



## ***Gladwin Heights United Church***

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### **March 2021**

**Minister:** Rev. Tim Bowman

**Music Director:** Rita Green

**Musician:** Jacob Greenan

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**Church Administrator:** Jeanette Chassie

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

**Chair** – Gayle LaPointe

**Secretary** – Gina Hartley

**Treasurer** – Muriel Thomas

**M & P Rep** – Sandi Dahm

**Pastoral Care & Outreach** – Arlene Kropp

**Property Inside** – Len & Carlene Stein

**Property Outside** – Daryl & Ellen Alstad

**Sunday Morning Coordinator** – Gladys Banks

**UCW President** – Carlene Stein

### **MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEES WITH ST. ANDREW'S**

**Joint Board:** Gayle LaPointe, Arlene Kropp, Gladys Banks

**Joint M & P:** Lois Chatham, Sandi Dahm

**Joint Worship:** Rita Green, Carlene Stein, Arlene Kropp

### **TRUSTEES**

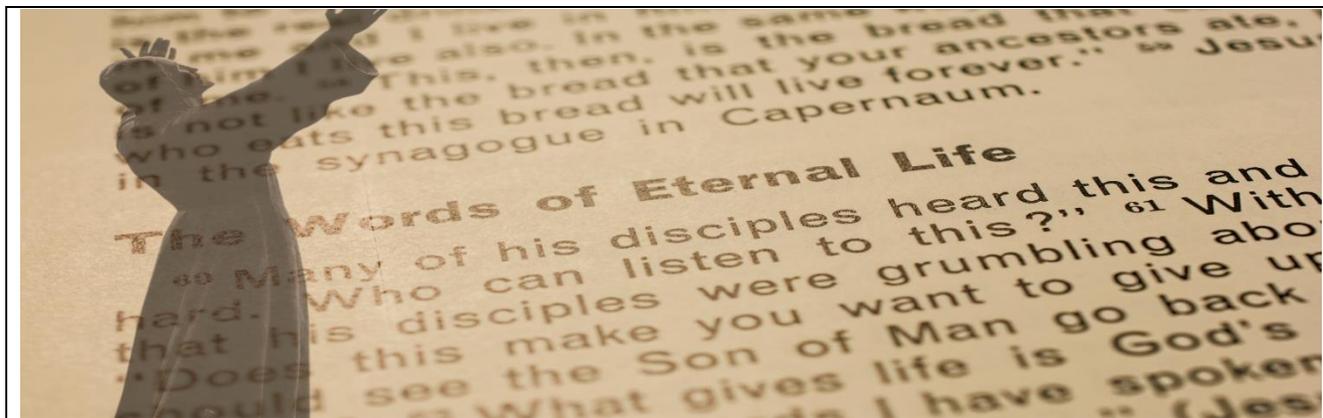
**Secretary** – Lois Gordon

Charles Bailey

Jan Green

Ross Gordon

## Epiphany, Year B:



### **March 2021 LECTINARY**

#### **Third Sunday in Lent – March 7, 2021**

- Exodus 20:1-17
- Psalm 19
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
- John 2:13-22

#### **Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 14, 2021**

- Numbers 21:4-9
- Psalm 107:1-3,17-22
- Ephesians 2:1-10
- John 3:14-21

#### **Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 21, 2021**

- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16
- Hebrews 5:5-10
- John 12:20-23

#### **Palm/Passion Sunday – March 28, 2021**

##### **Liturgy of the Palms**

- Psalm 118:1-2,19-29
- Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

##### **Liturgy of the Passion**

- Isaiah 50:4-9
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Mark 14:1-15, or Mark 15:1-39(40-47)

## Minister's Message

*But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.*

- 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Siblings in Christ,

I have heard it said that online meetings like seances: "Elizabeth, is that you?" "Make a noise, if you can hear us." "Is anyone with you?"

Zoom and other technologies make it possible to meet and to act almost as if we were in the same room. It can therefore be jarring when a technical glitch suddenly reminds us that we are not. If this is true for meetings, how much more so for worship services!

When Paul's detractors criticize him for the relative timidity of his Gospel message and mock him for his personal shortcomings, he defends the glory of God's good news and goes on to point out that his shortcomings as a messenger serve to highlight by contrast the glory of God. They also serve as a reminder that God, not Paul, is the sender of the message and the source of salvation.

Paul stresses that he himself is mortal and fallible: "death is at work in us, but life in you." As I age I am increasingly reminded and sometimes distressed at the temporary and fallible nature of my own body. I am sure you have the same experience with your health.

I hope, then, that when our technology fails us, it can serve as a reminder that the work of God depends ultimately on God, and not upon cameras, microphones, computers and telecommunications networks, nor upon their human operators. When the Internet is down, God remains. And when our bodies fail, may we be reminded that God is in our bodies and that God is more than our bodies, and that we participate in the reality of God regardless of physical circumstances. Goodness and salvation do not depend solely on our own efforts. There is a More to this life.

May this sense of participating in something bigger, something that at once dignifies and relativizes our lives and our problems, be your Lenten truth this season.

Yours in Christ,

Tim

## Announcements

### Earth Stewards:

The United Church Earth Stewards are planning another Zoom Tree Party. It will raise funds for planting trees as part of our effort to fight Climate Change.

The final date is yet to be chosen, but currently, we are thinking that it will be in May or June.

We amazed ourselves last year with how beautiful the party was...and plan to have another great evening.

### "A Message from your Treasurer"

I would like to thank those of you who are on PAR for your monthly contributions. Also a big thank you to those of you who send your contributions to me or drop them in my mailbox. (Muriel Thomas). Even if you are PAR, think about giving a little extra now and then. You are helping to keep our little church viable in this very trying time. Our Rental money is way down so whatever you can do to help, know that is greatly appreciated. Thank you so very much.

## **AGM AGM AGM**

It is time for Gladwin Heights Annual General Meeting. Please join us in our first AGM by Zoom! This meeting will be:

**SUNDAY MARCH 7TH @ 12pm VIA ZOOM**

The link is the same one we use for coffee time and is as follows:

Press Control and click on the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5410632113?pwd=eDhHL3ZUMkszcFARQzlyZ2lXbEExdz09>

Meeting ID: 541 063 2113 Password: 123

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