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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVYi-R3mmlG7LnX1jKJnEg>

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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)*



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September 6, 2026
15th Sunday after Pentecost
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We Gather as A Grateful People

Prelude:

Welcome: Vicki Leahey

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.*

Spiritual Focus

On the 15th Sunday after Pentecost, the gospel calls us to walk in the Spirit, bear one another's burdens, and sow works of charity that yield eternal life. Our time is short. Let us sow in the Spirit, and console others, so we one day reap the harvest of eternal life in Christ.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (ALL)

It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator, and acknowledge Creation as God's continuing work, calling us as collaborators to love and care for all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation and each other. We are part of all that God has made. Our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the Earth. Amen

Gathering Song of Praise:

Voices United # 412 "This is the Day"

Gathering Prayer (all)

We come from the Earth, shaped from soil, breathing borrowed breath.

We come in the name of the Word through whom all things were made, in whom all things hold together.

**We come in this Season of harvest and heat,
of stubborn hope and stubborn grief.
Creator God – You who breathed life into the dust,
who named every creature before we named a
single one, who set the stars singing and the seas
roaring with praise – gather us now.
Gather us into right relationship: with You, with
one another, with the Earth that is our kin, our
home, and our community. Amen**

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart

Song of the month: Voices United #245

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Scripture Reader: Barb Jenkins

First Reading: Psalm 149 (NIV)

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

Praise the Lord.^[a]

Sing to the Lord a new song,

his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

² Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;

let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

³ Let them praise his name with dancing

and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

⁴ For the Lord takes delight in his people;
he crowns the humble with victory.

⁵ Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor
and sing for joy on their beds.

⁶ May the praise of God be in their mouths
and a double-edged sword in their hands,

⁷ to inflict vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,

⁸ to bind their kings with fetters,
their nobles with shackles of iron,

⁹ to carry out the sentence written against them—
this is the glory of all his faithful people.

Praise the Lord.

Here ends the first reading.

Second Reading: Matthew 18 1-5, 18 – 20 (NIV)

The Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked,
“Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

² He called a little child to him, and placed the child
among them. ³ And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you
change and become like little children, you will never
enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Therefore, whoever
takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in
the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ And whoever welcomes one
such child in my name welcomes me.

Causing to Stumble

⁶ "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. ⁷ Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! ⁸ If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

The Parable of the Wandering Sheep

¹⁰ "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. ^[11] ^[a]

¹² "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. ¹⁴ In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

Dealing With Sin in the Church

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister^[b] sins,^[c] go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'^[d] ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be^[e] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^[f] loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

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.

A Gift of Music

Morning Message : Being a Christian everyday.

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn of Assurance: Voices United # 506

Take My Life and Let it Be

Prayers of Hope and Healing

Lord's Prayer (together)

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: Leaders in the Making

Invitation to Offering We come before You with
thankful hearts, recognizing that every good gift
comes from You. As we bring our talents and
offerings today, we give not out of obligation, but
out of love and gratitude. Bless these gifts,
multiply them for the work of Your kingdom, and
use them to bring hope, healing, and light to the
world.

The Offering is Received

Offertory Hymn: Voices United # 543

We Give thee but thine own

We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.

Words: William Walsham How 1858, alt.

Music: Johann Balthasa König 1738.

adapt. William Henry Havergal, 1847.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication: (ALL)

**We give thanks, Creator God, for the stubborn
beauty and ruggedness of the world – for soil that
still yields, for bees that still find flowers, for the
rocks that bear us, for the kindness of strangers
and the courage of campaigners. We give thanks
that the Light still shines in the darkness, that the
Word still speaks in wind and water, that we are
held, even now, in the One in whom we live and
move and have our being. Thanks be to God.**

God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United # 574

Come, Let us sing of a Wonderful Love

Benediction

Commissioning

Choral Amen:

Postlude:

Prayers and message taken and adapted from Being a Good Neighbour: Indigenous Day of Prayer 2021 by Read Sherman. Read Sherman is minister of Trinity United Church in Montreal and participates in right relations work in Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council.

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.

Happy Birthday to Carol & Darryl and all who are celebrating this week.

Happy Anniversary to Liz & Doug.

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

Thank you to our worship leader this morning, Elaine Farley. Next Sunday, September 13th, Elaine will return to lead our service.

Offerings –August 2026

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)
Aug 2	34	\$ 765.00	\$125.00	\$ 25.00
Aug 9		\$ 400.00	\$ 100.00	
Aug 16	24	\$ 1000.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 30.00
Aug 23	19	\$ 795.00	\$ 100.00	
Aug 30				
BMO		\$ 550.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00
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OUR NEXT CONCERT

Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:30pm

“The music of Fats. Ray & Jerry Lee”

Performed by Spencer Evans and his Band

Tickets are \$25 advance and \$30 at the door.

