

Gladwin Heights United Church

Season of Creation 5

St. Francis and Worldwide Communion Sunday

October 5, 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:

Early in the morning, when the world was young,

God made life in all its beauty and terror.

You, God, gave birth to all that we know.

Your glorious creation surrounds us.

**Puffy clouds, rushing streams, squirrels leaping across
golden grass, excited children playing together**

We witness an endless chronicle of life created by you, where there
had been nothing. You spoke and there was.

In awe and wonder, we worship you.

++HYMN: VU 409 – “Morning has Broken”

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD:

Still creating God, it gives us joy to contemplate the wonder of animals and plants, of fungi and microscopic creatures, as we discover how all of life is woven together.

And yet, we humans are in love with conquering and having for ourselves. Together, we are bringing Mother Nature to her knees.

Give us the grace to confess our collective sin.

[Silent Prayer]

AND WE ARE ACCEPTED:

God is the giver of life and enabler of new life.

God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

WE RESPOND: TLUS 84 - “Heleluyan”

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE: **Reader:**

Lamentations 1:1-6

Lamentations 3:19-26, with refrain [VU 831]

Luke 17:5-10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

++HYMN: VU 307 “Touch the Earth Lightly”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

PASSING THE PEACE:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

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”

The offering is brought forward.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

Giver of all that is good, you are our life’s companion.

You are bread for our journey and wine at day’s end.

For your enduring love, and all the good that we have received,
we say

Thank you!

++ THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

.....

who forever sing to the glory of your name: [MV 206]

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the One who comes,
who comes in God's name.
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty,

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Great is the mystery of faith: [MV 207]

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

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And we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. [MV 208]

Amen, Amen,

Amen, Amen!

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: “Come, to the Table of Grace”

++**HYMN:** “The World God Imagines”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

++**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

EXTROIT: From MV 145 “Draw the Circle Wide”

END OF WORSHIP

BEGINNING OF SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY