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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**

*World Communion
Sunday*

October 4th



***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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October 4, 2026
World-Wide Communion Sunday
Worship Leader: Rev. Erin Burns

We Gather as A Grateful People

Prelude: *Meditation on "Hyfrydol"*

Welcome: Mary Haussler

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

Centring Music *We Centre Our Hearts for Worship.*

Lighting the Christ Candle



Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: The banqueting table is prepared
and God calls us to the feast.

**All: We have come from east and west,
from north and south, to sit at Christ's table.**

One: Here compassion, love, and grace
pour out like fine wine.

**All: Here we taste the bread of life,
bread for our journey.**

One: There are gifts of God for all the people of God.

All: Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

Gathering Hymn of Praise: Voices United #460

All Who Hunger (tune: *Hyfrydol* #333)

Prayer of the Day (All)

**God, who nourishes us for the journey:
it is strengthening to know that,
as we gather at your table today,
your people throughout the world
are offering praise and thanksgiving
as bread and wine are shared.**

**May the mystery of your presence, experienced in our worship,
bind us together into one worldwide community. Amen.**

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

Song of the Month: Voices United #402 ***We Are One***

Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:2-7, 13-15

² In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵ On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?"

Exodus 16:13-15 (New International Version)

¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat."

Here ends the first reading.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Unity and Diversity in the Body

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by[a] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for

that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of

helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues[b]? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

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: *Just As I Am I Come - Mary McDonald*

Morning Message:

The Falsehood of Self-Sufficiency

We Respond to God's Grace

Sacrament of Communion

Words of Gathering – Erin

One: God be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts;

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God!

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise!



Though creation sometimes weeps,
we wait lovingly for you, God.

...

You could sustain all of your creation,
but you will not, without us.

...

In Jesus and in his feast
you provide for us the sustenance we need to respond
to the cries of creation.

The bread of life
nourishes our hungry bodies.

The cup of blessings
revives our thirsty souls.

The gathered community
strengthens our growing faith.

Though the church sometimes weeps,
we listen lovingly for you, God.

For centuries Christians of different customs have
gathered to commune with you and each other
through the sharing of this feast.

**In their partaking you have been with them,
just as you are with us now.**

...

And so we ask that you bless and pour your spirit on
these simple things, bread and wine:

**Make this broken bread whole in our taking.
Make this full cup overflow in our sharing.**

With these elements nourish and sustain us,
our way, our truth, our life

Sharing the Elements

Prayer after Communion: (All)

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love;

we are strengthened by your life.

**We are sent forth into this world to live into the
visions God has laid on our hearts.**

We are now commissioned to:

feed as we have been fed,

forgive as we have been forgiven,

love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Hymn of Assurance: More Voices #154 *Deep In Our Hearts*

Prayers of Hope and Healing

Lord's Prayer (All - 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: Breakfast Club

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

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #481

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Finale on Hyfrydol - Henry Coleman*

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 Susan.

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

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	23	\$ 1120.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 25.00
Sept 27	31	\$ 440.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00
BMO		\$ 650.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00
PAR		\$ 1745.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 20.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to our worship leader this morning,
Rev. Erin Burns. Erin will be back next Sunday
October 11th to lead our Thanksgiving Service.

Memorial Donations in Memory of Tom Currie
Linda Robb
Peter & Catherine Mills
Christina Gordon

Christmas Cards – The Caring & Sharing
team is looking for donations of Christmas
Cards. If you have unused Christmas Cards you
can donate, please bring them in anytime. There
is also a box at the back of the Sanctuary to
place the cards in.

Thanksgiving Pie Sale.

Yes, Thanksgiving is
not that far away.

To place your Pie Order

Call Elaine at 613-382-3772 or 1-905-516-3772
or the church office at 613-382-2161. Pick up
date is Thursday, Oct 8th, 3 - 5 pm.

EDNA'S CAFÉ – returns, Wednesday, Oct.
21st from 1:30 to 3:30pm. All are welcome
for an afternoon Tea and sing-along.

Christmas Market planning meeting Monday, October 5th, 10:00am In the Board Room

ELVIS is in the house on Sunday, October
25th at 2:30 pm. Come on out and enjoy some
of your favourite Elvis songs performed by Garry
Wesley. Garry has performed all over the world
and is bringing his show to Grace United Church.
Opening for Garry is Keith Kirkpatrick as Gordon
Lightfoot. Tickets for this show are \$30 available
now.

