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-PRELUDE-

"Surely the Presence" - L. Wolfe

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-

"Welcome"

LET'S WALK TOGETHER FOR A WHILE
AND ASK WHERE WE BEGIN
TO BUILD A WORLD WHERE LOVE CAN GROW
AND HOPE CAN ENTER IN,
TO BE THE HANDS OF HEALING
AND TO PLANT THE SEED OF PEACE,

SINGING WELCOME,
WELCOME TO THIS PLACE.
YOU'RE INVITED
TO COME AND KNOW GOD'S GRACE.
ALL ARE WELCOME,
THE LOVE OF GOD TO SHARE.
'CAUSE ALL OF US ARE WELCOME HERE;
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

-WELCOME-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Welcome"

LET'S TALK TOGETHER OF A TIME
WHEN WE WILL SHARE A FEAST,
WHERE PRIDE AND POWER KNEEL TO SERVE
THE LONELY AND THE LEAST,
AND JOY WILL SET THE TABLE
AS WE JOIN OUR HANDS TO PRAY,

SINGING WELCOME,
WELCOME TO THIS PLACE.
YOU'RE INVITED
TO COME AND KNOW GOD'S GRACE.
ALL ARE WELCOME,
THE LOVE OF GOD TO SHARE.
'CAUSE ALL OF US ARE WELCOME HERE;
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

-CALL TO WORSHIP-

Thank you, God, for this wonderful community of friends.
WE ARE BLESSED TO WALK ALONGSIDE ONE ANOTHER.

Thank you for the support and encouragement
we are able to bring to each other.
HELP US TO BE AWARE AND SENSITIVE
TO ONE ANOTHER'S NEEDS.

We are grateful that we do not have to live life alone.
DRAW US TOGETHER IN DEEPER COMMUNITY
AND IN GREATER UNITY WITH YOU.

-PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"You Are Mine"

I WILL COME TO YOU IN THE SILENCE,
I WILL LIFT YOU FROM ALL YOUR FEAR.
YOU WILL HEAR MY VOICE,
I CLAIM YOU AS MY CHOICE.
BE STILL AND KNOW I AM HERE.

I AM HOPE FOR ALL WHO ARE HOPELESS,
I AM EYES FOR ALL WHO LONG TO SEE.
IN THE SHADOWS OF THE NIGHT,
I WILL BE YOUR LIGHT.
COME AND REST IN ME.

DO NOT BE AFRAID, I AM WITH YOU.
I HAVE CALLED YOU EACH BY NAME.
COME AND FOLLOW ME,
I WILL BRING YOU HOME;
I LOVE YOU AND YOU ARE MINE.

I AM STRENGTH FOR ALL THE DESPAIRING,
HEALING FOR THE ONES WHO DWELL IN SHAME.
ALL THE BLIND WILL SEE,
THE LAME WILL ALL RUN FREE,
AND ALL WILL KNOW MY NAME.

I AM THE WORD THAT LEADS ALL TO FREEDOM,
I AM THE PEACE THE WORLD CANNOT GIVE.
I WILL CALL YOUR NAME,
EMBRACING ALL YOUR PAIN.
STAND UP, NOW WALK, AND LIVE.

DO NOT BE AFRAID, I AM WITH YOU.
I HAVE CALLED YOU EACH BY NAME.
COME AND FOLLOW ME,
I WILL BRING YOU HOME;
I LOVE YOU AND YOU ARE MINE.

-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-

John 15: 12-15 (CEB)

This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you.

-THE MESSAGE-

"Friend"

Kenny Bishop

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"For Everyone Born"

FOR EVERYONE BORN, A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
FOR EVERYONE BORN, CLEAN WATER AND BREAD,
A SHELTER, A SPACE, A SAFE PLACE FOR GROWING,
FOR EVERYONE BORN, A STAR OVERHEAD.

FOR YOUNG AND FOR OLD, A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
ALL GENDERS AND ROLES A PART OF THE SONG,
WITH WISDOM AND GRACE, DIVIDING THE POWER,
FOR EVERYONE BORN, THE RIGHT TO BELONG.

AND GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE
AND JOY, COMPASSION AND PEACE:
YES, GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
JUSTICE AND JOY!

-COMMUNION-

"Lord, I Need You" - M. Hayes

Brenda Gardiner

-OFFERING-

"God Will Take Care of You" – arr. P. Keveren

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-

"I Have Found a Friend in Jesus"

I HAVE FOUND A FRIEND IN JESUS,
HE'S EVERYTHING TO ME,
HE'S THE FAIREST OF TEN THOUSAND TO MY SOUL;
HE'S THE LILY OF THE VALLEY,
IN HIM I NOW CAN SEE
ALL THE THINGS I NEED TO CLEANSE AND MAKE ME WHOLE.

IN SORROW HE'S MY COMFORT,
IN TROUBLE HE'S MY STAY,
HE TELLS ME ALL MY CARES ON HIM TO ROLL;
HE'S THE LILY OF THE VALLEY,
THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR,
HE'S THE GREATEST OF TEN THOUSAND TO MY SOUL.

HE WILL NEVER, NEVER LEAVE ME
NOR YET FORSAKE ME HERE,
AS I LIVE BY FAITH AND DO HIS BLESSED WILL;
HIS WALL OF LOVE ABOUT ME,
I'LL HOLD HIS PRESENCE NEAR,
HE'S THE JOY I SHARE AND HOPE THAT ALWAYS FILLS.

IN SORROW HE'S MY COMFORT,
IN TROUBLE HE'S MY STAY,
HE TELLS ME ALL MY CARES ON HIM TO ROLL;
HE'S THE LILY OF THE VALLEY,
THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR,
HE'S THE GREATEST OF TEN THOUSAND TO MY SOUL.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-POSTLUDE-

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