

Connect with Grace

More special events, ongoing programs, Connect Card, and more can be found on our website: yakimagrace.com or on the Yakima Grace App.



YOU are invited to use your gifts in our community: Welcome Center, Tech Team, Grace Kids, Choir, Band, Bells, Prayer, & more! Scan the QR to get started.



We're collecting candy! Sign up to bring a car, a dessert for the cake walk, or volunteer at the event.



Join the Mission Ministry Team on Sun Oct 18. After each service you'll have a chance to learn more about the missions we support around the world.



Taco Tuesday is carpooling to the Corn Maze in Union Gap! Meet us at church by 6pm. Bring \$15 and a friend!

New to QR Codes? Give it a try!

1. Open the camera on your smartphone.
2. Point at the QR Code and hold your phone steady so the code fits on the screen.
3. Tap the message or link that appears to open. You do NOT need to take a picture.



Grace of Christ Church

To Love Jesus, Love our City, Together in Community - October 4, 2026



WELCOME TO GRACE!

Greetings Friends in Christ!

As we consider what becoming an embassy church means and how re-developing community happens, we need to think again about how unity and conformity work. The world loves to unite people who look, act, and think alike. It's efficient, it's affirming, it feels safe and comfortable. But for all the good things it does, it inevitably creates conflict. Paul believes that Jesus changes all this, that unity doesn't come through specific alignments, but through each person's connection to Jesus that enables people to be different and bring difference to a unified community. And all this comes through "sober judgment" that is enabled by God and not by conformity to the world.

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday, and it's fitting that we consider how Jesus, more than anything else in the world, is able to unify people in spite of significant cultural difference.

Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9am Contemporary Service

GraceKids & Youth Clubs will be dismissed from service to their classes.

11am Traditional Service

Activity bags for kids are available at the back of the Sanctuary.

Childcare is available during both services for kids 6 and under.

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Lead Pastor - Rev Dr Gregory Wagenfuhr

Kids & Families - Sarah Huck | Youth & Young Adults - Kara Candid

Becoming the Embassy One Body, Many Members

Romans 12:1-8 | Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr

STUDY QUESTIONS

- Introduction:** Conformity
Foundation 1: Worldly unity comes by conformity
Foundation 2: Sober judgment comes from God
Foundation 3: Unity in Christ makes us uniquely a community
Implications: We're all different in significant ways
Application: Reconciliation with one another requires sober judgment, not conformity

FOUNDATIONS (WHAT?)

1. The world's mode of unity works by submitting difference to more important sameness. What are some examples of unity-by-conformity you've seen in your life?
2. What would it mean for God's judgment to come from outside human social categories of belonging? How might you rethink your own sense of self, your own story, if it was being told by a narrator who didn't share your world?
3. How does being reconciled to Jesus create uniqueness and unity without sacrificing one or the other? How does that make "church" different to all other communities?

IMPLICATION (SO WHAT?)

4. How does Paul identify difference in the body of Christ? What does that mean for us?

APPLICATION (NOW WHAT?)

5. If reconciliation is about sober judgment about ourselves and living by God's narrative rather than those of our culture, how would a process of being reconciled to one another in Christ work?
6. Who could you swap stories with to hear sober judgment and work toward reconciliation?

PRAYER

Unity in Christ is a great mystery, a miracle. It's easy for people to believe that it's impossible and that we need to find unity through human commonalities. Let us pray that God would give us sober judgment, that we would know ourselves, our proclivities toward conformity to each other, and that we could see one another mediated through Jesus rather than the world. And from there, we can pray that God's people would unite in representing the oneness of Christ's body to a world of division and strife.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

All who believe in Jesus as Lord & Savior are invited to our communion table. Please come down the center aisle. Pastor is by the grand piano to offer communion or a blessing to those who have yet to accept Jesus as Lord. After the service if you would like to talk to someone about what believing in Jesus means, please connect with one of our worship leaders up front. We'd love to have that talk with you and answer your questions.

Upcoming & Announcements

UPCOMING MISSION GUESTS

Join us next Sunday, Oct 11 for a visit from Garth Gustafson, a missionary with YWAM in Battambang, Cambodia. He'll have a Meet & Greet between services, so stop by!

We'll celebrate Mission Sunday, Oct 18 with guest preacher Pete Williamson, the director of Swan Graphics, a ministry out of White Swan. We'll also have displays in the Garden Room after both services to learn more about the missionaries we support around the world.

SISTERS IN FAITH *NEW START TIME - 5PM*

We will begin our social time at 5pm and our class time at 5:30pm starting this Thursday, Oct 8. Whether you only come for one week or attend them all, you are welcome to join our sisterhood! This fall we are talking about hanging on, letting go, and finding peace.

PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Several of our families this year depend on financial assistance to send their child to our preschool. Consider giving a one-time or recurring donation, either online or in the offering box. Mark it "Preschool Scholarships." Thank you for helping a child attend preschool!

COOKIES FOR SUNDAY

If your last name starts with O-Z, please bring cookies to the Fireside Kitchen before the 9am or 11am service, or drop them off during the week to the main office.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

NEED WIFI?

Network: Guest Wifi PW: JesusLovesMe!

VISITING TODAY?



Follow the QR Code to find out more about what to expect on a Sunday morning and how to connect with our ministry.

GRACE ALIVE

Read the latest Grace Alive edition to learn who we are as the people God on the mission of God.



CONNECT CARD



We are glad you're here! Help us connect with you. Scan the code or fill out a card in the pew racks.

YAKIMA GRACE APP

Watch services online, submit a Connect Card, view event calendars, and stay connected with our Grace App:



OR



NEED PRAYER?

Our team is available after each service by the piano to pray and connect with you.

WAYS TO GIVE

Drop your offering in the offering plate or the secure box after the service.

Give safely on our website: Scan the QR or go to yakimagrace.com/give

