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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)*



Grace United Church

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April 12, 2026

The Second Sunday After Easter

Worship Leader: Elaine Farley

We Gather as A Grateful People

Prelude: *Meditation on "Slane"*

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

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

Spiritual Focus -

Today we celebrate an old Easter custom began by the early Greek Christians – Bright Sunday or Holy Humor Sunday. For centuries in all Christian faith traditions, the week following Easter Sunday was observed by the faithful as “days of joy and Laughter’ with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (responsive)

One: We believe in God, who made us in His image.

**All: We live, we love, we laugh,
because we are like Him.**

One: We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
our Lord and Savior.

**All: He had the last laugh on the devil when
He rose from the dead.**

One:: We believe in the Holy Spirit the Father
and the Son.

**All: Our counselor, our guide, our motivator –
He is our joy!**

One: Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world.

**All: Restore to us the joy of our salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gathering Song of Praise: Voices United #820
Make a Joyful Noise

Prayer of the Day

We Reflect on the Sacred Stories

A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart

Hymn of the Month: Voices United #716
My Life Flows On

*(The Choir will sing the first verse – you are then invited
to stand and sing all verses)*

Scripture Reader: Denise Wood

Scripture Reading: Genesis 21 1 -7

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

All: our ears and hearts are open.

First Reading: The Birth of Isaac

21 Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said,
and the Lord did for Sarah what he had
promised. ² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to
Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had
promised him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac^[a] to the
son Sarah bore him. ⁴ When his son Isaac was eight
days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God
commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years

old when his son Isaac was born to him.

⁶ Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and
everyone who hears about this will laugh with
me." ⁷ And she added, "Who would have said to
Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have
borne him a son in his old age."

Here ends the first reading.

Second Reading: Psalm 66: 1 – 9

¹ Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

² Sing the glory of his name;
make his praise glorious.

³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power
that your enemies cringe before you.

⁴ All the earth bows down to you;
they sing praise to you,
they sing the praises of your name."^[a]

⁵ Come and see what God has done,
his awesome deeds for mankind!

⁶ He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the waters on foot—
come, let us rejoice in him.

⁷ He rules forever by his power,
his eyes watch the nations—
let not the rebellious rise up against him.

⁸ Praise our God, all peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard;

⁹ he has preserved our lives
and kept our feet from slipping.

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: *In His Love* - Mark Patterson

Morning Message: Did you celebrate this week?

We Respond to God's Grace

Song of Assurance: Voices United #352

I Danced in the Morning

Prayers of Hope and Healing

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

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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:

Anchored in Every Season

Invitation to Offering We come before You with
thankful hearts, recognizing that every good gift
comes from You. As we bring our talents and
offerings today, we give not out of obligation, but
out of love and gratitude. Bless these gifts,
multiply them for the work of Your kingdom, and
use them to bring hope, healing, and light to the
world.

We give as able to spread God's Love with JOY!

The Offering is Received

Offertory Hymn: Voices United #537

Your work, O God, Needs Many Hands

Your work, O God, needs many hands

to help you everywhere,

and some there are who cannot serve

unless our gifts we share.

Words: Calvin Weiss Lauffer 1927, alt.

Music: from Virginia Harmony 1831,

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God Sends Us into the World To Be The Church

Song of Going Forth: Voices United #624

Give To Us Laughter (tune: Slane – Voices United #642)

Commissioning

Benediction

Choral Amen: All

Postlude: *Allegro - G.F. Handel*

(Prayers and Message taken and adapted Rev. Elisabeth L. Milford sermon April 8, 2018)

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.

Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning, Elaine Farley. Next Sunday April 19th, service will be at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 10:00am

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 Paul and to all those who are celebrating this week.

Happy Anniversary to Brian & Cecile

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

Offerings –April 2026

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