



Gladwin Heights United Church

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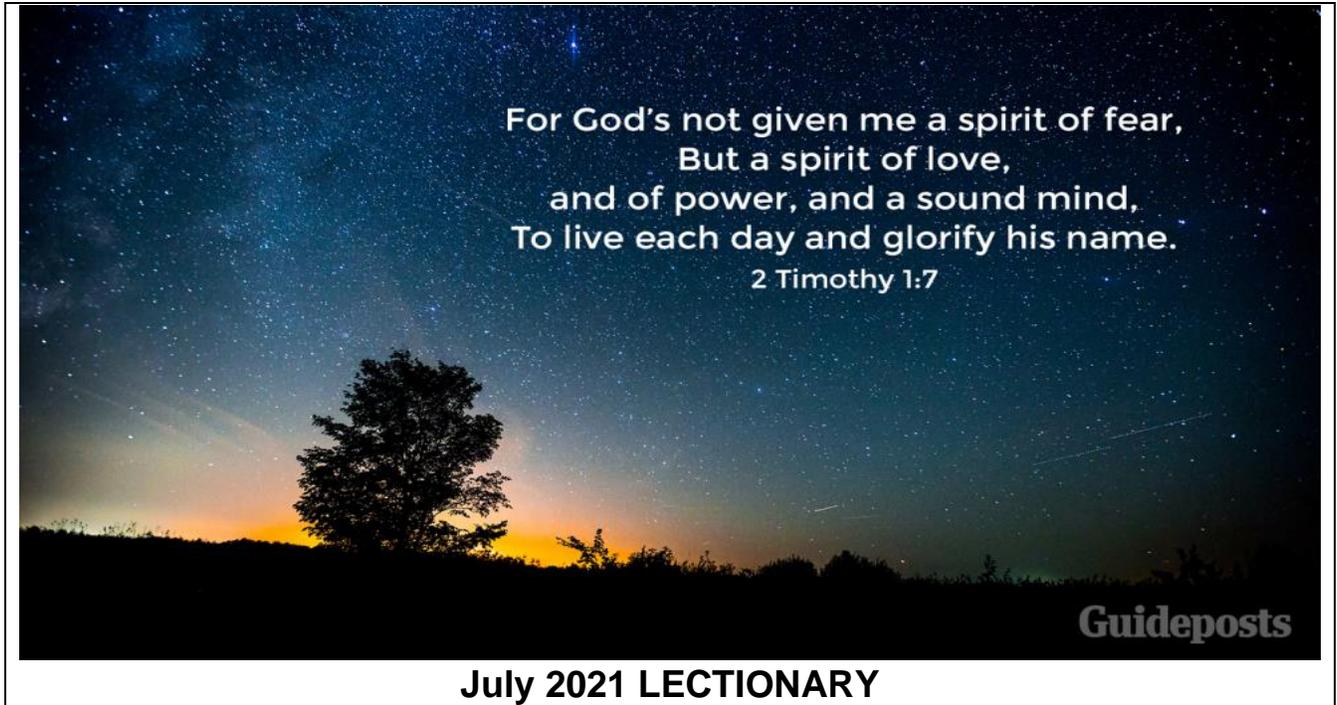
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Epiphany, Year B:



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – July 4, 2021

- 2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10
- Psalm 48
- Ezekiel 2:1-5
- Psalm 123
- 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
- Mark 6 1:13

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 11, 2021

- 2 Samuel 6 1:5,12b-19
- Psalm 24
- Amos 7:7-15
- Psalm 85:8-13
- Ephesians 1:3-14
- Mark 6:14-29

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – July 18, 2021

- 2 Samuel 7:1-14a
- Psalm 89:20-37
- Jeremiah 23:1-6
- Psalm 23
- Ephesians 2:11-22
- Mark 6:30-34,53-56

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – July 25, 2021

- 2 Samuel 11:1-15
- Psalm 14
- 2 Kings 4:42-44
- Psalm 145:10-18
- - Ephesians 3:14-21
- John 6:1-21

Minister's Message

*Where there is no prophecy, the people cast off restraint, but happy are those who keep the law.
- Proverbs 29:18 (NRSV)*

*Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
- Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)*

Siblings in Christ,

While the quotation from the New Revised Standard Version is closer to the literal meaning of the text, the King James' rendering of the passage is justifiable - and more quotable. The Hebrew word *para'* means to loosen; to uncover; to free from restraint. Or, less positively, to strip off clothing, ornamentation, and/or defenses. While certainly portraying a patronizing "father knows best" attitude, there is also some truth to the idea that without a central organizing vision, a group or nation tends to be directionless and ineffective (and, thus to perish, either literally or figuratively depending on the aggressiveness of neighbours).

