



**August 20, 2023
Sunday Gathering**

-PRELUDE-

*"In the Quiet Curve of Evening" - J. Howard
Brenda Gardiner*

-ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-

We acknowledge that the place where we are gathered today is the ancient and ancestral homeland of more than twenty Indigenous tribes. We mourn the loss of their lives, livelihoods, homes, and cultures, and acknowledge the legacy of violence against them.

We acknowledge that the space where we worship today was established and built by those whose Black ancestors were also abused and mistreated - some even bought and sold as enslaved people right here in our city.

We acknowledge the women who've faced unfair treatment and misogyny throughout the ages and we acknowledge those who identify as LGBTQ or other who've been mistreated and misunderstood.

We acknowledge our role and responsibility as professed followers of Christ to stand for and alongside all of these and others who have been and continue to be oppressed.

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"All Are Welcome"

LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE LOVE CAN DWELL
AND ALL CAN SAFELY LIVE,
A PLACE WHERE SAINTS AND CHILDREN TELL
HOW HEARTS LEARN TO FORGIVE.
BUILT OF HOPES AND DREAMS AND VISIONS,
ROCK OF FAITH AND VAULT OF GRACE,
HERE THE LOVE OF CHRIST SHALL END DIVISIONS;
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE WELCOME,
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

-WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-GREETING EACH OTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"All Are Welcome"

LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE HANDS WILL REACH
BEYOND THE WOOD AND STONE
TO HEAL AND STRENGTHEN, SERVE AND TEACH,
AND LIVE THE LOVE THEY'VE KNOWN.
HERE THE OUTCAST AND THE STRANGER
BEAR THE IMAGE OF GOD'S FACE;
LET US BRING AN END TO FEAR AND DANGER:
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE WELCOME,
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

-CALL TO WORSHIP-

God, we are grateful for you.
When life's things got hard and our hearts were heavy,
YOU OFFERED YOUR HAND.

When we were afraid and worried that we might not make it,
YOU EXTENDED YOUR HAND.

When we finally found the peace and rest and confidence we needed,
YOU WERE OUR HAND.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING
MY GREAT REDEEMER'S PRAISE,
THE GLORIES OF MY GOD ABOVE;
THE TRIUMPHS OF GOD'S GRACE.

MY GRACIOUS MAKER AND MY GOD,
ASSIST ME TO PROCLAIM
TO SPREAD THROUGH ALL THE EARTH ABROAD
THE HONORS OF YOUR NAME,
THE HONORS OF YOUR NAME.

JESUS! THE NAME THAT CHARMS OUR FEARS,
THAT BIDS OUR SORROW CEASE;
'TIS MUSIC IN THE SINNER'S EARS,
'TIS LIFE AND HEALTH AND PEACE,
'TIS LIFE AND HEALTH AND PEACE.

HE SPEAKS, AND LISTENING TO HIS VOICE,
NEW LIFE THE DEAD RECEIVE,
THE MOURNFUL BROKEN HEARTS REJOICE,
THE HUMBLE POOR BELIEVE,
THE HUMBLE POOR BELIEVE.

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MY GREAT REDEEMER'S PRAISE,
THE GLORIES OF MY GOD ABOVE;
THE TRIUMPHS OF GOD'S GRACE.
THE TRIUMPHS OF GOD'S GRACE.

-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Listen"

LISTEN TO THE SONG OF THE WIND.
LISTEN TO THE HOPE OF THE POOR.
LISTEN TO THE KNOCK AT THE DOOR.
LISTEN, GOD IS SINGING,
GOD IS SINGING.

-PASTORAL PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Listen"

LISTEN TO THE DREAMS IN THE NIGHT.
LISTEN TO THE CRY TO BE WHOLE.
LISTEN TO THE SIGH OF THE SOUL.
LISTEN, GOD IS SINGING,
GOD IS SINGING.

-SCRIPTURE-

Luke 6: 43-44a, 45 (CEB)

A good tree doesn't produce bad fruit, nor does a bad tree produce good fruit. Each tree is known by its own fruit.

A good person produces good from the good treasury of the inner self, while an evil person produces evil treasury of the inner self. The inner self overflows with words that are spoken.

-THE MESSAGE-

"For Real"

Kenny Bishop

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"The Open Table"

COME, OH COME, COME TO THE TABLE.
GATHER 'ROUND, COME WITHOUT FEAR.
KNOWN BY NAME HERE AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;
WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

CIRCLE 'ROUND, LET'S JOIN TOGETHER.
SHARE YOUR JOYS, AND BRING YOUR TEARS.

STRENGTH AND HOPE FOUND AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;
WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

GOD IS LOVE; LOVE IS CREATING
SOMETHING NEW, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.
WE'RE CHILDREN OF GOD, HERE AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;
WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

-COMMUNION-

"All Through the Night" - arr. S. Wilson

-OFFERING-

"Nearer, My God, To Thee" - arr. P. Hamm

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"We Are Called"

COME! LIVE IN THE LIGHT!
SHINE WITH THE JOY AND THE LOVE OF THE LORD!
WE ARE CALLED TO BE LIGHT FOR KIN-DOM,
TO LIVE IN THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF GOD.

WE ARE CALLED TO ACT WITH JUSTICE,
WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE TENDERLY,
WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER,
TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD!

COME! OPEN YOUR HEART!
SHOW YOUR MERCY TO ALL THOSE IN FEAR!
WE ARE CALLED TO BE HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS
SO ALL HATRED AND BLINDNESS WILL BE NO MORE!

WE ARE CALLED TO ACT WITH JUSTICE,
WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE TENDERLY,
WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER,
TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD!

SING! SING A NEW SONG!
SING OF THAT GREAT DAY WHEN ALL WILL BE ONE!
GOD WILL REIGN, AND WE'LL WALK WITH EACH OTHER
AS SISTERS, BROTHERS AND OTHERS UNITED IN LOVE.

WE ARE CALLED TO ACT WITH JUSTICE,
WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE TENDERLY,

WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER,
TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD!

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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