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If you are not able to join us in person or want to watch the service again, watch on YouTube.

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

**Our Next Concert is April 22 at 7:30
with Sue Baker and the Rhythm Makers
Jazz, Swing and Pop
Advance Tickets \$25/\$30 at the door**





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April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday
Paul Whiteley, LLWL



We Gather as A Grateful People

Pre-service Mini recital

Prelude: *The Day of Resurrection* - Todd Marchand

Welcome: Colleen Harding

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.*

Spiritual Focus

"If Easter says anything to us today, it says this:
You can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there.
You can nail it to a cross, wrap it in winding sheets and shut it up in a tomb, but it will rise!"— Clarence W. Hall

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: O give thanks to the Holy One, for God is good;
God's love abides, endures, and prevails forever!

All: Alleluia! The resurrection life comes to us.
Christ is risen!

One: In distress, I call. In grief, I cry. In despair, I come.
The Holy One answers. The Holy One comforts.
The Holy One comes.

All: Alleluia! The resurrection life comes to us.
Christ is risen!

One: God, my refuge and confidence, surrounds me
with strength and victory! Exalt God's holy name!

All: Alleluia! The resurrection life comes to us.
Christ is risen!

Hymn of Praise: Voices United #155

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Prayer of the Day (All)

Holy Love, in every ending, there is a beginning. In the same way, beginnings signal an end. May the promise of new life enable us to end the things that do not serve us, to end the attitudes that do not honor you, and to end the ways in which we are complacent and complicit in the world. Empower us to leave those things in the tomb and follow your trail. Jesus, you have demonstrated the path of your kindom, keep us on the road of abundant and transformed life as revived and encouraged participants in your resurrected and glorified body. Grant us grace when the realities of life overwhelm, threaten to consume us, and mire us in the past. For the newness of life, we pray. Have mercy on us, Holy One. Amen.

Worship Ways, United Church of Christ (USA), 2026

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

Learning Together



Easter Hymn: (tune from Voices United #409)

New Resurrection – *a hymn by Rev. Robert Belbin*

- 1. New Resurrection! Glory from Heaven!
Christ's is the new birth; fresh in our hearts
Rise up the praises, to God be given
Praise for the living on this glad day**
- 2. His is the vict'ry, his is the glory,
New doors are opened a-mid the strife.
Ours is the failure, old is the story;
Ours for the taking is this new life.**
- 3. Glory to Jesus! Ring out the chorus!
Lift high the praises; this he has done:
Conquered the darkness, opened the heavens,
God's lovingkindness once more has won.**

Scripture Reader: Vicki Leakey

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

First Reading:

31 "At that time," declares the Lord, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people."

² This is what the Lord says:

"The people who survive the sword
will find favor in the wilderness;

I will come to give rest to Israel.”

³ The Lord appeared to us in the past,^[a] saying:

“I have loved you with an everlasting love;

I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

⁴ I will build you up again,

and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt.

Again you will take up your timbrels

and go out to dance with the joyful.

⁵ Again you will plant vineyards

on the hills of Samaria;

the farmers will plant them

and enjoy their fruit.

⁶ There will be a day when watchmen cry out

on the hills of Ephraim,

‘Come, let us go up to Zion,

to the Lord our God.’”

Reader: Here ends the first reading.

Second Reading: John 20:1-18

The Empty Tomb

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that

the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So

she came running to Simon Peter and the other

disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have

taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know

where they have put him!”

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the

tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did

not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of

linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying

in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went

inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from

the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw

two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴ At this, she turned

around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put

him, and I will get him.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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: *Forever (We Sing Hallelujah) – arr. Sorensen*

Morning Message : Endings and Beginnings

We Respond to God's Grace

Song of Assurance: More Voices #115

Behold, Behold, I make All Things New

**Prayers of
Hope and Healing**



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Lord's Prayer (All) – said

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: Rooted and Risen

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, 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.



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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Closing Hymn **Voices United #211**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Commissioning

Benediction

Choral Amen: All

Postlude: *Easter Rejoicing - Todd Marchand*



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.

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, Paul Whiteley, next Sunday April 12th, Elaine Farley will lead our service.

Thank you to our guest musicians this morning: Gillian MacDonald, Rick Calich – Trumpets, Cory VanAllen – French Horn, Dany Bilodeau – Trombone, Marc Moeys - Tuba. We are very grateful to have you join with us in worship this morning.

We appreciate the generosity of Eileen Thomson, Joan Shaw and Julie Price for their kind donations toward the cost of our special music this morning.

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 all those who are celebrating this week. Happy Anniversary to Paul & Carolyn.

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	32	\$ 682.50	\$ 122.50	\$ 12.50
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PAR		\$ 1645.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 20.00

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