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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**



*Give Thanks
in all
circumstances*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

***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 20, 2026

Season of Creation

Paul Whiteley, LLWL

We Gather as A Grateful People

Prelude: *Meditation on a Theme by Natalie Sleeth*

Welcome: Gary Seidl

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

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Centring Music *We Centre Our Hearts for Worship.*

Spiritual Focus

"Creation is not a commodity, but a communion of interdependent life entrusted to our care ... justice for creation cannot be separated from justice for people, especially those most impacted by climate change."

– Anne Burghardt

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: In the beginning,
the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.
And God called them good.

All: Come Holy Spirit and cleanse the waters.

One: The prophet saw a river flowing from the Temple,
and wherever the river flowed, everything lived.

**All: Come Holy Spirit and renew the face
of the Earth.**

One: Jesus cried out,
"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me... Out
of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living
water."

All: Come, Holy Spirit and heal your people.

-Living Water, World Council of Churches, 2026

Song of Praise: **Voices United # 509**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

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Opening Prayer (Responsive)

One: We look upon your waters, O God,
and we grieve:
Rivers run polluted. Oceans choke with plastic.
Marine life disappears from warming seas.
Coral reefs fade and fisheries collapse.

All: Ashamnu (we have all been guilty)

One: The seas rise and swallow coasts.
Storms grow stronger. Floods destroy homes.
Drought cracks the Earth and children thirst.

All: Ashamnu (we have all been guilty)

One: We confess that we have not guarded your
waters.
We have consumed water without restraint.
We have polluted what you called good. We
have forgotten that the river of life flows from
your throne.

All: Forgive us, O God.

One: God's mercy flows like living water.
The love of God, incarnate in Jesus who spoke to
troubled waters, forgives us and calms our hearts
so that justice may flow to all the dry places in
our lives.
In the name of Christ, may this grace free us to
follow and proclaim the good news of the
healing of all creation.

All: Amen.

Living Water, World Council of Churches, 2026

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

Learning Together

Song of Illumination: Voices United #703
In the Bulb There is a Flower

Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 47:1–12

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

The River From the Temple

¹The man brought me back to the entrance to the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar. ²He then brought me out through the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east, and the water was trickling from the south side.

³As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits^[a] and then led me through water that was ankle-deep. ⁴He measured off another thousand cubits and led me through water that was knee-deep. He measured off another thousand and led me through water that was

up to the waist. ⁵ He measured off another thousand, but now it was a river that I could not cross, because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in—a river that no one could cross. ⁶ He asked me, “Son of man, do you see this?”

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. ⁷ When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river. ⁸ He said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah,^[b] where it enters the Dead Sea. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes fresh. ⁹ Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. ¹⁰ Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds—like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea. ¹¹ But the swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt. ¹² Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing.”

Here ends the first reading.

Second Reading: John 7:37–44

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”^[a] ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

⁴⁰ On hearing his words, some of the people said, “Surely this man is the Prophet.”

⁴¹ Others said, “He is the Messiah.”

Still others asked, “How can the Messiah come from Galilee? ⁴² Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David’s descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?” ⁴³ Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

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: *River in Judea - Leavitt*

Morning Message: Living Water

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn: Voices United #266

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Prayers of Hope and Healing

Lord's Prayer (All)

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: Crossing Class Lines



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, 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

God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Closing Hymn: More Voices #154

Deep in Our Hearts

Commissioning

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba – Handel*
from the Oratorio "Solomon"

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 71st Anniversary to Marg & Mel.

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, Paul Whiteley. Next Sunday, September 27th, is **ORANGE SHIRT DAY.**

Please wear your Orange shirts.

Tammy Fergusson will lead our service.

The Little Shoes Lantern Walk will take place on September 30th starting from Town Hall at 6pm.



Offerings –September 2026

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)
Sept 6	26	\$ 985.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 25.00
Sept 13	29	\$ 835.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 25.00
Sept 20				
Sept 27				
BMO				
PAR				

Thank you for your generosity.

Thanksgiving Pie Sale.

Yes, Thanksgiving is not that far away.

To place your Pie Order

Call Elaine at 613-382-3772

or 1-905-519-3772

or the church office at 613-382-2161.

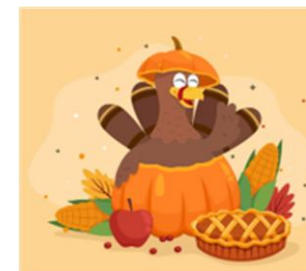
Pick up date is Thursday, Oct 8th, 3 to 5 pm.

Apple. Blueberry, Bumbleberry, Cherry, Peach,

Peach/Blueberry, Rhubarb, Strawberry,

Strawberry/Rhubarb are \$18 each

Raspberry or Mincemeat are \$20 each.



OUR NEXT CONCERT

This Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:30pm

"The music of Fats. Ray & Jerry Lee"

Performed by Spencer Evans and is Band

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

