



**February 18, 2024**  
**Sunday Gathering**  
**The First Sunday of Lent**

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**-PRELUDE-**

*“Down to the River to Pray”*  
Timmy Smallwood

**-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-**

*“You Raise Me Up”*

WHEN I AM DOWN AND, OH MY SOUL, SO WEARY.  
WHEN TROUBLES COME AND MY HEART, BURDENED BE.  
THEN, I AM STILL AND WAIT HERE IN THE SILENCE,  
UNTIL YOU COME AND SIT AWHILE WITH ME.

YOU RAISE ME UP SO I CAN STAND ON MOUNTAINS,  
YOU RAISE ME UP TO WALK ON STORMY SEAS.  
I AM STRONG WHEN I AM ON YOUR SHOULDERS,  
YOU RAISE ME UP TO MORE THAN I CAN BE.

**-WELCOME-**

**-OPENING PRAYER-**

**-GREETING EACH OTHER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Child of Blessing Child of Promise"*

CHILD OF BLESSING, CHILD OF PROMISE,  
BAPTISED WITH THE SPIRIT'S SIGN:  
WITH THIS WATER GOD HAS SEALED YOU  
UNTO LOVE AND GRACE DIVINE.

CHILD OF LOVE, OUR LOVE'S EXPRESSION,  
LOVE'S CREATION, LOVED INDEED!  
FRESH FROM GOD, REFRESH OUR SPIRITS,  
INTO JOY AND LAUGHTER LEAD.

CHILD OF JOY, OUR DEEPEST TREASURE,  
GOD'S YOU ARE, FROM GOD YOU CAME;  
BACK TO GOD WE HUMBLY GIVE YOU,  
LIVE AS ONE WHO BEARS CHRIST'S NAME.

CHILD OF GOD, THE LOVING PARENT,  
LEARN TO KNOW WHOSE CHILD YOU ARE.  
GROW AND LAUGH AND SING AND WORSHIP,  
TRUST AND LOVE GOD MORE THAN ALL.

**-SCRIPTURE-**

Mark 1: 9-13

*About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"Coming Up"*

Pam Lee-Miller

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Change My Heart, O God"*

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,  
MAKE IT EVER TRUE;  
CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,  
MAY I BE LIKE YOU.

YOU ARE THE POTTER,  
I AM THE CLAY;  
MOLD ME AND MAKE ME,  
THIS IS WHAT I PRAY.

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,  
MAKE IT EVER TRUE;  
CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,  
MAY I BE LIKE YOU.

**-SHARING AROUND THE TABLE-**

**-COMMUNION-**

*"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"* – M. Cox

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Let My Prayer Rise Up"*

LET MY PRAYER RISE UP  
LIKE INCENSE BEFORE YOU,  
THE LIFTING UP OF MY HANDS  
AS AN OFFERING TO YOU.

**-PASTORAL PRAYER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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**-OFFERING-**

*"On eagle's Wings"* – M. Joncas

**-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-**

**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-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,  
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**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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