

Gladwin Heights United Church

Please be aware that this service is broadcast live on Facebook at 9:30am

Thanksgiving Sunday October 12, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The flaming leaves of autumn are like the
fire of God's Spirit.

**All: The bounty of the fields is like the
fullness of God's love.**

One: Let us share the blessings of the land with the world.

**All: We worship in the name of God who has blessed us
unconditionally**

++HYMN: VU 820 – "Make a Joyful Noise"

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD:

Holy God, in earth, sea and sky, you are there; in everything we touch; in everyone we meet; your presence is 'round us, and we give you thanks.

You we have not touched, but trampled, in creation; you we have not met, but missed, in one another, you we have not received, but rejected, in the poor.

Forgive us. (*Iona Community*)

[Silent Prayer]

AND WE ARE ACCEPTED:

The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving and true, showing mercy, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon. Amen. (*Jewish*)

WE RESPOND: TLUS 84 - "Heleluyan"

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE: **Reader: Kate Jordan**

Deut. 26:1-11

Philippians 4:4-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: **Giving Thanks in all Circumstances**

++HYMN: VU 520 "We Plough the Fields"

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

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:

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 236 – “Now Thank We all Our God”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

++COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

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

END OF WORSHIP

BEGINNING OF SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY