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

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**WELCOME
TO
GRACE UNITED CHURCH**



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Where Everyone is Part of the Family

&

Worship is a Lifestyle NOT an Event

(Remember to pass this bulletin to someone else

You never know how you will Bless them)



Grace United Church

120 Pine St. Gananoque, ON K7G 1C7

Ordained Minister

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro B.A., B.Th., M.Div.

Director of Music

Mr. Paul Harding, B. Mus., B. Ed.

Office Administrator

Laurie Cadue

March 24, 2024



Palm/Passion Sunday

Order of Worship



WE GATHER AS UNITED AND UNITING PEOPLE

Organ Prelude: *Canon in D - Johann Pachelbel*

Welcome – Vicki Leakey

Land Acknowledgement (Responsive):

One: Grace United Church takes seriously the commitments made to First Nations communities through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report, especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

All: Therefore, we acknowledge, this day, that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the original nations of this land, and we acknowledge with respect, their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

Community in Action – Birthdays & Anniversaries

Celebration & Praise: *"Marching into Jerusalem"*

Opening Words: *Rev. Takouhi*

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

(Please Stand as Able)

Processional Song of Praise: Voices United #122

"All Glory, Laud and Honour"

**All glory, laud and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

- 1 You are the King of Israel,
and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and blessed one.

***All glory, laud and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

- 2 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

***All glory, laud and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

- 3 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

***All glory, laud and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

- 4 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious king.

***All glory, laud and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

Words: Theodulph of Orleans c.
1820. alt., trans. John Mason
Neale 1851
Music: Melchior Teschmer 1615;
desc. Hal Hopson 1978
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Choristers Guild

Spiritual Focus:

***"Lent: A time of Self-Reflection, Spiritual Discipline,
Commitment, and Community..." ..."***

Lighting the Christ Candle

(The Christ candle is lit.)



Gathering Call (Responsive)

One: In Jerusalem,

Simeon and Anna prophesied over Jesus, the infant.
Mary accepted their words into her heart,
and Jesus grew in strength and spirit.

**All: O Emmanuel, the long-expected king,
hasten to us. We need you here.**

One: In Jerusalem,

the temple scholars were astonished by Jesus, the boy.
He accepted their teachings into his mind
and grew in knowledge and wisdom.

**All: O Child of Joseph and Mary, the unexpected teacher,
hasten to us. We need you here.**

One: Outside Jerusalem,

the jubilant crowd cheered for Jesus, the man.
They accepted him as he rode on a donkey,
but the fears of the powerful grew.

**All: O Lamb of God, gentle and meek,
hasten to us. We need you here.**

One: The words of the crowd echoed on the city walls:

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

One: Save us, Emmanuel!

All: We need you here.

One: Save us, Child of Joseph and Mary!

All: We need you here.

One: Save us, Lamb of God!

All: We need you here.

(Please Stand as Able)

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #124

"He Came Riding on a Donkey"

1 He came riding on a donkey,
he came riding into town;
slow and easy kind of lowly
he came riding with the dawn.
His disciples walked beside him,
staying close, a little shy;
not too sure where he would guide them,
on to live or on to die.
But all the morning sang his praises;
waking birds and dancing wind;
here he is, the Son of David; riding on to take his throne.



2 Then the children gathered, singing
shouts of laughter, bursting cheer;
in the streets their song was ringing,
'Hosannas' filled the morning air.
Timid adults strained to see him,
caught the Spirit, joined the song;
spread their cloaks along before him,
branches flashing in the sun.
So all the city sang his praises;
waking streets and dancing crowd;
here he is, the Son of David; our Messiah, Son of God.

3 In our fasting, and our feasting,
called to follow in his way;
called to walk his road to Easter,
called to live his cross today.
Hosanna to the Son of David,
hosanna in the heavens above;
blessed is he who comes to save us,
blessed is he who brings his love.
Let us join to sing his praises;
open hearts and souls to God;
he is with us, Son of David;
God's Messiah, Christ the Lord.

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(Please be seated)

A Prayer for Palm Sunday (All): Voices United # 125

We praise you, O God,
for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph
and was proclaimed Messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches
along his way.

Let these branches be signs of his victory,
and grant that we who carry them
may follow him in the way of the cross,
that, dying and rising with him,
we may enter into your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reader: Mary Haussler

Reader: Let us listen to the Living Word of God

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Gospel: Luke 19:29-44 (NRSV)

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As

they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

Reader: May God's Spirit add understanding in our hearing.

All: Amen

Anthem: *Make a Jubilant Noise* - Stratton/Courtney

Life Lesson "Victory Altered"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of Hope and Healing




The Prayer that Jesus Taught His Followers (Sung – Voices United 960)

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.**



Adapted from a chant by R. Langdon

WE OFFICIALLY WELCOME NEW FAMILY MEMBERS TO THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH

 **William (Carl) Duff**
 **Mary Diane (Garvey) Hayward**
 **Weston (Wes) James Rideout**
(By profession of faith)

Statement of Purpose

One: The church is a community of people with varied gifts, united by the Holy Spirit...
of the church of Jesus Christ.

Presentation /

Commitment of New Members

Carl, Diane, & Wes, will you officially join with us on this journey, and call this United Church your church family, to celebrate the Triune God's Presence; live with respect in creation; love and serve others; seek justice and resist evil? If this is your intent, Please say, I will, with God's Help.

New Member (s): I will, with God's help.

Congregational Commitment

One: Dear friends... our love, care and support.

**All: As your brothers and sisters in Christ,
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.
We pledge to you our love, care and our support.
With God's help, we will together live out the
mission and ministry of Jesus.**

One: Together as one family let us stand, as able and say together our corporate profession of faith.

A New Creed¹ (All):

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others**



¹ A New Creed is a brief and well-loved affirmation of faith used widely in our worship (1968; rev. 1980, 1995).

by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Certificate

Welcome To Your
Church Family



Song of Celebration Voices United # 958

"Halle, Halle, Halle" (x 2)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (Hallelujah!)
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Words: trad. liturgical text

Music: anon., arr. The Iona Community 1990

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Your Generosity Matters:

Preserving Culture through Language Revitalization.

Invitation to Offer Ourselves, Finances, Gifts and Talents to God



Today, we are each invited to welcome Jesus.
Some will offer their voices. Some will offer their possessions. Some will offer their presence.
All are important and valid. Thank you for what you offer.

Our Offerings are Received - Music

(Please stand as able)

Offertory Song: Voices United #541

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Words: Thomas Ken ca. 1674

Music: Genevan Psalter 1551 Public domain.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):

Gracious and welcoming God, we offer these gifts and those already given through PAR or online. May they be used to joyfully proclaim your vision and hope for our world. **Amen.**

(Please Remain Standing)

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

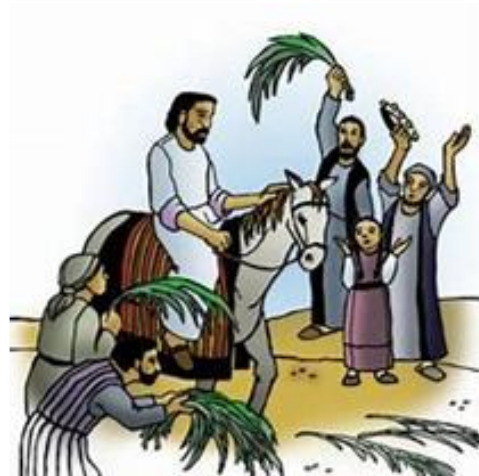
Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Recessional - Song of Going Forth: Voices United #123

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna
the happy children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang;
to Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.
- 2 From Olivet they followed
'mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and singing clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
content that little children
should on his bidding wait.
- 3 'Hosanna in the highest!'
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;



earth, let your anthems ring.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his humble presence
eternally rejoice!

Words: Jennette Threlfall 1873

Music: trad. 18th -century German tune, adapt. Xavier Ludwig Hartig 1868
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Postlude: *Prelude in Bb - J.S. Bach*

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.

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, **Gillian McCarney**

Would you like your Birthday or Anniversary added to our announcements contact Laurie at the church Office and give her the details.

United Church Women – Lent Offerings

During Lent, offerings in the Lent Envelopes or mark Lenten Donations are for the UCW and their programs.

The UCW thank you for your support.

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 Rev. Takouhi or the church office if there is someone you know who is in need or a visit, in hospital or any other needs.

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

MAKE SURE YOUR NAME & THE AMOUNT ARE ON YOUR DONATION ENVELOPES. 2024 Envelopes are out and ready for pick up.

If you would like envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet available on the table in the Narthex.

Offerings March 2024

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benevolent (SGM)
March 3	39	\$ 1307.50	\$ 212.50	\$ 45.00
March 10	39	\$ 1300.30	\$ 212.5	\$ 25.00
March 17	45	\$ 1337.50	\$ 212.50	\$ 55.00
March 24				
March 31				
PAR				
BMO				

Thank you for your generosity.

