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If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again.

Service will also be shown live on YouTube.

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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.

**Welcome
To
Grace United Church**





Grace United Church

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March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

March: Women's History Month

Order of Worship

WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Prelude:

Welcome – Elaine Davidson

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Spiritual Focus:

*"The **Season of Lent** Reminds Us of **Who We are**
and to **Whom We Belong...**"*

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)

Gathering Call (Responsive) *Ps. 95:6; John 4:23*

One: O come, let us worship and bow down;

All: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

One: The hour is coming and is now here.

All: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

(Please Stand as Able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #112

"O God, How We Have Wandered"

- 1 O God, how we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.
But how, in exile dwelling,
we turn with fear and shame,
as distant but compelling,
you call us each by name.
- 2 And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
by faith we are returning
with hope and trust in you.
In haste you come to meet us,
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.
- 3 O God of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
our peace and hope assured.
Grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.

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(Please be seated)

Prayer of the Day (All): Lord God, Great I AM, you are Living Water. As we worship you this day show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. **Amen.**

WE SEEK WISDOM

Time with Youth and Young at Heart:

"What is Water Good For?"

Repeating Prayer

Song of Assurance: More Voices #163

"River Running in You and Me (River Run Deep)"

- 1 River running in you and me,
Spirit of life, deep mystery,
Dancing down to the holy sea,
River run deep, River run free.
- 2 River laughed on my birthing day,
Wind and water joined in play
soaked my soul in a shining spray,
River run deep, River run free.
- 3 River, cry my name to me,
Lend me hope and memory,
Sing me the story of the holy sea,
River run deep, River run free.

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WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reader: Eileen Thomson

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,
All: our ears and hearts are open.

Gospel: John 4:5-42 (NRSV)

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"

The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows

and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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 – He Became a Lamb - Mary Kay Beall

Life Lesson "*Beyond Belief...*"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Song of Trust: Voices United # 374 (tune: "All the Way" - VU #365)

"Come and Find the Quiet Centre"

- 1 Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

- 2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
 cools the heat and slows the pace,
 God it is who speaks and names us,
 knows our being, face to face,
 making space within our thinking,
 lifting shades to show the sun,
 raising courage when we're shrinking,
 finding scope for faith begun.
- 3 In the Spirit let us travel,
 open to each other's pain,
 let our loves and fears unravel,
 celebrate the space we gain:
 there's a place for deepest dreaming,
 there's a time for heart to care,
 in the Spirit's lively scheming
 there is always room to spare!

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Prayers of Hope and Healing

The Prayer that Jesus taught His followers (ALL)

The New Zealand Anglican Lord's Prayer

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
 Source of all that is and that shall be,
 Father and Mother of us all,
 Loving God, in whom is heaven:
 The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
 The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain
 our hope and come on earth.
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Amen. - *The New Zealand Book of Prayer | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*

Your Generosity Matters: Religion in the Service of Humanity

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): O Lord, you are our God; we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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

(Please stand as able)

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #820

"Make a Joyful Noise"

Refrain:

**Make a joyful noise all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with a song!**

1 Know that your God has made you.
Know it's to God we belong.
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.
Worship your God with a song!

Refrain:

**Make a joyful noise all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with a song!**

2 Enter these gates, thanks giving.
Enter these courts with praise.
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.
Worship your God with a song!

Refrain:

**Make a joyful noise all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with a song!**

3 Ages through endless ages,
seasons of endless years,
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.
Worship your God with a song!

Refrain:

**Make a joyful noise all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with a song!**

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Sending Forth & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude:

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.

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.



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 Diane Kirkby and belated Birthday to Colleen Harding.

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.

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

Sign-up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) Forms

https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/form_par-authorization.pdf

by CreditCard through CanadaHelps.

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

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & AMOUNT ON YOUR DONATION ENVELOPES
If you would like envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet available on the table in the Narthex.

Offerings March 2023

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Local
Mar 5	39	\$ 1089.72	\$232.50	\$25.00
Mar 12				
Mar 19				
Mar 26				
PAR				
BMO				

Thank you for your generosity.

Food Bank Donations

The Food bank is asking the following items for their clients.

Cookies

Crackers

Baking products

Jams

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

Bring you donations to service on Sunday, March 26th.

Room for Rent?

Do you or anyone you know have a room that they would like to rent for the summer and possibly longer?

A young lad who will be graduating in the fall is looking for a place to stay in Gananoque this summer and longer if possible. She has a job with the Thousand Islands Playhouse and would need lodging from the end of April until September or longer if possible. Contact the church office for more information.

Grace United Church presents,

"The Servant at Supper"

Good Friday, April 7, 2023 at 3pm

Eleanor Glenn describes the events taking place as she witnesses them at:

The Last Supper - The Crucifixion - The Resurrection

All are Welcome – Good will Offering

