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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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October 25, 2026

Twenty-second after Pentecost

190th Anniversary Sunday

Worship Leader, Tammy Fergusson, LLWL

We Gather as Grateful People

Prelude: *Meditation on "St. Anne"*

Welcome – Diane Nuttall

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

Centring Music

Spiritual Focus

"When we look for what's best in the person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does, so in appreciating our neighbour, we're participating in something truly sacred." - Fred Rogers

Lighting of the Christ Candle

For 190 years, we have lit the Christ Candle on this very site. From our past and well into our future, Christ Is The Light Of The World.

Call to Worship *Psalm 90*

In every age, O God

You have been our refuge.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

Before the earth and the world were formed.

A thousand years in your sight is like yesterday when it is past,

Or like a watch in the night.

From age to age and everlasting

God is here and in our midst.

Opening Hymn: Voices United Page 806

O God Our Help in Ages Past

Prayer of Approach

**All: On this Anniversary Sunday,
we come from near and far,**

**To celebrate with memories,
stories, music and song.
We not only come to remember
the good times,
We also come to renew
and recommit our support for
Grace United Church and her
Faith Community.
We draw near to hear the message of
God's Infinite Love,
Praying in gratitude for the founders
who built her.
From age to age and everlasting,
May we continue to share
God's love in this place.**

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

**Hymn of Illumination: Voices United #402
*We Are One***

Time for the Youth and Young At Heart

They Hang In The Balance

Prayer for the Youth and Young At Heart *Responsive*

One: Holy and Loving God,

All: Thank you for God's love,

One: That we have for God
And that God has for us.

All: Thank you for God's love,

One: That we have for our neighbours
And our neighbours have for us.

All: Thank you for God's love

One: In the laws that hang beneath them.

All: Thank you for God's love

One: That guide us with structure and balance.

All: Thank you for God's love.

Scripture Reader: Gary Seidl

Scripture Reading Matthew 22: 34-46

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'^[a]

³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^[b]

⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Whose Son Is the Messiah?

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied.

⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,

⁴⁴ "'The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.'"^[c]

⁴⁵ If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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: *A Journey of Faith – Don Besig/Nancy Price*

Morning Message The Greatest Of These Is Love ...

Tammy Fergusson

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn of Assurance: **Voices United #400**

Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying

Prayers of Hope and Healing

The 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: Campus Connections

Invitation to the Offering

We come as a gifted people, marked by decades of faithfulness. For 190 years, God has planted seeds of love, justice and community throughout Grace United Church. As we celebrate this milestone, we are invited to share God's abundance in person or online. Let us offer our gifts in thanksgiving for this Community of Faith and for the wider world.

The Offering Will Now be 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 (All)
Holy God of Abundant Gifts,
We open our hearts in deep gratitude for this
milestone Anniversary. Accept these offerings as
signs of a life full of thanksgiving. Use them to
sustain our ministry here and to build your beloved
Community near and far.

God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Hymn of Going Forth:
Grace Church is Our Foundation

Grace Church is our foundation
in which to serve the Lord.
Her inner strength we find there,
a peace, a love adored.
The faithful came and built her
to stand so proud and tall.
Inside they prayed and worshipped
to answer the Lord's call.

She gave them strength and courage
for tasks that lay ahead;
to baptize little infants,
to raise the souls of dead.
She is our strength, foundation,
which God has given us.
We are her soul supporters,
her faith, her hope, her trust.

That day she stood before us,
so grand, so strong, so tall.
Her steeple fell in ashes
inside her standing wall.
From out beneath the ashes
Grace Church did rise once more.
United, taller, stronger,
to draw us to her door.

Grace Church was our foundation,
we worked within His sight.
Within her walls God's windows
let in His perfect light.
His roof was raised o'er all us,
to comfort us within.
We had God's hand to guide us;
we knew where to begin.

Be proud to be a member;
be glad to pray and sing.
Within these walls God listens;
he'll hear our voices ring.
She is our strength, our symbol
of God's enduring love.
Thanks for this celebration,
give praise to God above.

Words: Mel Worth – Written on the occasion of
Grace United Church's 160th Anniversary – 1996
Music: "Aurelia" Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1864

Commissioning

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Finale on "Aurelia"*

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 Anniversary to Brad & Anne C. and to Neil & Gillian M.

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, Tammy Fergusson. Next Sunday, November 1st, Charlotte Hoy will lead our service.



**Fall Back – November 1st
is time to change the
clocks. Fall back 1 hour.**

Offerings –October 2026

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)
Oct 4	30	\$1029.80	\$ 225.00	\$ 25.00
Oct 11	26	\$ 1745.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 30.00
Oct 18	24	\$ 935.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 25.00
Oct 25				
BMO		\$ 550.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00
PAR		\$1745.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 20.00

Thank you for your generosity.

**Today at 2:30. ELVIS CONCERT
Cost \$30 at the door.**

Christmas Market

November 28th 10 am to 2pm.

We are looking for volunteers to help with serving lunch and cleaning up. Sign up sheets will be out shortly. Donations of Gift baskets or NEW items for the Silent Auction and Baked Goods for the bake table. We also need your help to spread the word.

