



Grace United Church

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February 20, 2022

Black History Month

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Order of Worship



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Let There Be Peace on Earth* – Jill Jackson, Sy Miller

Welcome – Denise Wood

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Centering Music: *We Centre Our Hearts on God's Wisdom*

Spiritual Focus:

*"Following Jesus is NOT a set of dos & don'ts
– it is about Love, Love, Love.."*

Call to Worship: *Ps. 37:4–5, 7, 39* –

Beloved, let us take delight in the Lord, who provides ALL our needs.

Let us Commit our ways to the Lord and trust in God's slow work.

In this time of chaos and confusion let us be still

before the Lord and wait patiently for God's Love to be evident to us all.

God makes everything Beautiful and Good - Let us worship this Amazing Creator.

Song of Praise: Voice United # 260 - Tune Hyfrydol #333

"God Who Gives to Life its Goodness"

1. God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy.
God who gives to us our freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances
for the goodness of its King.
2. God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,
God who names us co-creators
God who wills that chaos end:
grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and wills your rule extending
all our acts by Love refined.

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Prayer of Illumination (All):

Holy One, we ask You to open our minds to the words of Your Scripture that we might see light through Your light, in Your truth, find wisdom and in Your will, find peace. Amen.

Scripture Reader: Cheryl O'Leary

Hebrew Bible: Psalm 37: 1-11 & 39-40

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity. The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble. The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-36 (NRSV)

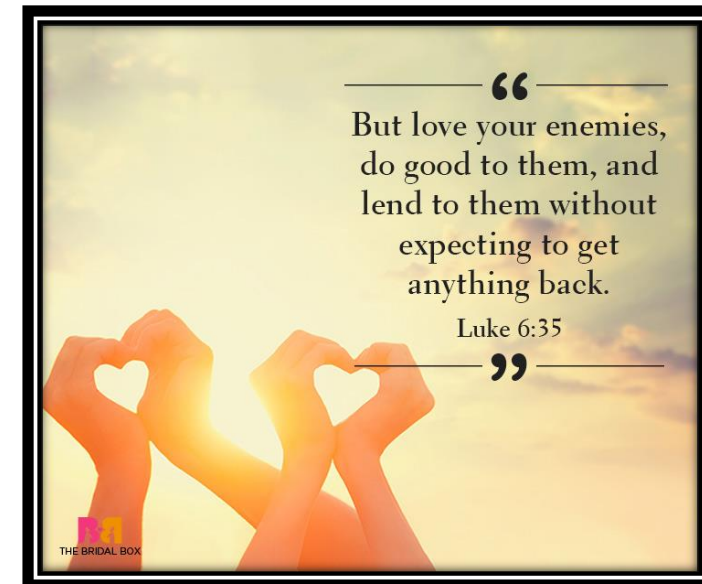
"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes

away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

**Special Music: *Amazing Grace* - John Henry Newton
Soloist – Ramona Gilmour-Darling**

Life Lesson: "How Can We Love Our Enemies Today?"



WE SEEK PEACE

Song of Hope and Healing: More Voices # 88

"Over My Head"

We appreciate the video musical leadership of Norval United Church, Georgetown, Ontario

**Chorus: Over my head, I hear music in the air
over my head, I hear music in the air,
over my head, I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.**

1. When the storms of life are ragin', I hear music in the air,
When the storms of life are ragin', I hear music in the air,
When the storms of life are ragin', I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.

Chorus:

2. When the winds of life are blowin', I hear music in the air,
When the winds of life are blowin', I hear music in the air,
When the winds of life are blowin', I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.

Chorus:

3. When the tide of hate is risin', I hear music in the air,
When the tide of hate is risin', I hear music in the air,
When the tide of hate is risin', I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.

Chorus:

4. King Jesus is a-callin', I hear music in the air,
King Jesus is a-callin', I hear music in the air,
King Jesus is a-callin', I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.⁵

Chorus:

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Prayers 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: *Support Canadian Families*

Offertory Song: **Voices United # 271** (vv. 1 & 5) - **Tune: All The Way #635**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

Words: Frederick William Faber, 1854, alt.
Music: Robert S. Lowry, 1875
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Our Offerings Make Miracles Evident

We Give Generously with Joy and Gratitude to Help Make Miracles Visible.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

Holy God, you have given us land in which to grow and thrive, food for survival and pleasure, air and water, fire and cold. Make our thanksgiving bloom forth into the lives of others in the name of the one who gave everything for us. **Amen.**

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

Going Forth: Voices United # 264

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unceasing, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee!

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith 1867. alt. 1987

Music: Welsh folk song, arr. John Roberts (Henllan) in *Caniadau y Cyssegr* 1839
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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Blessing: Go Now In Peace – Don Besig, Nancy Price Grace United Church Virtual Choir

Postlude: *Prelude No. 6 in G Minor - 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. May Joy abound and Love Multiply.

Happy Birthday this week to Connie Thompson.

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. *****

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

e-transfer to grace.gan@outlook.com

by cheque –120 Pine ST. Gananoque, On K7G 1C7

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)

Next Sunday, February 27th we return to the Sanctuary for service. Following service will be the Annual Congregation Meeting.

When we return to the Sanctuary on February 27th, lets also return to our monthly contributions to the Food Bank on the fourth Sunday each month. This month, the Food Bank is looking for Donations of 100% fruit or vegetable juice, Fruit packed in water, unsweetened apple sauce, pudding cups, crackers, shampoo, deodorant, and dish soap. Of course, monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

A gentle reminder as we enter the season of Lent. All donations received in "Lenten Envelopes" or marked for Lent go to our United Church Women (UCW). These donations help our ladies carry out various activities and programs to support people in our community and abroad. Please give generously.

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)

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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February 20,2022 - 10:30 Worship Service, Rev. Takouhi

Monday, February - FAMILY DAY – the office is closed.

February 27, 2022 – Back in the Sanctuary!!

Transfiguration Sunday Service,10:30 am

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING TO FOLLOW SERVICE

Tuesday, March 1st – Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – ASH Wednesday

Friday, March 4th – WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Sunday, March 6th – 1st Sunday of Lent

Lenten Donations are for the United Church Women (UCW) to help with their programs & ministries.

Important Information

We return to in person service February 27th at 10:30am.

Service will also be shown live on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmIG7LnX1jKJnEg>

<https://www.facebook.com/GraceUnitedChurchGananoque>

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