This is the idea that I tried to communicate in my sermon on June 27: that the value of Canada Day is that it presents; celebrates; calls us back to a vision of Canada as a country of courage, compassion, and justice. This is the sort of vision that calls us to action, for example towards proper living standards for Indigenous people. It gives life.

In our Jewish and Christian context, the vision is God's vision, presented in Torah (law; instruction) in the Bible. When the people stray from this, prophetic voices like that of Amos, Hosea, Jesus, and Mary (Luke 2:46-55) call them back to God's Word.

Every five years, ministry personnel in the United Church of Canada are encouraged to take three months to rest; renew; and recharge. Beginning Monday, July 5 I will be on sabbatical for six weeks to take two summer school courses at the Vancouver School of Theology. I hope that this time, in pursuit of my Master of Theology degree, will help to reorient me to God's vision. This time away will help me to help you when I return, and provide the opportunity for you to experience and explore ministry in my absence.

On that note, the Rev. Michael Hare, whom most of you will already know, will be filling in for me on a part-time basis. Your Church Boards, pastoral care teams etc. are still available and in place. By the time of my return in mid-August we will be deep into planning and visioning for worship and ministry in a post-COVID era, and so I encourage you to treat this year-and-a-half, COVID-induced break as a kind of sabbatical: consider what we have learned about our ministry and about ourselves. What have we discovered is central to our Gospel-proclaiming life together, what is optional, and what is no longer life-giving? If (as indeed we are) we were to start all over again, how would we design worship? Local congregational life? Our life as a Cluster?

I welcome your vision; because without vision, the people perish.

Yours in Christ,

Tim

Announcements

Message from Jeanette

Hello Everyone, I hope this message finds you all well and staying safe in this heat! I just wanted to let everyone know if you need anything this summer while our Rev. Tim is on sabbatical please don't hesitate to contact me. My cell phone # is 1-604-799-5375. The office # is 604-892-3984 or the office email is info@gladwinheightsunitedchurch.ca If I can't help you I will always forward your message to Rev. Hare, who I'm sure will try to help you. Please don't worry about disturbing me outside of office hours because I always work outside of them and really don't mind.



Birthdays

Carol Nordstrom – July 6

Lillian Hildebrand July 9

Patricia Lockhart July 10



October 2, 2021. FUNdrive with Value Village

Calling on all Soft Goods!

We are collecting Soft Goods, which include any type of material such as clothing, footwear, belts, scarves, handbags, linens, towels, drapes and anything else you can think of. Items need to be CLEAN, but can be torn, frayed and stained for recycling, repurposed or for resale.

Please tell your family, friends and neighbours and let's keep these items out of our landfill!

Any questions, ask Ellen 604-853-9501

MINISTER'S SABBATICAL:

Hello friends, although I have alluded to my sabbatical in two Minister's Messages, I think it's better to overcommunicate on important matters; so, thanks for your patience.

United Church policies prescribe a three-month Sabbatical leave for ministry personnel for every 5 years of ministry in one call or appointment. Recalling that Jesus often took time away in silence and mediation, and recognizing that ministry often involves periods of busy activity without the time to reflect on one's practice of ministry, sabbatical time is meant to be equal parts study, spiritual retreat, and rest. While the minister benefits from this time away, congregations also have a chance to discover new facets of identity and self-reliance in the minister's absence.

I began ministry with Saint Andrew's United Church in 2010, and this Summer 2021 I am completing my 11th year with our combined pastoral charge.

After negotiating with our Pacific Mountain region and our local Boards and Ministry and Personnel members, we have agreed that I will split my sabbatical over two summers: July-August 2021 and July-August 2022. My first day away is Monday, July 5 and I will return Sunday, August 15.

This arrangement will enable me to complete two advanced-level graduate courses at the Vancouver School of Theology, towards my Master of Theology degree. I look forward to reporting on my experience when I return in August.

In my absence, the Rev. Michael Hare will be filling in on a part-time basis. Our Board members, our office administrator and others also continue to be available.

In order to stay out of their way, **I will not be responding to church-related emails and phone calls; neither will I stockpile emails to respond to when I return.** If the issue still needs my attention as of August 15, **please send a new email on or after August 15.** If this seems rude, please accept my apologies and understand that sifting through six weeks' worth of emails to discern which ones are still relevant will prevent me from engaging with new and urgent tasks such as preparing for post-COVID worship. Instead, please direct your communication to Rev. Hare, our administrator Jeanette, or Board members as applicable. I am inviting them to forward truly urgent matters to me.

Thank you for this opportunity,

Tim