

Gladwin Height's United Church

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**The 23rd Sunday After Pentecost /
Transgender Remembrance
November 16th, 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,

We are called here by God, who has created and is creating,
who works in us and others by the Spirit,
to call forth new life, new beauty, new possibility.

Let us celebrate God's creativity. Let us worship God!

WE CENTRE IN GOD:

O God, whom no image can encompass, no definition
encircle, and yet who meets us in the gentle touch of love,
the beauty of a butterfly's wing, and the laughter of children,

help us to move beyond our attempts to limit You, intellectualize You, or to eliminate You from all that is earthy, sensuous, or vibrant.

**Help us to greet You in every particle
of this spectacular universe which You are creating.**

Amen.

Written by More Light Presbyterians Retreat & Mission Weekend, 2006. Adapted.

++HYMN: “For Everyone Born”

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD:

God full of mercy, bless the souls of all who are in our hearts on this Transgender Day of Remembrance.

**We call to mind today young and old, of every race, faith,
and gender experience, who have died by violence.**

We remember those who have died because they would not hide, or did not pass, or did pass, or stood too proud.

**Today we name them: the reluctant activist; the fiery
hurler of heels; the warrior for quiet truth; the one
whom no one really knew.**

As many as we can name, there are thousands more whom we cannot, and for whom no prayer may have been said.

**We mourn their senseless deaths, and give thanks for
their lives, for their teaching, and for the brief glow of
each holy flame.**

We pray for the strength to carry on their legacy of vision, bravery, and love.

And as we remember them, we remember with them the thousands more who have taken their own lives.

**We pray for resolve to root out the injustice, ignorance,
and cruelty that grow despair.**

And we pray, God, that all those who perpetrate hate and violence will speedily come to understand that Your creation has many faces, many genders, many holy expressions.

[Silent Prayer]

AND WE ARE ACCEPTED:

Blessed are they,
who have allowed their divine image to shine in the world.

Blessed is God, in Whom no light is extinguished.

- Written by Rabbi Reuben Zellman. Adapted.

WE RESPOND: “Fearfully, Wonderfully Made”

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE: **Reader: Rita Green**

Isaiah 65:17-25

Reading: “When I Was a Little Boy”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

++HYMN: “New Patterns of Loving”

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.**

++HYMN: “Sing a New World Into Being”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

++COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

EXTROIT: MV 221 - “We Are Walking a Path of Peace”

END OF WORSHIP

BEGINNING OF SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY



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