

# Gladwin Heights United Church

Grounded in Faith, Together in Love, Justice for All

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## Affirming Ceremony 2:00 pm October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Minister:** Rev. Tim Bowman  
**Music Director:** Rita Green  
**Musician:** Jacob Greenan

### WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

++ Please stand for hymns as you are able  
MV = More Voices; VU = Voices United

#### PRELUDE

#### GREETING:

God be with you.

#### And also with you.

We gather here today on the shared ancestral, traditional and unceded territory of the Matsqui and Sumas First Nations.

We gather here to celebrate our status as an Affirming congregation, and to reaffirm our commitment to continuing this journey.

#### Thanks be to God!

#### WE WELCOME EACH OTHER:

Welcome.

You belong here. Not because of where you were born, or how you look, or who you love, or how much money you make. Not despite those things, either.

#### These are all human-made lines, human-made borders, human-made barriers.

The only thing that matters is this: You are a child of God.

#### I am a child of God.

++**HYMN:** VU 395 – “Come In, Come In and Sit Down”  
*(words on insert)*

**CANDLE LIGHTING:** Carlene

Rev. Tim Bowman  
Helaina, Linda, Rev. Tracy,  
Dr. Martha, Patricia, Arlene

**AFFIRM DECLARATION:** Rev. David Cathcart, Affirm  
United Representative

**DUET:** “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”  
Max and Jerry

**PRAYER:** Rev. Tim Bowman

**ANTHEM:** “For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table”  
*After first verse and chorus, please stay seated  
and sing along! (words on insert)*

#### **GREETINGS and ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

Gayle and Patricia

++**HYMN:** MV 145 – “Draw the Circle Wide”  
*We will form a circle.  
(words on back of bulletin)*

#### **WE ARE SENT AND WE ARE BLESSED:**

Know this: you are loved. Wherever you come from, whatever you look like, whoever you love, you are loved.

**Whatever the time, wherever the place,  
we go forth in love.**

#### POSTLUDE

*Please join us for food and fellowship, downstairs!*