



Grace United Church

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March 6, 2022

International Women's Day – March 8

First Sunday in Lent - Communion

Order of Worship



WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Prelude: *Adagio (from Fantasia in C) - César Franck*

Welcome – Denise Wood

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

"Lent: Discernment in the Deserts of Life"

Call to Worship: Luke 4:1; Rom. 10:8b

Beloved, The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

The journey begins in the wilderness.

We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

Like Jesus, we are not alone.

The Holy Spirit is with us.

God's Word is on our lips.

Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.

Song of Praise: Voices United #326

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise;
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.
2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears;
'tis life and health and peace.
3. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy!
5. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

Words: Charles Wesley 1739, alt. Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser ca. 1828
Adapted and harmonized Lowell Mason 1839. Public Domain



WE SEEK WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All): Rom. 10:12–13 Rom. 10:8b

Bring your Word near to us, O God.

May it rest not only on our lips, but also reside in our hearts.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to your Word with our whole lives until you become our dwelling place; we pray through your Word incarnate, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reader: Joan Shaw

Hebrew Bible: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (NRSV)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Gospel: Luke 4:1–13 (NRSV)

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has

been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Life Lesson: *"Filled with the Holy Spirit..."*



WE SEEK PEACE & COMMUNION

Special Music: *Variations on "Passion Chorale" - Hans Leo Hassler*

GOD'S BANQUET... OUR PARTICIPATION...

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks, Creator God, for you made the world and all that is in it. You called us into relationship with you, providing all we need for an abundant life...With the faithful of every time, of every generation and every place, we pray the words of Jesus:

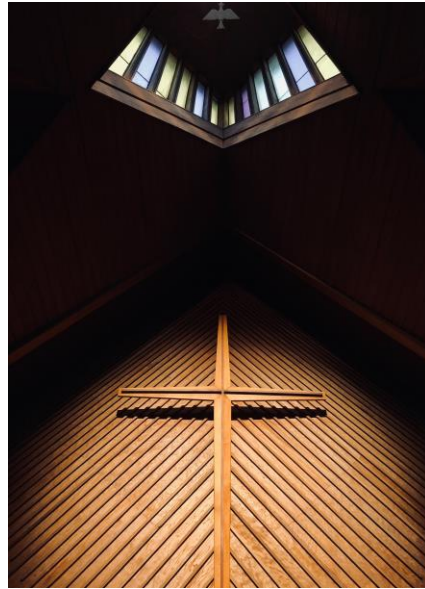
The Prayer of Jesus (ALL):

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.**



One: You are Holy God, and blessed is Jesus. He turned away from violence, teaching the world the way of peace. He rejected power that corrupts, choosing instead to live as a servant among us. He did not turn stones into easy bread but instead offered us the bread of life—justice, freedom, spiritual health, and unconditional love—so that we might never be hungry again. Showing the depth of your love, he offered us the cup of the new covenant, sealed with his Life.... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours. **Amen.**

Sharing of the elements –

Jesus the Bread of Life – Bread for the Journey.

Jesus the True Vine – The Cup of the New Covenant.

Post-Communion Prayer (All):

God of the grain and the ground.

In this wilderness of life, you feed us with heavenly bread and satisfy our thirst with the True Vine. We praise you for this banquet, simple yet abundant.

May we go forth from here and feed all who hunger and quench the thirst of all who thirst in the name of Jesus, the True Bread of Life. **Amen.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Offertory Song: Voices United # 542

"We Give You But Your Own"

**We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

Word: William Walsham How 1858, alt.

Music: Johgann Balthasa König 1738. adapt. William Henry Havergal, 1847

Your Generosity Matters: "International Women's Day Geeta's Story"

Our Offerings Make Miracles Evident

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (All):

Holy are you, O Lord!

We praise your great and awesome name.

Like a healing stream, use us, and these our gifts, in your service,
to establish healing, justice, righteousness, and equity,
all for the good of All people. **Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

Going Forth: Voices United # 117

"Jesus Christ is Waiting"

1. Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.
2. Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

3. Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffers, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.
4. Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.
5. Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,'
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

Words: John L. Bell 1984

Music: French carol, 15th century

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *A Morning Postlude* - S. S. Wesley

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 Colleen Harding, Marg Worth and Diane Kirkby.

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. ****



Today at 12:00pm
"Peace Vigil for Ukraine"
at Grace United Church.
All are invited to attend.



Donations for Ukraine – United Church of Canada

Please visit the **United Church of Canada Website** or click on the link below.

<https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/conflict-ukraine>

Phone 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

Send a cheque or money order to:

The United Church of Canada
Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Ukraine" on the face of your cheque.

New Members

On this Palm Sunday (April 10), Grace United Church will officially welcome individuals who want to join this Community of Faith.

All Individuals interested to officially join, please contact Rev. Takouhi by March 27.

(revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca or 613-777-0880)

Grace Church Choir Practice begin again on March 10th at 2:30 p.m., in the Choir room.

New Members are welcome.

Questions?? Please speak with Paul Harding.

There are many ways you can partner up with God's Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference.

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)

Donations received in "Lent" Envelopes or marked Lent are for the UCW to help with their Ministry and programs – Thank you.

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)

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Sunday, March 6th – 10:30 am Service - 1st Sunday of Lent
Communion

12:00 pm – Peace Vigil for Ukraine

Sunday, March 13th – 10:30am Service – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 20th – 10:30am Service – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 27th – 10:30 am Service – 4th Sunday of Lent

Food Bank Donations

Sunday, April 3rd – 10:30am Service – 5th Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 10th – 10:30am Service – Palm Sunday

Important Information

We are back in the Sanctuary!! Masks are still mandatory.

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.