



**January 28, 2024  
Sunday Gathering**

**-PRELUDE-**

*“Deep River” – arr. S. Eithun  
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-**

*“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 SEEDS 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-**

**-GREETING EACH OTHER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

From the dust of the earth, the Holy One breathed us into life.  
THROUGH THE BREATH OF GOD WE ARE ALL CONNECTED.

Shaped in the Divine image,  
formed with a purpose:  
TO CREATE,  
TO SERVE,  
TO TEND,  
TO PROTECT,  
TO LOVE.

That life may flourish in all its forms,  
MAY THE SPIRIT TRANSFORM US AS WE WORSHIP!

**-OPENING PRAYER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Gather Us In"*

HERE IN THIS PLACE, THE NEW LIGHT IS STREAMING,  
SHADOWS OF DOUBT ARE VANISHED AWAY.  
SEE IN THIS SPACE OUR FEARS AND OUR DREAMINGS,  
BROUGHT TO YOU HERE IN THE LIGHT OF THIS DAY.

GATHER US IN, THE LOST AND FORSAKEN;  
GATHER US IN; OUR SPIRITS INFLAME.  
CALL TO US NOW AND WE SHALL AWAKEN;  
WE SHALL ARISE AT THE SOUND OF YOUR NAME.

HERE WE RECEIVE NEW LIFE IN THE WATERS;  
HERE WE RECEIVE THE BREAD OF NEW BIRTH;  
HERE YOU SHALL CALL YOUR CHILDREN TOGETHER,  
CALL US ANEW TO BE SALT OF THE EARTH.

GIVE US TO DRINK THE WINE OF COMPASSION,  
GIVE US TO EAT THE BREAD THAT IS YOU;  
NOURISH US WELL, AND TEACH US TO FASHION  
LIVES THAT ARE HOLY AND HEARTS THAT ARE TRUE.

NOT JUST IN BUILDINGS, SMALL AND CONFINING,  
NOT IN SOME HEAVEN, LIGHT YEARS AWAY,  
HERE IN THIS PLACE THE NEW LIGHT IS SHINING;  
NOW IS GOD PRESENT, AND NOW IS THE DAY.

GATHER US IN AND HOLD US FOREVER;  
GATHER US IN AND MAKE US YOUR OWN;  
GATHER US IN, ALL PEOPLES TOGETHER,  
FIRE OF LOVE IN OUR FLESH AND OUR BONES.

**-SCRIPTURE-**

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10 (CEB)

*Two are better than one because they have a good return for their hard work. If either should fall, one can pick up the other. But how miserable are those who fall and don't have a companion to help them up!*

Hebrews 10: 24-25 (CEB)

*And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"Together"*

Pam Lee-Miller

**-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,

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

**-SHARING AROUND THE TABLE-**

**-COMMUNION-**

*"Lord, I Need You"* – arr. M. Hayes

**-OFFERING-**

*"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"* – arr. M. Hayes

**-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-**

**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**-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.

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TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD!

**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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