

Gladwin Heights United Church

Grounded in Faith, Together in Love, Justice for All

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The 26th Sunday After Pentecost
November 18th, 2018

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

++ Please rise in body or spirit
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.

THE LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WE WELCOME EACH OTHER AND WE CENTRE IN GOD:

Come to this sacred place to find God
in reverence and in awe.

We come ready to be inspired.

Come to this ordinary place to find God
in everyday life events.

We come ready to be surprised.

Come to this prayer-soaked place to find God
in each other.

We come ready to worship.

Written by Catherine Tovell. *Gathering*, Pentecost 2 2018. Used
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++HYMN: VU 220 - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD:

We come into your holy presence, O God,
seeking your blessing.

**We hold on to you fiercely, even in those times
when you seem absent or uncaring to us.**

Silent prayer

AND WE ARE ACCEPTED:

You come into our holy and unholy presence, O God,
bringing with you our re-creation and redemption.

**We hold you to your promises
because we are the people who bear the great
responsibility of being chosen,
and blessed, by you.**

You have given us a new name and a new identity!

We are changed forever! Thanks be! Amen.

Written by Diane Robinson. *Gathering*. Adapted.

RESPONSE: VU 230 - "Heaven is Singing for Joy" verse 1

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Reader – Lois

1 Samuel 1:4-20

1 Samuel 2:1-10 – "Song of Hannah" [VU 878]

Mark 13:1-8

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

++HYMN: MV 28 - "God of the Bible"

(Please remain standing following this hymn.)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

++PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We share our joys and our concerns.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung – VU 959)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY: VU 230 - "Heaven is Singing
for Joy" verse 2

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING:

Faith is turning to God in good times and in bad.

Faith is saying, "Thank, you God"

and faith is saying "Where are you, God?!"

**Whether laughing or crying, in joy or in despair,
in this offering we trust that God is at work in us,
our lives and our choices.**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

++HYMN: VU 643 - "Faith, While Trees are Still
in Blossom"

++WE ARE SENT AND WE ARE BLESSED:

We have come to the house of God.

**We now return to our houses,
to eat and drink,
to love our friends and family,
trusting that God goes with us.**

++EXTROIT: VU 230 - "Heaven is Singing
for Joy" verse 3

POSTLUDE

END OF WORSHIP

BEGINNING OF SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY