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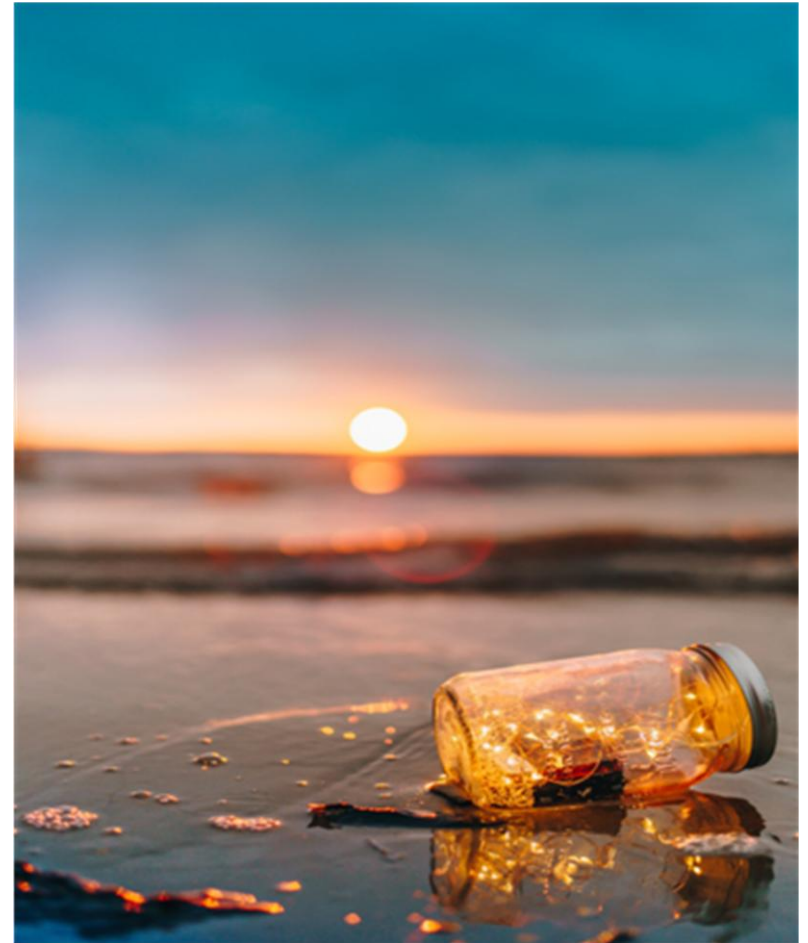
If you are not able to join us in person or want to  
watch the service again, watch on YouTube.

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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**



***Where Everyone is Part of the Family and  
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

Director of Music  
Mr. Paul Harding, B.Mus., B.Ed.

Office Administrator  
Laurie Cadue

Sunday May 25th, 2025  
6th Sunday of Easter  
Rev. Erin Burns

We Gather as A Grateful People

**Prelude:** *Meditation on a Fijian Folk Melody*

**Welcome:** Colleen Harding

**Land Acknowledgement**

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 and Anniversaries

**Centering Music** *We Centre Our Hearts for Worship.*

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

One: We hear Jesus words from the book of John:

**All: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.**

One: I do not give to you as the world gives.

**All: Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid!**

One: We take this moment to calm our hearts, and still our minds, as we prepare for worship.

**Gathering Hymn of Praise: Voices United #412**

*"This is the Day"*

**Prayer of the Day: The Prayer** - by Mary Oliver  
(Unison)

**It doesn't have to be  
the blue iris, it could be  
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few  
small stones; just  
pay attention, then patch  
a few words together and don't try  
to make them elaborate, this isn't  
a contest but the doorway  
into thanks, and a silence in which  
another voice may speak.**

**Amen**



## **We Reflect on the Sacred Stories**

### **Hymn of Illumination: Voices United #375**

*"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

### **A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart**

*"Our Table" by Peter H. Reynolds*

**Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey**

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 16:9-15

**Reader:** Listen for the Sacred Story,

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

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

### **Lydia's Conversion in Philippi**

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had

gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

**Reader:** Here ends today's reading.

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:** Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You - Althouse

**Morning Message:** A Certain Woman named Lydia

## **We Respond to God's Grace**

### **Hymn of Assurance:**

**More Voices #1**

*"Let us Build a House"*



## **We Gather at the Table: Celebration of Communion**

### **Prayer After Communion: (unison)**

**Amazing God, thank you for your presence in this place. You invite us to build a table and welcome all. Now that we are done, we pause to marvel. It has been a place to come together, to share stories and to make memories.**

**Flow through us, healing God. Use this food to strengthen us to be your joyful and hopeful Resurrection Community, sharing and experiencing your Kin-dom of love, justice, and mutuality. Amen!**

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

#### **Lord's Prayer (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.**

### **Your Generosity Matters:**

#### ***A Story of Cultural Resilience***

### **Invitation to Offering**

We give as able to spread God's Love with JOY!

### **The Offering is Received**

#### **Offertory Hymn: Voices United #541**

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

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#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication *(Unison)***

**We bring our gifts to you, God.**

**Here is the work of our hands,  
and here is the love of our hearts.**

**Accept them and use them,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church**

### **Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #710**

*"Shall We Gather at the River"*

### **Commissioning**

## **Benediction**

**Choral Amen:** All

**Postlude:** *Finale on "Hyfrydol" - Henry Coleman*

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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.*

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Thank you to Rev. Erin Burns for leading our service this morning. Next Sunday, June 1st is our PRIDE Service, lead by Tammy Fergusson. All are welcome.

## **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 Shirley & Alyn.  
Happy 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Laurie & Gerard.

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

## **Offerings MAY 2025**

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)	LENT
May 4	33	\$ 882.50	\$ 127.50	\$ 26.50	
May 11	33	\$1210.00	\$147.50	\$ 26.50	
May 18	31	\$ 642.50	\$ 142.50	\$ 1.50	
May 25					
BMO					
PAR					

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**2025 Donation Envelopes are ready for pick up in the Narthex. If you cannot find your envelopes or would like envelopes. Please contact Laurie 613-382-2161.**

## **List of guest Worship Leaders**

DATE	Worship Leader
June 1 (Pride Service)	Tammy Fergusson
June 8	Christina Kaya
June 15(100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	Watch Party (Hall)
June 22	Special Service
June 29 (Canada Day - Ribfest)	Ecumenical Service
July 6	Paul Whiteley
July 13	Paul Whiteley
July 20	Lillian McNamee
July 27	Barb DeJeet
August 3	Norma Wrightly



## Coming up at Grace United....

Monday, May 26 9am to 11:30	Office 8am – 1pm Seniors – Better Balance
Tuesday, May 27 9am – 12pm 5:30 – 6:30	Office 8am – 1pm Quilters PILATES
Wednesday, May 28 9am to 11:30 1:30 – 3:30 (SMR) 3:30 to 7pm	Office Closed Seniors – Better Balance Communications Class Community Kitchen
Thursday, May 29	Office 8am – 1pm
Friday, May 30 9am to 11:30	Office 8am – 1pm Seniors – Better Balance
Saturday May 31	Office Closed
Sunday, June 1 10:30 am PRIDE Worship Service	Office Closed LLWL, Tammy Fergusson

\*SMR = Small meeting room

Mark your Calendar, the next

**Community Kitchen is  
Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

An indoor picnic is planned.

Call Marian to secure your spot.

613-382-0165



## PIE SALE

Apple, Blueberry, Bumbleberry, Cherry, Peach,  
Strawberry, Strawberry Rhubarb, Rhubarb

\$18 each

Raspberry and a limited quantity of Mincemeat  
\$20 each.

To order call Carol at 613-382-4376

Pickup date – June 26, 2025

Mark your Calendars

Our Next Concert is June 12<sup>th</sup> with

***HoozHear?***

This professional, tightly knit group brings their own eclectic sound to a mix of classic and indie rock, their own versions of jazz and blues standards with some country surprises.



**In June we will be celebrating some special Sunday services.**

**June 1,** Tammy Fergusson will be leading us in a service to kick off Pride Week here in Gananoque. Our plan is to conclude our service with a group flag waving to welcome the Pride parade as they pass the bank corner on King Street.

**June 8,** Christina Kaya will lead the service to share with us a special message about how God repairs and improves our broken spirits, making us whole again.

**June 15,** we will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Canada with a Watch Party in the auditorium downstairs. We will be joining the Anniversary service from Ottawa via the lifestream on the internet. Tammy Fergusson will guide our participation and will lead us in an Agape meal as we celebrate the Last Supper together. Of course, there will be coffee and cake to complete our celebration. Join us in the auditorium at our normal worship time.

**June 22,** we will be having a Celebration of Music in Worship. The service will be a combination of familiar, favourite hymns, Psalms, and readings as we lift our voices in praise. After the service we will join together for a potluck picnic on the lawn! We invite everyone to bring some picnic food that we can share, perhaps

some sandwiches, a fruit platter, some veggies and dip, cheese and crackers or some other finger food or some sweets for dessert. We will provide tea, coffee and lemonade. Let's make it a real family celebration! Our friends from Lansdowne United Church will be joining us for this special event.

**June 29,** we are planning to attend the ecumenical service being held at Ribfest. Let's join our brothers and sisters from the community to worship together.

