



January 15, 2023

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-PRELUDE-

"In Christ Alone" – arr. M. Hayes

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 Dream of a Church"

I DREAM OF A CHURCH WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME,

I DREAM OF A PLACE WE ALL CAN CALL HOME.

I DREAM OF A WORLD WHERE JUSTICE IS FLOWING,

WITH HOPE AND PEACE GROWING,

WHERE GOD'S WILL IS DONE.

MAKE IT SO, MAKE IT SO,
WE PRAY FOR THAT DAY, MAKE IT SO.

WE DREAM OF A WORLD
WHERE LOVE REIGNS AMONG US

AND YOUR WILL IS DONE,

O GOD, MAKE IT SO!

-WELCOME-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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O GOD, FILL OUR HEARTS TO REACH OUT IN WELCOME,
MAKE US TO SEE YOUR VISION ONCE MORE.

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

When life's things got hard and our hearts were heavy,
YOU OFFERED YOUR HAND.

When we were afraid and worried that we might go under,
YOU EXTENDED YOUR HAND.

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

-PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"How Can I Keep From Singing"

MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG,
ABOVE EARTH'S LAMENTATION.
I CATCH THE SWEET, THOUGH FAR-OFF HYMN
THAT HAILS A NEW CREATION.

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING c

NO STORM CAN SHAKE MY INMOST CALM
WHILE TO THAT ROCK I'M CLINGING.
SINCE LOVE IS LORD OF HEAV'N AND EARTH,
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?

THROUGH ALL THE TUMULT AND THE STRIFE,
I HEAR THAT MUSIC RINGING.
IT FINDS AN ECHO IN MY SOUL.
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?

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WHILE TO THAT ROCK I'M CLINGING.
SINCE LOVE IS LORD OF HEAV'N AND EARTH,
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THE PEACE GOD GIVES MAKES FRESH MY HEART,
A FOUNTAIN EVER SPRINGING!
GOD'S LOVE IS MINE SINCE I AM GOD'S!
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-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.
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-SCRIPTURE-

Matthew 14: 22-32 (CEB)

...Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" They were so frightened they screamed.

Just then Jesus spoke to them, "Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid." Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water." And Jesus said, "Come."

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, "Lord, rescue me!"

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, "You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?" When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

-THE MESSAGE-

"Take My Hand"

Kenny Bishop

-SPECIAL MUSIC-

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Kenny Bishop

-COMMUNION-

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" - arr. M. Hayes

Brenda Gardiner

-OFFERING-

"Be Thou My Vision" – 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-

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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