanks to God.

Words and music: traditional song, Botswana, as taught by Daisy Nsakazongwe.
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Our Offerings Make Miracles Evident

*Let us partner up with God and give Generously
with Joy and Gratitude.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbours, that they may make a difference in this world. We pray because of Jesus, our Teacher, Friend and Example to follow. Amen.

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD
TO BE THE CHURCH**

Going Forth: Voices United # 559

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

- 1. Come, O Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unfailing love.**
- 2. Here I pause in my sojourning,
giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning,
God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger,
precious presence, precious blood.**

- 3. O, to grace how great a debtor
daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.**

Words: Robert Robinson 1758, alt.

Music: John Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II 1813

Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen and Postlude: *Prelude No 4 in F – J.S. Bach*

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 Gary & Cecile.

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Ron & Mary.

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. ****

Our sincere sympathies to Gerald Jackson and family on the passing of his wife Audrey Jackson. Audrey passed away peacefully at Carveth Nursing Home on Thursday, January 20th. A service will be held in the spring.

PIES FOR SALE – there is a variety of fruit pies and mincemeat pies available. If you would like to order a pie, give Carol Currie at call at 613-382-4376.

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

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Sign-up for PAR Forms

https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf (Control & Click to open link)

by Credit Card through CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/> (Control & Click to open link)

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

Please contact Denise, Linda or Laurie for your Order form

Denise: 613-876-7739

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

Contact information:

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

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February 6, 2022 – 10:30am Worship Service

February 13, 2022 – 10:30am Worship Service

Important Information

Until further notice, Worship services will be held virtually on our YouTube Channel. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>

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The service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO

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.



(Picture: Credit to Indigenous Ministries and Justice – The United Church of Canada)