

Gladwin Heights United Church

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Truth and Reconciliation Sunday September 28, 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

One: Let us welcome each other into this circle of discipleship.

Left: We come with the wisdom of personal experience.

Right: And you are welcome here.

We come with the insights of family and cultural traditions.

Left: And you are welcome here.

All: We come to share the riches of our faith tradition. We come with joy. We come with humility. All are welcome here.

WE CENTRE IN GOD:

Today we wear orange
to remember and honour all the Indigenous children
who went to residential schools.

**Today we wear orange and we pray
for the residential school and intergenerational survivors
who are still struggling.**

Today we wear orange and we are thankful
for those who speak the truth,
and who work to shine a light on injustice.

**Today we wear orange in the name of compassion
and the spirit of truth and reconciliation.**

Help us, God, to remember and act on this this every day.

- “A Prayer for Orange Shirt Day,” united-church.ca.

++HYMN: MV 145 – “Draw the Circle Wide”

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD:

God of Justice,
God of Compassion,
God of Hagar and Ishmael,
God of neglected children,
our God,

On this Orange Shirt Sunday we acknowledge and repent of the
evils that our church inflicted in your name.

We took your children and put them in schools and tried to erase
their culture.

Some of us were not yet born, some of us can say we had no hand
in it, some of us come from other countries.

But all of us who claim and affirm your church and this nation,
inherit its sins.

[Silent Prayer]

AND WE ARE ACCEPTED:

God incarnate in Jesus,
the Cross affirms that sin has real costs
for human beings and human bodies.

Through your Spirit, the Cross affirms that sin is not the end, but the beginning of a journey of renewal, reconciliation, and restitution.

We give you thanks for new beginnings.

WE RESPOND: TLUS 84 - “Heleluyan”

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE: **Reader: Kate Jordan**

Proverbs 8:22-31 [First Nations Translation]

Psalms 148 [First Nations Translation]

John 6:41-51 [NRSVUE]

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

++HYMN: VU 690 – “From the Slave-Pens of the Delta”

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,
whate’er 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: VU 884 – “You Shall Go Out With Joy”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

++COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

EXTROIT: “For You, Deep Stillness”

END OF WORSHIP

BEGINNING OF SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY

Prayers in this worship service are taken from Celebrate God’s Presence.