

# Gladwin Heights United Church

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Season of Creation 1  
September 7, 2025

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

++ Please rise in body or spirit  
MV = More Voices; VU = Voices United;  
TLUS = Then Let Us Sing

### 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 WELCOME EACH OTHER AND WE CENTRE IN GOD:

Great Spirit, Creator of all life, we give you thanks for the world  
that we are part of this morning:

**friends and family,  
music and poetry,  
comfort and challenge,  
promise and hope.**

We give you thanks for the wonder of the earth:

**the warmth of the sun, the blessing of rain,  
the crunch of leaves beneath our feet.**

We remain in awe of the power of nature  
to change from sun to rain,  
from day to night,  
from summer to winter.

**We are humbled by the immensity of the universe  
and the distance from the light of a star to our planet,  
where we are held in wonder.**

Holy One, bless us this day with confidence  
that your presence in the cosmos is alive in us:  
in each cell; in each breath.

**Remind us that the stories of your people  
through the ages  
are part of the wonder we share.**

We ponder in our hearts the mystery of your love,  
which we know because you come to us in Jesus,  
even now, even here. Amen.

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++HYMN: "Sing for God's Glory"

#### WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD:

Holy One, Creator, Dreamer,  
we confess that our technologies and luxuries  
can isolate us from your world.

**We can forget that we also are created and dependent.  
We can forget that we are siblings to the plants, to the  
animals, to other human beings.**

Having forgotten, we can be callous; cruel; and thoughtless.

*[Silent Prayer]*

#### AND WE ARE ACCEPTED:

We give thanks therefore for the Christ,  
for your creative Word,  
through whom you knit the worlds together  
and through whom you are incarnated  
in Jesus of Nazareth and every human being.

**You cut across our boundaries of holy and profane,  
sacred and disposable,  
You shock us into memory  
of our fundamental connection to all that is.  
We thank you and praise you.**

**WE RESPOND:** TLUS 84 - "Heleluyan"

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**SCRIPTURE:** Gina Hartley

Ephesians 1:3-10

Psalms 104:24-30

Luke 5:1-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON:**

**++HYMN:** VU 229 – "God of the Sparrow"

## **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** TLUS 70 [*Sung*]

### **MISSION AND SERVICE STORIES**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:**

Let us present our offering to the work of God.

**++OFFERTORY:** VU 542 – "We Give You But Your Own"

We give you but your own,

whatever the gift may be.

All that we have is yours alone;

we give it gratefully.

*The offering is brought forward.*

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:**

We thank you now for your gifts, God.

**We thank you for time, for talent, for treasure -**

**all that enables us to live and to serve you.**

But most of all, we thank you for wonder:

the sense of awe that connects us

to the depth and width of your creation,

the sweep of your grand vision for us.

**Caught up in wonder, singing your story,**

**we offer our selves to you.**

**++HYMN:** "Blue Boat Home"

## **WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD**

### **++COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**EXTROIT:** From MV 145

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone,

standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Let the dreams we dream be larger,

than we've ever dreamed before;

let the dream of Christ be in us,

open every door.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

**END OF WORSHIP**

**BEGINNING OF SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY**