



**Grace United Church**

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**Ordained Minister**

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**January 22, 2023 - Order of Worship**

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023 in Northern Hemisphere**

**Wednesday, January 18-Wednesday, January 25**

**WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE**

**Prelude:** *Meditation on "Whispering Hope"* - arr. P. Harding

**Welcome – Mary Haussler**

**Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Centering Music:** *We Center Our Hearts for Worship.*

**Spiritual Focus:**

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"*

**Psalms 27:1**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

*(The Christ candle is lit.)*

**Gathering Call (Responsive)** Isa. 9:2; Matt. 4:16

One: The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light; those who lived in a land

of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

**All: Thanks be to God. The Source of ALL Light, Life and Love.**

*(Please Stand as Able)*

**Song of Approach: Voices United #409**

*"Morning has Broken"*

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

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Music: Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton

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*(Please be seated)*

**WE SEEK WISDOM**

**Prayer of Illumination (All)**

God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed our eyes may see your kingdom, our ears may hear the call of Jesus, and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. **Amen.**

## Time with Youth and Young at Heart:

*"How Can You Fish for People?"*

### Repeating Prayer

### **Song of Devotion 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:  
you spread God's 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 -  
on God you can depend, it matters not where  
    you're bound;  
I'll shout it from the mountain top;  
    I want my world to know:  
the Lord of love has come to me,  
I want to pass it on.

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### Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

**All: our ears and hearts are open.**

### **Isaiah 9:1-4 (NRSV)**

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

### **Matthew 4:12-23 (NRSV)**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is

called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Reader: 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** – *Hymn of Abundance* - Green, Butler

**Life Lesson** “You are **BELOVED, Not a SPARE**”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

### Song of Trust Voices United # 288

*“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

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### **Prayers of Hope and Healing**

#### **The Prayer that Jesus taught His followers (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.**

**Your Generosity Matters:** "Dignity is on The Menu"

**Our Offerings – Supporting God's Ministries:**

*Mindful of the abundance we have received from God,  
we offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):** Isa. 49:6; Ps. 40:8

We give you thanks, O loving God, that you have placed in the hearts  
of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to do your  
will. Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation and restore  
all people to Christ. **Amen.**

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

*(Please stand as able)*

**Song of Going Forth: Voices United #509**

*"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"*

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

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## Sending Forth & Benediction

### Choral Amen

**Postlude:** *St. Anthony Chorale - Franz Joseph Haydn*

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## 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, we look in seeing you again.

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### 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. \*\***

*NOTE – Due to privacy laws and confidentiality, the names of people on our list are not printed in the Order of Service.*

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**Donation Envelopes for 2023 are out and ready for pick up. PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON YOUR ENVELOPES AS NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED. If you would like envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet available on the table.**



## 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 to Marjory Clark

**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.**

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There are many ways you can partner up with God's Mission through Grace United Church and help make a difference. by cheque –120 Pine ST.

Gananoque, On K7G 1C7, e-transfer to [grace.gan@outlook.com](mailto:grace.gan@outlook.com)

Sign-up for PAR Forms [https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form\\_par-authorization.pdf](https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf)

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CanadaHelps. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118944701RR0001-grace-united-church/>

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### Offerings January 2023

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local
Jan 1				
Jan 8	48	\$ 2302.00	327.00	\$ 25.00
Jan 15	29	\$1962.00	\$ 192.50	0
Jan 22				
Jan 29				
PAR				
BMO				

Thank you for your offerings

**(PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR ENVELOPE)**

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**YOGA – Monday nights at 6:00pm and Wednesday afternoon classes at 3:30pm. If interested, you must preregister through Thomas' website.**

[www.yoga1000islands.com](http://www.yoga1000islands.com)

### Milk Bags for Beds

Please keep your milk bags and bring them to the church. These are being used to make beds for the less fortunate. A box is at the back of the church to put your clean milk bags in.

**NOTICE** – the Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> immediately following service. We will go over the Annual Report, our financial status, changes to our policies and other important matters. All are welcome to attend.

The Gananoque Seniors Association along with the Town of Gananoque will be hold a series of FREE - Workshops. Classes and other events over the next few months. Here at Grace, we will be hosting “MELT METHOD” classes, Thursdays 1 – 3 pm, beginning February 9<sup>th</sup> with instructor Gloria Laux.

And Conversational French classes on Fridays 10-12, beginning February 10<sup>th</sup>, with Nicole Tyo. (Both are 8 week programs)

MELT helps to address a host of middle-age complaints: chronic pain, aching joints, weight gain, stress, wrinkles, digestive problems, low energy and insomnia.

Researchers describe connective tissue as a three-dimensional, fluid-filled support network that surrounds the muscles, bones, nerves and organs. As we age, our bodies endure wear and tear that is thought to result in dehydration of this system. Even in young people, repetitive motions like running can compress and dry out the fascia.

Once you learn the method, just 10 minutes three times a week is all you need.

Gloria Laux started in dance classes at three years old and loved moving. Still does.

While becoming an Aromatherapist in 1997 she learned about Pilates which lead her to other modalities. A friend suggested she check out the Melt Method and she was hooked, becoming the first instructor in Ontario.

Conversational French course will be offered by a retired qualified French language teacher, Nicole Tyo, who has several years of experience teaching all ages from junior kindergarten to post secondary students. Come learn some commonly used words and sentences to better communicate in French through activities , role playing and of course, lots of laughs.

### **Contact information:**

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**Church Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:  
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**Rev. Takouhi (direct Line) 613-777-0880**

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**Session:** Chair: Barb Jenkins

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Vice Chair: Vacant, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

**Official Board:** Chair: Brian Brooks

Vice Chair: Bruce Wilson, Secretary: Diane Nuttall

**The 2022 Directory is available in the Narthex**

**Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am**

**V.I.B.E. – NEW SESSION \_ STARTS FEB. 8, 2023**

Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday after Epiphany, Rev. Takouhi

Official Board Meeting to follow service.

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Rev. Takouhi

Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> -Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Rev. Takouhi

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, Rev. Takouhi

2:00pm - Gananoque Pride Alliance Youth Committee

Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> – Transfiguration Sunday, Tammy Fergusson

Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – First Sunday of Lent, Communion, Rev. Takouhi

Friday, March 3 – World Day of Prayer

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Lent, Rev. Takouhi

Sunday, March 12 – Third Sunday of Lent, Rev. Takouhi

### **Important Information**

*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.**