



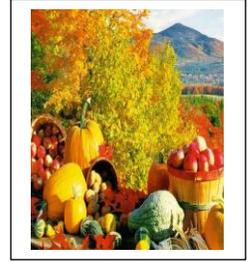
Gladwin Heights United Church

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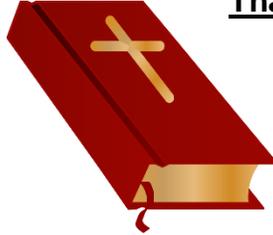
The Season of Creation, Year A: The Spirit Series (Year of Matthew)

This series concentrates on those texts where the Spirit is breathing life into creation, suffering with creation and renewing all creation.

OCTOBER LECTIONARY

River Sunday (October 4)

Genesis 8:20-22;9:12-17
Psalm 104:27-33
Revelation 22:1-5
Matthew 28:1-10



Thanksgiving Sunday (October 11)

Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Psalm 65
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Luke 17:11-19

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost (October 18)

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost (October 25)

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6,13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For years, Gladwin has been providing street entrenched women with Tuesday lunches at the Warm Zone (WZ), a safe drop-in center in Abbotsford. Now that the communal kitchen cannot be open due to COVID, we make bag lunches instead of big pots of soup and plates of sandwiches. WZ staff distribute our bagged lunches to women throughout our community or as women knock on the WZ door.

The need continues, and a new roster starts in October. Typically, we make 10 bag lunches with a sandwich, fruit, cookie and a drink. You are welcome to be creative with baked goods, yogurt, etc. Anything that can be individually distributed is perfect. We have had donations of cases of canned fruit and flats of drink boxes/water.

If you can help in any way, please contact Patricia Lockhart at 604-859-9679 for more details. Lunches can be picked up for delivery. Many thanks!



FALL FAIR LITE: Just a reminder that this Saturday September 26th from 10:00 till 12:00 we will be running a country kitchen/cookie/pie sale in conjunction with a Value Village clothing/soft goods drop off. Please pick up your pre-order goodies at this time. Orders can be paid for by cash or cheque.

VALUE VILLAGE DROP OFF: You may also drop off your greatly appreciated donations at this time. Thank you everybody for your support!

FLORENCE LINTS' GREAT-GRANDSON: Florence is really pleased to let everyone know that Liam finished all his chemo treatments in July and is considered cancer free at this time! He continues to be an incredibly happy child, inquisitive, loving books and talking continuously. His degree of immunity is slowly but steadily increasing! He is now 2 ½ years old!

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU! Thank you to all the cookie makers and pie bakers! A very special thank you to Gina for all the jams and jellies!

These baked goods have raised \$416.00 so far! A final balance will be announced later when the Value Village donations are included also. Yeah Team!

Minister's Message

You shall not pervert the justice due to your poor in their lawsuits. Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent and those in the right, for I will not acquit the guilty. You shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the officials, and subverts the cause of those who are in the right.

You shall not oppress a resident alien; you know the heart of an alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield; ¹but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, so that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the wild animals may eat. You shall do the same with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard.

- Leviticus 23:6-10

Siblings in Christ,

Soon it will be Thanksgiving Sunday. For centuries European Christians and their neighbours and descendants have celebrated God's bounty given from the land. This is in keeping with the practices of our ancestors in faith, which we will hear about in our scripture readings on the day. They were commanded to offer the first fruits of the harvest to God as evidence and thanksgiving of God's faithfulness to the promise of a fruitful land to call their own.

As we see in the passage above, this grateful memory was at the heart of the biblical tradition of justice through empathic understanding. As you were oppressed, so others are oppressed; as you were homeless, so others are homeless; as the bounty of the land is yours, so it theirs, because ultimately you, the land, and those in need all belong to God.

How fitting, therefore, that the United Church and others of faith are active in advocating for a Universal Basic Income: a basic amount paid to every Canadian to keep them out of poverty, is simple to administer compared to complex and patchwork benefits and subsidies for this and that, and can be taxed back from those too rich to be in need of it. I encourage you to join in this advocacy. Resources are available from me or the United Church website.

Is this political? Is it Christian to be political? Is the Bible political? Of course it is. The Exodus is the foundational story of the Jewish faith and part of our inheritance. Let us embrace gratitude and be led to justice.

Yours in Christ,

Tim

