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-PRELUDE-

"Temptation" - C. Bell

Brenda Gardiner

-WELCOME-

-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-

"I Am Loved"

I AM LOVED, I AM LOVED.

I CAN RISK LOVING YOU.

FOR THE ONE WHO KNOWS ME BEST

LOVES ME MOST.

I AM LOVED, YOU ARE LOVED.

WON'T YOU PLEASE TAKE MY HAND?

WE ARE FREE TO LOVE EACH OTHER,

WE ARE LOVED.

-WELCOME-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

We come to this place as Holy Ones.
FOR GOD IS PRESENT, AND WHERE GOD IS IS HOLY.
We come lifting Holy Voices.
BECAUSE GOD IS PRESENT, AND WHERE GOD IS IS HOLY.
We come lifting Holy Hands.
YES, GOD IS PRESENT, AND WHERE GOD IS IS HOLY.
This is Holy Ground.

-PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"This is Holy Ground"

THIS IS HOLY GROUND
WE'RE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND.
FOR OUR GOD IS PRESENT,
AND WHERE GOD IS IS HOLY.
THIS IS HOLY GROUND
WE'RE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND.
FOR OUR GOD IS PRESENT,
AND WHERE GOD IS IS HOLY.

THESE ARE HOLY HANDS,
GOD'S GIVEN US HOLY HANDS.
FOR OUR GOD IS PRESENT,
AND WHERE GOD IS IS HOLY.
THESE ARE HOLY HANDS,
GOD'S GIVEN US HOLY HANDS.
FOR OUR GOD IS PRESENT,
AND WHERE GOD IS IS HOLY.

WE ARE HOLY ONES,
GOD MADE US HOLY ONES.
FOR OUR GOD IS PRESENT,
AND WHERE GOD IS IS HOLY.

WE ARE HOLY ONES,
GOD MADE US HOLY ONES.
FOR OUR GOD IS PRESENT,
AND WHERE GOD IS IS HOLY.

-JOYS & CONCERNS-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Gentle Shepherd"

GENTLE SHEPHERD, COME AND LEAD US,
FOR WE NEED YOU TO HELP US FIND OUR WAY.
GENTLE SHEPHERD, COME AND FEED US,
FOR WE NEED YOUR STRENGTH FROM DAY TO DAY.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WE CAN TURN TO
WHO CAN HELP US FACE ANOTHER DAY.
GENTLE SHEPHERD, COME AND LEAD US,
FOR WE NEED YOU TO HELP US FIND OUR WAY.

-PASTORAL PRAYER-

-SCRIPTURE-

Luke 4: 1-14 (CEB)

Jesus returned from the Jordan River full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. There he was tempted for forty days by the devil. He ate nothing during those days and afterward Jesus was starving. The devil said to him, "Since you are God's Son, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

Jesus replied, "It's written, 'People won't live only by bread.'"

Next the devil led him to a high place and showed him in a single instant all the kingdoms of the world. The devil said, "I will give you this whole domain and the glory of all these kingdoms. It's been entrusted to me and I can give it to anyone I want. Therefore, if you will worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered, "It's written, 'You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

The devil brought him into Jerusalem and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down from here; for it's written: He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone."

Jesus answered, "It's been said, Don't test the Lord your God."

After finishing every temptation, the devil departed from him until the next opportunity.

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside.

-THE MESSAGE-

"A Lenten Journey"

Elder Deb Core

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"In Remembrance of Me"

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME EAT THIS BREAD.
IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME DRINK THIS WINE.
IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME PRAY FOR THE TIME
WHEN GOD'S OWN WILL IS DONE.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME SEARCH FOR TRUTH
IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME ALWAYS LOVE
IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME DON'T LOOK ABOVE
BUT IN YOUR HEART LOOK FOR GOD.

-COMMUNION-

"Surely the Presence" - L. Wolfe

Brenda Gardiner

-OFFERING-

"Just As I Am" – arr. P. Hamm

Brenda Gardiner

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"The Doxology"

GOD BLESSES US SO WE CAN GIVE;
WITH ONE ANOTHER WE SHOULD LIVE.
GOD BLESSES US WITH EACH NEW DAY.
GOD'S VISION GUIDES AND LEADS OUR WAY.
AMEN.

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"In This Very Room"

IN THIS VERY ROOM,
THERE'S QUITE ENOUGH LOVE FOR ALL OF US.
AND IN THIS VERY ROOM,
THERE'S QUITE ENOUGH JOY FOR ALL OF US.
THERE'S QUITE ENOUGH HOPE,
AND QUITE ENOUGH POWER
TO HELP US FACE ALL OUR GLOOM.
FOR JESUS, YES JESUS
IS IN THIS VERY ROOM.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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AND QUITE ENOUGH POWER
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