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Service from the previous week will be shown on COGECO channel 13 or 700HD at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.

**PLEASE – check to doors when you leave.
With the cold weather, snow & ice, the doors
are not always latching. Push the door shut
and give it pull from the outside.**

**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)*



Grace United Church

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Director of Music

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March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday – Communion Sunday

Rev. Erin Burns

We Gather as A Grateful People

Organ Prelude: Meditation on "Ellacombe"

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 – Birthdays and Anniversaries

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Centring Music

We Centre Our Hearts for Worship.

Spiritual Focus

"it's between parades that we don't do so well. From Sunday to Sunday we forget our hosannas. Between parades the stones will have to shout because we don't."

From "Between the Parades" by Ann Weems in Kneeling in Jerusalem

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (responsive)

One: Blessed is the One
who comes to us

**All: by the way of love
poured out with abandon.**

One: Blessed is the One
who walks toward us

**All: by the way of grace
that holds us fast.**

One: Blessed is the One
who calls us to follow

**All: in the way of blessing,
in the path of joy.**

One: Let us calm our hearts and minds,
as we prepare for worship ...

from "Blessed is the One" from Circles of Grace by Jan Richardson

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Gathering Hymn of Praise: Voices United #123

Hosanna Loud Hosanna

Prayer of the Day (Unison)

O God, in Jesus Christ

**you triumphantly entered Jerusalem,
thus beginning a week of pain and sorrow.**

**In these days of defeat and victory,
you have brought together
humiliation and exaltation,
death and resurrection.**

**Be with us now, as we follow in joy and in sorrow
the way of the cross,
in the footsteps of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey

Reading: Matthew 21:1-11: ***Jesus enters Jerusalem***

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: Our ears and hearts are open.

Jesus's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them

immediately."^[a] ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd^[b] spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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: Hosanna! - Judith Snowdon

Reflection: Moving Through Holy Week Part 1

We Respond to God's Grace

Song of Assurance: More Voices #90

Don't be afraid.

**My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.**

Don't be afraid.

**My love is stronger and I have promised,
Promised to be always near.**

Words: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1995

Music: John L. Bell, 1995

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Invitation to Offering

The Offering is Received

Offertory Hymn: Voices United #542

**We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.**

Words: William Walsham How 1858, alt.

Music: Johann Balthasa König 1738. adapt. William Henry
Havergal, 1847. Public domain.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

Holy God, you come to us in Jesus,
a poor man, riding a donkey;
we thank you for this witness of the power of love,
despite the powers of this world.

We dedicate these gifts - our time, our talent, our
treasure - all that we are and all that we bring - to
being your hands and feet in the world. May our cries
of Hosanna make way for peace and justice for all.

Amen.

Moving through Holy Week Part 2

Song of Assurance: More Voices #90

Don't Be Afraid

Don't be afraid.

**My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.**

Don't be afraid.

**My love is stronger and I have promised,
Promised to be always near.**

Service of Communion

Communion and Prayers of Hope and Healing
(Responsive)

One: On the night he ate supper for the last time
with his friends,

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you. May peace I
give to you."

May the peace of Jesus be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Our meal this morning is modeled after that memorable meal Jesus shared with his closest friends and followers just hours before his arrest. A meal we have replicated for two-thousand years...

Matthew's Gospel tells the story this way:

26 While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it[d] he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."**27** Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, **28** for this is my blood of the[e] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. **29** I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

(Rob Hardy Feb 2 2026 shared from Unvirtuous Abbey)

There's no bread.

The bakers have gone into hiding.

The seats at the table are empty.

The twelve are out matching with the thousands.

The streets are filled with a new song.

Only Judas sits at Target Plaza, counting his silver, while Pontius Pilate issues a carefully-worded statement.

Meanwhile, the centurions have quotas to fill.

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*but on the streets there's a Communion.
Jesus takes the city in his hands and says,
"this is my body, broken for you."*

One: this is my body broken for you.

Bread for this journey ...
the journey through a life
that is not without pain and suffering
The cup of love ...
love for each and every one of us,
ceaseless and unconditional.

**All: Holy God, pour your Spirit on us,
that we may know Christ
in the breaking of bread,
we may be channels of your love,
peace, and justice in the world.
Amen.**

Communion – *those who are able please come forward*

Communion Hymn: Voices United #480

Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

We thank you God

For the chance to be nourished at your table.

**A table of hope, a table of love, a table that does
not let us ignore the suffering of the world.**

Minster: (prayers continue....)

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Lord's Prayer (spoken)

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.**



Scripture: on the eve of Good Friday

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my love is stronger than your fear.**

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God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #144

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?

(Verses 1,3,5)

Scripture: Matthew 27:45-50 "It is finished"

Extinguish Christ Candle

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen: Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen

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Postlude: Finale on "Ellacombe"

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.

Walk of The Cross – Good Friday, April 3rd

starting at 10:00am at Christ Church, Princess St., stopping at Town Hall, St. John's, St. Andrew's and ending at Grace United Church – All are invited to participate.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 22 at 11:30am

Please bring a bagged lunch.
All are welcome to attend.

Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning, Rev. Erin Burns.

Our Worship Leader for Easter Sunday, April 5th is Paul Whitely. We are also blessed with special music by a Brass Quintet, who will preform a small concert prior to service and various music through out service. Donations to help cover the cost of this special music are appreciated.

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 to Gillian and all those who are celebrating this week.

Happy Anniversary to Jim & Dianne.

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

Offerings –March 2026

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)
Mar 1	16	\$ 575.00	\$100.00	
Mar 8	18	\$ 767.50	\$ 127.50	\$ 27.50
Mar 15	28	\$ 832.50	\$ 147.50	\$ 27.50
Mar 22	25	\$ 1017.50	\$ 142.50	\$ 37.50
Mar 29				
BMO				
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Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Offerings go to the UCW to help cover the costs associated with their programs, such as Edna's Café and other ventures. Envelopes are available for your Lenten Donation on the table in the narthex.

Schedule for Guest Speakers

April 3rd – 10:00am **Good Friday** - Walk of the Cross

April 5 -**Easter Sunday** – Paul Whiteley

April 12 – Elaine Farley

April 19 Tammy Fergusson - **Joint service at St.**

Andrew's Presbyterian Church

April 26 -Tammy Fergusson

TODAY at 2:00pm
Grace United is hosting a
FREE Movie Matinee

Tell your friends and neighbours.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS **EASTER SUNDAY, April 5th**

- canned fruits, juice,
- cookies, pasta sauce,
- baby diapers (sizes 4–6),
- feminine hygiene products,
- toothpaste, toothbrushes,
- dish soap, empty laundry pod bags.

Future dates for collection

May 10th

June 21st