

# WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED CHURCH

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watch the service again, watch on YouTube.

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



***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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May 24, 2026  
Pentecost Sunday  
Tammy Fergusson LLWL



**We Gather as A Grateful People**

### Prelude:

**Welcome: Diane Hayward**

### Land Acknowledgment

One: Grace United Church takes seriously the commitments made to First Nations communities throughout 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

If Christ is in you, then the Spirit is your life  
... *Romans 8:10*

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rushing wind, dancing flames, languages of foreign tongues. The Holy Spirit comes to us to illuminate the shadowed places of our lives in searing radiance. May the Christ Candle today remind us of the very first Pentecost and may that splendour rekindle the light that can spark a Holy Wonder once again.

### Call to Worship *Psalm 104*

One: Great are the many works that God is making,  
Clothed with honour and majesty,  
Wrapped in light as with a garment,  
Stretching out into the heavens.

**All: God's Holy Spirit touches the earth,  
Onto the land and waters, great and wide,  
Onto creation that is innumerable to count.**

One: Let us sing to God as long as we live!

**All: Let us praise God for this abundant life!**

### Prayer of the Day *Celebrate God's Presence p. 204*

**Holy God,**

**We come to worship this morning**

**Brought together by your Spirit.**

**It is your Spirit who teaches us to pray**

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**And helps us to be your faithful ones.  
We ask now for the presence of your Holy Spirit:  
Come to us as wind and light,  
As bubbling laughter,  
As healing touch,  
Or as the still small voice of peace.**

**Gathering Hymn: Voices United #375  
*Spirit of Gentleness***

**Invitation to Confession**

It says in Psalm 32 that if we keep silent, our bodies may waste away "through my groaning all day long." Our worries, fears and mistakes can feel heavy, drying up our confidence and strength. Let us bring to God our burdens in prayer, confident and trusting in the Spirit of Grace.

**Prayer of Confession (*Responsive*)**

One: Generous God, you give us the gift of your Spirit, but we confess that we have not known how to use it.

**All: You send us the Spirit of courage,  
but we have been afraid.  
You send us the Spirit of truth,  
but we cling to our illusions.  
You send us the Spirit of healing,  
but we cannot let go of our hurts.**

One: Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again:

Shake our hearts, set our souls on fire  
with your love:  
Send us out into the world rejoicing  
in your power.

**All: We hold out to you all our particular burdens  
of guilt and shame,  
We ask for your help to live the way  
of your justice and love.**

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**Assurance of Forgiveness**

God's unfailing love sustains and upholds you;  
God will never let you go.  
Where the Spirit is, there is freedom.  
Receive God's forgiveness.  
Come alive in Christ!

**A Time for the Youth and Young At Heart**

*Moving Like The Wind* - Tammy Fergusson

**Youth and Young At Heart Prayer**

**Dear God,  
Thank you for God's Holy Spirit  
that we can find in nature.  
Stirring and coming into being within your Creation  
Thank you for God's Holy Spirit  
that we can feel in the wind  
Knowing that it is there without ever seeing it.  
This week we will pay attention to the sign**

## **of God's Spirit**

**As we experience God's word and music.**

**And may we feel your love as it stirs us**

**and gives us Spirit Bumps.**

**May it be so**

**Song of Illumination: More Voices #12**

***Come Touch Our Hearts***

**Scripture Reader: Barb Jenkins**

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story,

**All: Our ears and hearts are open.**

**Gospel Reading: Acts 2: 1-21**

**The Coming of the Holy Spirit**

**2** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

**3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

**5** Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' **8** And how is it that

we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

**9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power. '**12** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' **13** But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

**Peter Addresses the Crowd**

**14** But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. **15** Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. **16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

**17**

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

**18**

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

**19**

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

**20**

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

**21**

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**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:**

**Morning Message:** From Christ To You And Me  
...Tammy Fergusson

**We Respond to God's Grace**

**Hymn of Assurance:** Voices United #376  
*Spirit of the Living God*

**Prayers of Hope and Healing**

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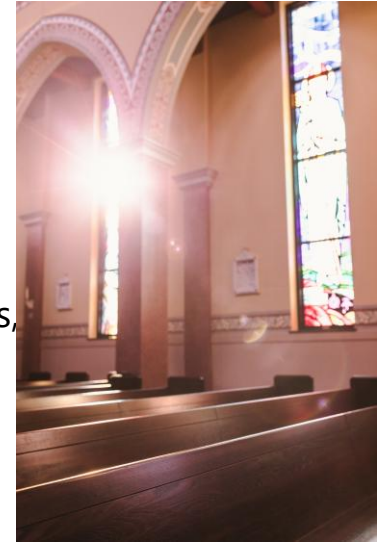
**The Lord's Prayer**

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: The Work of Compassion**

**Invitation to Offering**

**The Offering Will Now Be Received**

**Offertory Hymn Voices United #289**

***It Only Takes A Spark***

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing:  
that's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it:  
you spread God's love to everyone,  
you want to pass it on.**

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### **Offertory Prayer** (Responsive)

One: Creator God, we are so thankful for the gifts  
that you have given us.

For the constant connection that you  
provide us.

For the ongoing knowledge, wisdom  
and gifts that you bestow us.

For the promises that you have made  
and have never forgotten.

**All: And so we bring our gifts to you O God  
that they may become a blessing  
Come Holy Spirit, Come!**

### **God Sends Us Into The World To Be The Church**

### **Hymn of Going Forth: More Voices #142**

### ***O A Song Must Rise***

### **Commissioning**

Happy Birthday, Grace United!  
Let us follow where the Spirit leads,  
Carried on the wind  
Blazing in our hearts  
Rippling out into the world.



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### **Benediction**

On this anniversary of the birth of the church

This celebration of hope

This commemoration of a Spirit of redeeming love

Go out to be the peace, the justice and the truth

In Jesus Christ

### **Choral Amen**

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### **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.***

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### **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 Shirley & Alyn.**

**Happy Anniversary to Laurie & Gerard**

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

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## Offerings –May 2026

Date	Attend	General	M&S	Benev. (SGM)
May 3	31	\$ 1202.50	\$ 127.50	\$ 27.50
May 10	26	\$ 1377.50	\$ 187.50	\$ 27.50
May 17	46	\$ 1342.50	\$ 127.50	\$ 27.50
May 24				
May 31				
BMO				
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Thank you for your generosity.

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**Please join us for Birthday Cake and refreshments downstairs after the Worship Service today.**

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Thank you to Tammy Fergusson for preparing and leading our Worship service this Morning. Thank you to our supply Organist, Doug Gifford, who is filling in while Paul is on holiday. Next Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> is the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride Service, which will be led by Tammy Fergusson.

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***The Abrams Family  
Rescheduled – November 2026  
Date to be determined.***




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**Our next Concert is,  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm.**

***“Feelin Groovy”***

**A collection of Songs from  
*Simon and Garfunkel***

**With Cliff Edwards, Jamie Campbell,  
Scott Burns, Bob Arlidge  
& Paul Harding.**

**Tickets will be on Sale soon.**