

# 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: Gina Hartley**

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,

.....

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

.....

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**

