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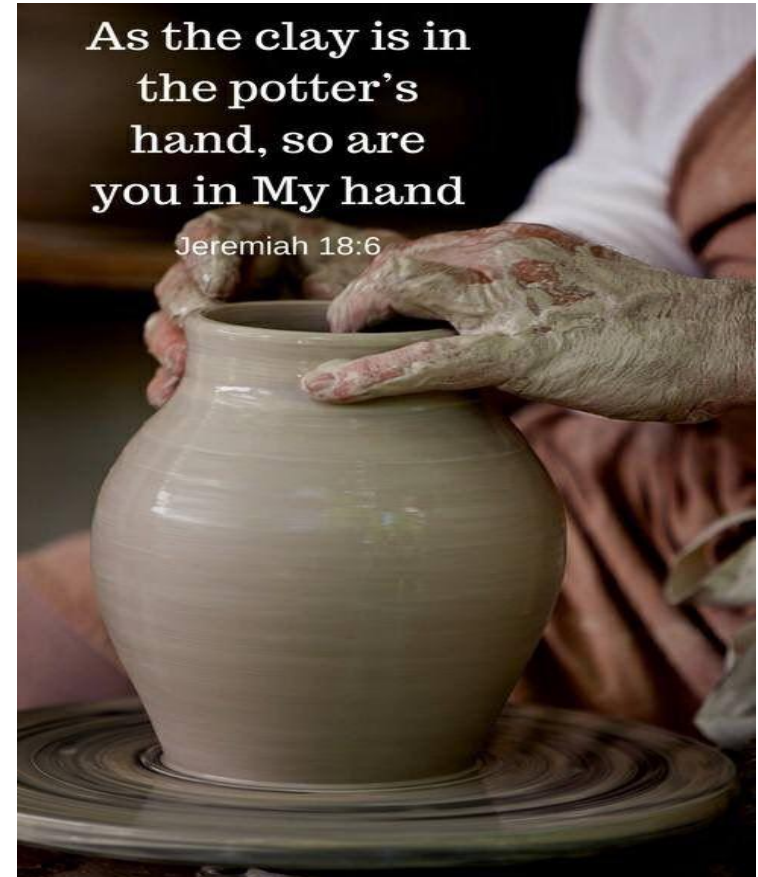
If you are not able to join us in person or want to
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Service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO
channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.

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 7, 2025
13th Sunday After Pentecost
Paul Whiteley

We Gather as A Grateful People

Prelude: *Meditation on "Wonderful Love"*

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

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

Spiritual Focus

In the end, reconciliation is a spiritual process, which requires more than just a legal framework. It has to happen in the hearts and minds of people.

– Nelson Mandela

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives.

People: We have been called to be faithful to God's intention.

Leader: God seeks for us to be vessels of compassion and service.

People: We have been given multiple opportunities to witness to God's love.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life.

People: Let us send our praises to God who knows us totally and loves us. Amen.

(-Nancy Townley, *Ministry Matters*, 2022)

Gathering Hymn of Praise: **Voices United # 574**

Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

Prayer of the Day (All)

Lord, from the very beginning of your creation, you breathed your love in to all that you made. You gave us the breath of life and asked us to be good stewards of all creation. You placed your trust and love in us. Help us to turn again with joyful hearts to you, placing our trust in all that you have done for us. Let us be a blessing for you. Amen.

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We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart

Scripture Reader: Brian Brooks

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11 (ESV)

The Potter and the Clay

18 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²“Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear^[a] my words.” ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶ “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the Lord. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it. ⁹ And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: ‘Thus says the Lord, Behold, I am shaping disaster against you and devising a plan against you. Return, every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your deeds.’

Here ends the first reading.

Second reading: Philemon 1:1-21 (ESV)

Greeting

¹ Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philemon's Love and Faith

⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.^[a] ⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Paul's Plea for Onesimus

⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus,^[b] whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted

from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a bondservant^[c] but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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: *Peace Like a River* - arr. Joel Raney

Morning Message: Reconciliation and Renewal

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn of Assurance Voices United # 376

Spirit of the Living God

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:

Our Past, Present, and Future

Invitation to Offering

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, 1674

Music: Genevan Psalter 1551

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Song of Going Forth: More Voices # 161

I Have Called You by Your Name

Commissioning

Benediction

Choral Amen:

Postlude: *Prelude No. 1 in C Major - J.S. Bach*



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.

May Joy abound and Love Multiply.

Happy Birthday this week to Ron, Carol & Darryl.

Happy 37th Wedding Anniversary to Doug & Liz

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

OFFERINGS AUGUST 2025

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)
Aug 3	12	\$ 540.00	\$ 100.00	
Aug 10	20	\$ 727.50	\$ 122.50	\$27.50
Aug 17	18	\$ 417.50	\$102.50	\$ 2.50
Aug 24		\$ 595.00	\$ 100.00	
Aug 31	26	\$ 1062.50	\$ 122.50	\$ 32.50
BMO		\$ 550.00	\$25.00	\$ 75.00
PAR		\$ 1950.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 20.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Turpin's Trail

Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7:30pm

With Special Guest, Joe Sexton



Tickets \$25 in Advance, \$30 at the door.
Tickets are also available through Canadahelps.
A link is on our Facebook event page.

Today I am grateful
for all the people that
are loving and
kind to me.

