



July 16, 2023
Sunday Gathering

-PRELUDE-

"Waltz #5" - J. Brahms
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 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 EACH OTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Welcome"

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

This morning we gather in the presence of God;
WE GATHER IN THIS PLACE AS GOD'S BELOVED PEOPLE.

This morning we sing in the presence of God;
WE LIFT OUR VOICES AS GOD'S BELOVED SINGERS.

This morning we pray in the presence of God;
WE TRUST AND BELIEVE AS GOD'S BELOVED FAITHFUL.

This morning we gather in the presence of God.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"The Summons"

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME
IF I BUT CALL YOUR NAME?
WILL YOU GO WHERE YOU DON'T KNOW
AND NEVER BE THE SAME?
WILL YOU LET MY LOVE BE SHOWN?
WILL YOU LET MY NAME BE KNOWN?
WILL YOU LET MY LIFE BE GROWN IN YOU,
AND YOU IN ME?

WILL YOU LET THE BLINDED SEE
IF I BUT CALL YOUR NAME?
WILL YOU SET THE PRISONERS FREE
AND NEVER BE THE SAME?
WILL YOU KISS THE LEPER CLEAN,
AND DO SUCH AS THIS UNSEEN?
AND ADMIT TO WHAT I MEAN IN YOU,
AND YOU IN ME?

WILL YOU LOVE THE "YOU" YOU HIDE
IF I BUT CALL YOUR NAME?
WILL YOU QUELL THE FEAR INSIDE
AND NEVER BE THE SAME?
WILL YOU USE THE FAITH YOU'VE FOUND
TO RESHAPE THE WORLD AROUND
THROUGH MY SIGHT AND TOUCH AND SOUND IN YOU,
AND YOU IN ME?

LORD, YOUR SUMMONS ECHOES TRUE
WHEN YOU BUT CALL MY NAME.
LET ME TURN AND FOLLOW YOU
AND NEVER BE THE SAME.
IN YOUR COMPANY I'LL GO,
WHERE YOUR LOVE AND FOOTSTEPS SHOW,
THUS I'LL MOVE AND LIVE AND GROW IN YOU,
AND YOU IN ME.

-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"
COME AND FIND THE QUIET CENTER
IN THE CROWDED LIFE WE LEAD.
FIND THE ROOM FOR HOPE TO ENTER,
FIND THE FRAME WHERE WE ARE FREED:
CLEAR THE CHAOS AND THE CLUTTER,
CLEAR OUR EYES THAT WE CAN SEE
ALL THE THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER,
BE AT PEACE AND SIMPLY BE.

-PASTORAL PRAYER-

-SCRIPTURE-

John 13: 34-35 (NIV)

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

-THE MESSAGE-

"Loving 'Till the End"
Pam Stevenson

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come to the Table of Grace"
COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE.
COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE.
THIS IS GOD'S TABLE,

IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE.
COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.
COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.
THIS IS GOD'S TABLE,
IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE.
COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY.
COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY.
THIS IS GOD'S TABLE,
IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE.
COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY.

-COMMUNION-

"There's Something About That Name" - arr. S. Wilson

-OFFERING-

"Christ, Be Our Light" - arr. M. Hayes

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-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.

WE ARE CALLED TO ACT WITH JUSTICE,
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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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