# Gladwin Heights United Church

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

## Remembrance Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 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

Siblings in Christ, Jesus calls us to love one another.

Love does what God commands, and what God commands is love.

Let us gather to hear about love, to speak about love, and then go forth to live out love.

#### WE CENTRE IN GOD:

Jesus, come into our lives,

as a friend and not a king.

Teach us your ways of peace and love.

Remind us that we will not be condemned when we struggle.

You offer us direction in our living,

not rules or edicts to follow.

Help us to partner with creation,

and not try to govern it with an overpowering hand.

Jesus, we know you reign in our lives as a shepherd who gives gentle guidance without controlling us.

May this worship empower us to nurture the Christ within us all.

Written by Nathasha Pearen, gatheringworship.ca.

++HYMN: VU 345 – "Come, Children, Join to Sing"

#### WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD:

Loving God,

We thank you for bringing us together this Remembrance Sunday to recall with tenderness and respect

those who lost their lives in war.

We pray for all those still caught up in conflicts across the world.

We acknowledge our own confusion about war and how we might help to create an enduring peace.

Help us to meet with you in these moments of worship.

Make us ever mindful of your goodness toward us,
and strengthen us to be aware of the needs of others.

As we pray for peace, may it start with peace in our hearts.

[Silent Prayer]

#### AND WE ARE ACCEPTED:

God of the living and of the dead, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or by life,

Hear our prayers for all this day, and help us to live in love and service.

Amen.

Source: "Remembrance Sunday 2019," united-church.ca. Adapted.

WE RESPOND: MV 156 – "Dance With the Spirit"

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

#### TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

**SCRIPTURE:** Readers: Kate Jordan

Micah 4:1–5 John 15:9–17 MV 178 – "Who is My Mother"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **SERMON:**

++HYMN: "Let Our Vocation be Love"

## 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.

## A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM: "O Canada" [VU 524]

### **TELLING OUR FAMILY STORIES:**

We are a community, drawn together from many places. We briefly share the ways in which our families have been touched by war.

### POPPY PLACEMENT

#### **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.

We will remember them.

THE LAST POST

**SILENCE** 

REVEILLE

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

++COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

**EXTROIT:** "A New Commandment"

**END OF WORSHIP** 

#### **BEGINNING OF SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY**

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





