

**Grace United Church**  
**The Way Forward #4 – March 19, 2023**

Dear Grace United Church,

**Welcome to Week #4** - In this Season of Lent, we invite you to consider spending time reflecting on who you are, individually and communally, and help each other journey together and move forward through the Grace of God.

This Community of Faith has been wrestling to find the way to see where God is calling us to go and how we can get there. However, before we can get to the where and the how, we need to know who we are and to whom we belong. Therefore, for the next five Sundays (Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26), **we invite you to take the time to read these short definitions and ask you to reflect on those words and meditate on what those words and definitions mean to you and to this Community of Faith.**

We are blessed to have the Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett from our Regional Council guiding us through these exercises. By God's Grace, we are planning to gather on **April 30, 2023**, after worship celebration and enjoy a potluck lunch together and bring our thoughts and reflections to the table and explore who we are together.

We need your participation, because without "U" there is no church – we are all members of the Body of Christ.

If you have any questions or concerns, please connect with **Rev. Takouhi (613-777-0880) or [revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca](mailto:revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca)**

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**The following are the topics we will reflect upon together through Lent:**

**Who Are You?**

- ✚ Hospitality & Discernment**
- ✚ Healing & Contemplation**
- ✚ Testimony & Diversity**
- ✚ Justice & Worship**
- ✚ Reflection & Beauty**



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**Justice**

The Christian practice of justice takes its mandate from the Biblical teaching found in Micah 6:8 "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Rather than Enlightenment ideals of fairness, equality, and human rights it sees justice as a spiritual journey, compassion enacted. Christians enact justice through practices of hospitality, prayer, discernment, testimony, and diversity.

**Reflect on this definition through the life and ministry of Grace United Church:**

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**Worship**

Worship opens our hearts and souls to the Holy Spirit. Worship focuses on our relationship with God rather than beliefs about God. Worship is an experience that transforms us and celebrates the life, teachings and acts of Jesus.

**Reflect on this definition through the life and ministry of Grace United Church:**

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**You may collect these reflections and bring them with you on April 30<sup>th</sup>, or bring/send them to Rev. Takouhi before April 10, 2023 – to the church or by e-mail: [revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca](mailto:revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca)**

