



July 23, 2023
Sunday Gathering

-PRELUDE-

"Lord, I Want to Be A Christian" - 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-

"All Are Welcome"

LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE LOVE CAN DWELL
AND ALL CAN SAFELY LIVE,
A PLACE WHERE SAINTS AND CHILDREN TELL
HOW HEARTS LEARN TO FORGIVE.
BUILT OF HOPES AND DREAMS AND VISIONS,
ROCK OF FAITH AND VAULT OF GRACE,
HERE THE LOVE OF CHRIST SHALL END DIVISIONS;
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE WELCOME,
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

-WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-GREETING EACH OTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"All Are Welcome"

LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE HANDS WILL REACH
BEYOND THE WOOD AND STONE
TO HEAL AND STRENGTHEN, SERVE AND TEACH,
AND LIVE THE LOVE THEY'VE KNOWN.
HERE THE OUTCAST AND THE STRANGER
BEAR THE IMAGE OF GOD'S FACE;
LET US BRING AN END TO FEAR AND DANGER:
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE WELCOME,
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.

-OPENING 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.

-SHARING 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 4: 4-7, 9-16 (KBV)

Jesus was going through Samaria and came to where Jacob's well was. It was about noon, which meant it was starting to get hot, so he stopped at the well to rest. He was thirsty but didn't have anything to draw water with, so when a Samaritan woman came to the well to get some water for herself, Jesus asked if she'd give him some water.

"Aren't you a Jewish man?" she asked, "I thought Jewish men didn't ask Samaritan women for things." (That's important to know because Jews and Samaritans did not associate with each other.)

Jesus replied, "Well, actually, if you knew who I was, you'd be asking ME for a drink. And my water is even better than this water."

"How are you gonna give me 'special' water or any water when clearly, you don't have a way to get it?" She asked. "Where's your bucket?"

Jesus answered, "You're not understanding me. Everyone who drinks your water eventually gets thirsty again, but whoever drinks from my water will never be thirsty again. My water is like a spring that constantly runs and never stops quenching."

"That sounds awesome!" she exclaimed. "I'll take your water if it means I don't have to come all the way down here every day and haul these heavy buckets back into town."

"Good!" Jesus said. "Now do me a favor, run grab your husband and bring him back here. I'll wait."

"Uhm... I don't have a husband."

"I know..."

-THE MESSAGE-

"God Knows"

Kenny Bishop

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"The Open Table"

COME, OH COME, COME TO THE TABLE.
GATHER 'ROUND, COME WITHOUT FEAR.
KNOWN BY NAME HERE AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;
WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

CIRCLE 'ROUND, LET'S JOIN TOGETHER.
SHARE YOUR JOYS, AND BRING YOUR TEARS.
STRENGTH AND HOPE FOUND AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;
WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

GOD IS LOVE; LOVE IS CREATING
SOMETHING NEW, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.
WE'RE CHILDREN OF GOD, HERE AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;
WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

-COMMUNION-

"Lord, I Need You" - arr. M. Hayes

-OFFERING-

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Rain Down"

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE.
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

FAITHFUL AND TRUE IS THE WORD OF OUR GOD.
ALL OF GOD'S WORKS ARE SO WORTHY OF TRUST.
GOD'S MERCY FALLS ON THE JUST AND THE RIGHT;
FULL OF GOD'S LOVE IS THE EARTH.

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE.
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

GOD OF CREATION, WE LONG FOR YOUR TRUTH;
YOU ARE THE WATER OF LIFE THAT WE THIRST,
GRANT THAT YOUR LOVE AND YOUR PEACE TOUCH OUR HEARTS,
ALL OF OUR HOPE LIES IN YOU.

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE.
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Rain Down"

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE,
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.