

Gladwin Heights United Church

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The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost August 3, 2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

++ Please rise in body or spirit

MV = More Voices; VU = Voices United

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING:

God be with you.

And also with you.

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

We worship on the unceded territory of the Halq'eméylem-speaking peoples.

CANDLE LIGHTING:

We light the Christ Candle.

We light the Rainbow Candle.

WE WELCOME EACH OTHER AND WE CENTRE IN GOD:

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep. God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

And God saw that the light was good.

God separated the land from the water, and said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so.

And God saw that it was good.

God separated the light from the darkness.

And again, God saw that it was good.

And God brought forth swarms of living creatures, in the waters, and in the sky, and upon the earth. Then God said, "Let us make humans in our

image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish and over the birds and over the cattle and over all the wild animals. So God created human in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. And God said, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion.”

**God saw everything that he had made,
and indeed, it was very good.**

Children of God, God sees you, and you are very good.

Let us worship God, Mother of us all!

++HYMN: MV 27 – “Creator God, You Gave Us Life”

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD:

Holy One,

**You have called us children of God,
and that is who we seek to be.**

You give us your Word in scripture to guide our behaviour.

You tell us to love others, and to love ourselves.

Yet sometimes we find the two commandments in conflict.

**Seeking to honour your Word,
we find we must exclude people.**

Seeking to love people, we find we must discard your Word.

Give us wisdom, God.

[Silent Prayer]

AND WE ARE ACCEPTED:

God has given us the creative Word incarnate, Jesus Christ.

**Through prayer we receive the Holy Spirit,
who enables us to follow Jesus
in love and faith.**

WE RESPOND: MV 156 – “Dance with the Spirit”

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE: **Reader: Gina Hartley**

Genesis 2:1-8, 18-24

Psalm 8 [VU 732]

1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

++HYMN: VU 606 – “In Christ There Is No East or West”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

PASSING THE PEACE:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER VU 960

MISSION AND SERVICE STORIES

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

Let us present our offering to the work of God.

++OFFERTORY: MV 185 – “Ev’ry Day is a Day of Thanksgiving”

The offering is brought forward.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

You are wisdom in a world that has lost its way.

Take our gifts and use them.

You are life in a world in love with death.

Take our hearts and love them.

You are purpose in a searching world.

Take our lives, and bless them.

++HYMN: VU 601 – “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

++COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

EXTROIT: MV 219 - “Ameni”

END OF WORSHIP

BEGINNING OF SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY