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-PRELUDE-

"Christ, Be Our Light" – 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-

"I Dream of a Church"

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

LET'S DREAM OF A WORLD
WHERE OUR HANDS ARE YOUR HANDS,
WE OFFER OURSELVES,
O GOD, MAKE IT SO.

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!

-CALL TO WORSHIP-

They followed a star;
THE LIGHT GUIDED THEM,
SURROUNDED THEM, FILLED THEM.

Their hearts yearned for revelation;
EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE PEOPLE OF GREAT LEARNING,
THEIR HEARTS CRIED OUT FOR WISDOM
AND THE ABILITY TO TRULY LOVE.

They came upon a barn filled with animals and a young family;
FATHER AND MOTHER, SHEPHERDS AND SKIES
WERE FILLED WITH LIGHT AND AN EPIPHANY
THAT THE CHILD OF LIGHT IN HIS MOTHER'S ARMS
WAS THE ONE AWAITED, GOD LOVE INDEED.

Because we have opened ourselves to the Most Holy of Lights,
we will continue to follow the example of love
to those who have been injured by the harshness of life;
THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF OURS,
WE HAVE TO LET IT SHINE!

-PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Arise, Your Light Is Come"

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!
THE SPIRIT'S CALL OBEY;

SHOW FORTH THE GLORY OF YOUR GOD
WHICH SHINES ON YOU TODAY!

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!
FLING WIDE THE PRISON DOOR;
PROCLAIM THE CAPTIVE'S LIBERTY,
GOOD TIDINGS TO THE POOR.

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!
ALL YOU IN SORROW BORN,
BIND UP THE BROKEN- HEARTED ONES
AND COMFORT THOSE WHO MOURN.

ARISE YOUR LIGHT IS COME!
THE MOUNTAINS BURST IN SONG!
RISE UP LIKE EAGLES ON THE WING;
GOD'S POWER WILL MAKE US STRONG.

-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-

Isaiah 60: 1-2 (Living Bible Translation)

Arise, my people! Let your light shine for all the nations to see! For the glory of the Lord is streaming from you. Darkness as black as night shall cover all the peoples of the earth, but the glory of the Lord will shine from you.

-THE MESSAGE-

"Shine On, BUCC! Shine On!"

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.

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-

"One Candle is Lit" – W. Kirkpatrick

Brenda Gardiner

-OFFERING-

"This Little Light of Mine" – arr. B. Sowash

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-

"Jesus, The Light Of The World"

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING.
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING,
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

WALK IN THE LIGHT, BEAUTIFUL LIGHT.
COME WHERE THE DEWDROPS OF MERCY SHINE BRIGHT.
SHINE ALL AROUND US BY DAY AND BY NIGHT.
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

JOYFUL, ALL YOU NATIONS, RISE.
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
JOIN THE TRIUMPH OF THE SKIES.
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

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JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

CHRIST, BY HIGHEST HEAV'N ADORED.
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
CHRIST, THE EVERLASTING LORD,
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

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JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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