Next Sunday, remember to bring in your “Count Your Blessings” Donations. Put your donations in a separate envelope, marked “Count Your Blessings”. The money collected will be given to the Gananoque Refugee Settlement Group.

Thank you to Christina Kaya for presenting her Nunny Bag Show over the March Break. It was a wonderful event enjoyed by many. Thank you also to our faithful group of Pie Makers, who were busy preparing for the Easter Pie Sale.

Grace United Church is blessed with amazing people who give so much of their time and talents to this church, our community and beyond.

The Bobby Show
By Michael K Myers

A tribute to the great "Bobby" singers of the late 50's, and early 60's - Bobby Darin, Bobby Vee, Bobby Vinton, Bobby Curtola, and many more. Plus the stories behind the singers, and their songs.

Performed by Michael K Myers

The Bobby Show
Thursday, April 25, 2024 - 7:30 pm
At
Grace United Church,
120 Pine St., Gananoque On
Tickets: \$20.00 each
Available at
* Grace United Church Office 613-382-2161
* Gananoque Visitors Center 613-382-8044
10 King Street E., Gananoque, ON K7G 1E6
* Beggars Banquet Books 613-463-8998
126 King St. E., Gananoque ON K7G 1G2

Concert – Thursday, April 25th at 7:30pm
Featuring, Michael Myers, Tim Hallman and more...

Join us for a tribute to the Great Bobby Singers of the 50s & 60s.

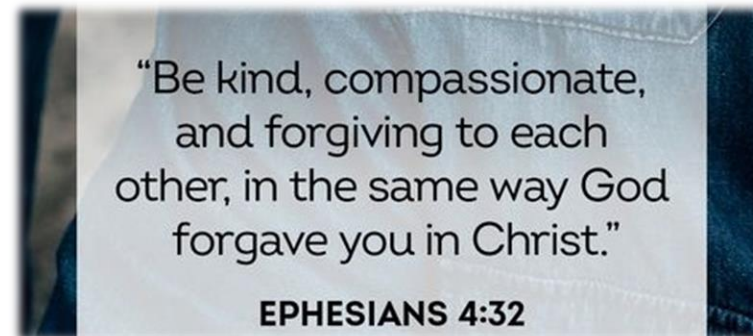
All are welcome

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the church office,

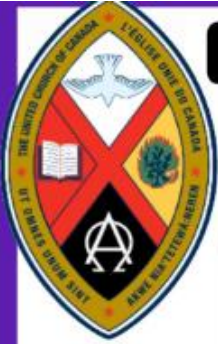
Beggars Banquet Books,

the Gananoque Visitors center or online through the following link.

[The Bobby Show - CanadaHelps](#)



EPHESIANS 4:32



Grace United Church

120 Pine St., Gananoque, ON

invites you to journey through

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Sunday March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday – 10:30 A.M.

(Marks the beginning of Holy Week)

Maundy (Holy) Thursday March 28, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

(Commemorates the Washing of the Feet and Last Supper of Jesus with the disciples)

Good Friday Walk of the Cross

March 29, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.

(Starting at Christ Church **30 Church St**, Gananoque, proceeding through town with various stops along the way to Grace United Church).

All are welcome.

Sunday March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday – 10:30 A.M.

(Special Music – Brass Quintet & Communion)

ALL Are Welcome!

Coming up this week at Grace United....

Sunday, March 24 10:30 am Worship Palm Sunday		Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi Welcoming New Members
Monday, March 25 6:00pm		Office 8am-1pm YOGA
Tuesday, March 26 9am – 12pm 5:30 to 7:30pm		Office 8am – 1pm Quilters BootCamp/Zoomba
Wednesday, March 27 10:30 am		Office Closed Seniors French Class
Thursday, March 28 10:30 to 12 pm 1:30 – 2:30 5:30 to 7:30 7:00pm Service		Office 8am – 1pm Choir Practice (10:30 – 12pm) Seniors – MELT Fitness Boot Camp / Zoomba (5:30-7:30) Maundy (Holy) Thursday
Friday, March 29 10am Good Friday		Office Closed Good Friday – Walk of the Cross Starting at Christ Church
Saturday, March 30		Office Closed
Sunday, March 31 10:30 am Easter Sunday Worship		Office Closed Worship Leader, Rev. Takouhi Special Guests – Brass Quintet
Monday, April 1		Office Closed – Easter Monday