



GLADWIN HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH
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May Scripture readers

May 5 Nancy Ritchie
 May 12 Julia Rohan
 May 19 St. Andrew's
 May 26 Rita Green

Hymns for May 5, 2024

MV 42 – "Praise God for This Holy Ground"
 "Let Every Voice with Every Breath" (v1-3)
 MV 145 – "Draw the Circle Wide"
 MV 185 – "Ev'ry Day is a Day of Thanksgiving"
 VU 178 - "Because You Live, O Christ" - V2 and Refrain.
 VU 178 - "Because You Live, O Christ" - V1 and Refrain

Gladwin Heights is a member church of Affirm United

May 5, 2024

Monthly announcements



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Minister: Rev. Tim Bowman

Song Leader: Rita Green

Pianist: Jacob Greenan

Office Administrator: Angela Darychuk

We look forward to seeing you all this Sunday! Worship is at 9:30am. Coffee time follows service.

Facebook Service We broadcast the Service via Facebook Live, for those of you who are unable make it in person. Go to the Gladwin Heights Facebook Page

(<https://www.facebook.com/Gladwin-Heights-United-Church-699893126828536>) and look for the Service by date. Please note if you are unable make it at worship time you can view it anytime on Facebook.

Please Note

Broadview magazine subscription *It is time to renew or start your Broadview subscription. The rate is \$30 per year. Please let the office know if you would like to subscribe. Broadview is an independent Canadian magazine featuring award-winning coverage of **spirituality, justice and ethical living**. Through our compelling stories and engaging images, Broadview challenges and inspires readers seeking to live a purpose-filled life. **Please let the office know by May 31st***

Nametags We encourage to you to wear your name tags so our new comers can match a name to a face. Thanks!

NEW!: Volunteer hours please keep track of your gift of volunteer hours spent on Gladwin Heights. Please bring them in on the last Sunday of each month (starting in May), and Gayle will show you where to record them.

Happy Birthday

Barbara Showers May 6
 Jenny Mathews May 13
 Gina Hartley May 25

Minister's Message

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

- Luke 24:50-52.

Siblings in Christ,

The primary manner in which I have understood Christ's Ascension into Heaven is Jesus "getting out of the way" so that we can become mature Christians, sort of like a parent letting go of the bike as we begin riding on our own. But Matthew Burden has suggested a parallel with ancient Jewish practices ("Why Christ's Ascension is Essential," *Christianity Today*, May 25, 2022). After the ritual sacrifice on the Day of Atonement, the priest would bless the assembled congregation with upraised hands, and then enter the Tabernacle in clouds of incense to present the sacrifice to God.

The Christ who ascends is, then, the high priest who presents his work to God on our behalf. As the one who is eternally present in our lives and in our worship, it seems to me that the sacrifice which Jesus eternally presents to God is also our daily work and worship. Jesus continually presents us to God: all of our singing, all of our praying, all of our Board meetings and stressing over budgets, all of our childcare and our sleeping, all the moments of our lives.

If this sounds too much like a theology of Jesus Christ slain for our sins, then consider this: Jesus the Christ is Jesus of Nazareth, one of us. Just as the priest was chosen from among Israel, Jesus enters into God's presence from among us, and we are worthy to follow him.

You are holy; every day of your life is holy; you are worthy before God.

Yours in Christ, Tim

This week at Gladwin (May 3-11)

Soft Goods Collection for FunDrive Friday May 3, 2024, 3 to 5 pm. After preschool leaves.

GARAGE SALE! Saturday May 4, 2024, 9 to noon.

Books, household items, electronics, huge bake sale and much more!

Congregational Meeting Sunday May 5, 2024, at 10:30.

Please attend this important meeting regarding our finances.

Ministry planning meeting May 8, 2024 at 2pm. Please join us to discuss our future ministry plans. Everyone is invited. Snacks provided. (This meeting replaces the UCP meeting usually on this day)

Upcoming Happenings

Board meeting May 16, 2024 at 1 pm.

Pentecost Sunday Joint worship service at St. Andrew's May 19, 2024. Gladwin Heights will join Mission at 11:30 for worship and communion. **Reminder** – there will not be a worship service at Gladwin for this day.

Pentecost Lectio Divina All Saints Anglican Church invites us to Lectio Divina and a light lunch on May 19th at 1pm. Please RSVP by May 8th, so they may know how many to prepare for. RSVP to St. Andrew's office or mission.uc@shaw.ca

Office closed Thursday May 30 2024 Angela will be away May 30. Regular hours will resume June 6 2024.

Pacific Mountain Region AGM and Worship Service June 2 2024 Time 10:30 to noon. We will join the worship service with Pacific Mountain Region in person or by livestream. Details to follow. We will not have our regular worship service this day.

Lectionary for May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5

Acts 10:44–48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1–6
John 15:9–17

Day of Pentecost May 19

Acts 2:1–21
or Ezekiel 37:1–14
Psalm 104:24–34, 35b
Romans 8:22–27
or Acts 2:1–21
John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

Seventh Sunday of Easter May 12

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9–13
John 17:6–19

Trinity Sunday May 26

Isaiah 6:1–8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12–17
John 3:1–17

Cluster and more!

Cluster meeting date change: the meeting has been postponed to: **THURSDAY, MAY 9th AT 7:00 PM BY ZOOM** (not hybrid). Tim will send out Zoom invitations closer to the date. Please send any agenda items to the Rev. Tracy Fairfield.

Trinity Memorial United Church

UCW spring plant and bake sale 33737 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford, BC Date: Saturday May 4th 9:00 to 12 noon Featuring plants, baking, crafts & more.

ROMEO Retired Old Men Eating Out: Every second Friday, 7:15am at JoJo's Restaurant, Abbotsford. For more information, call Frank @604-852-8933

Messy Church Last Saturday of the month from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. 33737 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford.

St Andrew's United Church

Sing Out Choir Wednesdays 7-8:45 LGBTQ2SI+ choir for the Central Fraser Valley area. 33100 10th Avenue, Mission.

Regional Prayer Cycle for April 2024

<https://www.prayercycles.ca/>

Each Prayer Cycle invites Prayer each week for a Community of Faith in the Region. You are encouraged to name the community in your worship, to email a message indicating your prayer support, to pray for church personnel, and to include an ecumenical / interfaith focus.

May 5 [Penticton](#)

May 12 [Terrace: Knox](#)

May 19 [Canoe](#) (Trivia – this was Angela's grandmother's church 😊)

May 26 [One Hundred Mile House](#)

GLADWIN HEIGHTS IS A SCENT FREE ZONE

Please do not wear scented product in our building.

Church office Hours:

St. Andrews' office is open 9:00am – **3:00** pm, Wednesday
Gladwin Heights' office is open 9:00am – **3:00** pm, Thursday
Remote office hours for both Gladwin Heights and St Andrew's are Monday and Tuesday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Reverend Tim's office hours:

Rev. Tim works from home on Mondays, is present in the community on Tuesdays, in the office at Saint Andrew's on Wednesdays, and Gladwin Heights on Thursdays.
Hours are flexible but generally 9:30 to 5:00.
Reach Tim at 778-791-3545 or bowmantimothy@gmail.com.

Coming soon

Please let us know if you have contributions to include in our announcements.

Ways of giving to Gladwin Heights

Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) financial gifts are given by an automatic monthly debit from individuals' bank accounts.

Cash or Cheque to our weekly offering.

Contact our office to set up or change payment details.

Gladwin Height United Church

Board Members

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GIGANTIC GARAGE AND BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 4

9AM - 12

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HOUSEHOLD GOODS

ELECTRONICS

BOOKS, TOYS

TOOLS, GARDENING

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

