



July 9, 2023
Sunday Gathering

-PRELUDE-

"Come Unto Me" - C. Price Jones
Timmy Smallwood

-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-

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

Christ calls us to come and worship,
TO REST FROM THE THINGS THAT ARE TROUBLING US,

To learn what Christ can teach of life,
TO REALIZE WHAT WE CAN OFFER TO OTHERS.

And so to return into the world to serve,
LET US WORSHIP GOD.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"I Love to Tell the Story"

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY
OF UNSEEN THINGS ABOVE,
OF JESUS' RADIANT GLORY,
OF JESUS' ENDLESS LOVE.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY,
'CAUSE I BELIEVE IT'S TRUE;
IT SATISFIES MY LONGINGS
AS NOTHING ELSE CAN DO.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY;
AND WHEN I AM IN GLORY
I'LL TELL THE OLD, OLD STORY
OF JESUS' ENDLESS LOVE.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY;
MORE WONDERFUL IT SEEMS
THAN ALL THE GOLDEN VISIONS
OF ALL OUR GOLDEN DREAMS.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY,
I TELL IT NOW TO YOU
BECAUSE I WANT TO SHARE IT,
'CAUSE I BELIEVE IT'S TRUE

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY;
AND WHEN I AM IN GLORY
I'LL TELL THE OLD, OLD STORY
OF JESUS' ENDLESS LOVE.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY;
IT'S PLEASANT TO REPEAT
WHAT SEEMS, EACH TIME I TELL IT,
MORE WONDERFULLY SWEET.
I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY,
FOR SOME HAVE NEVER HEARD
THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S MERCY
FROM GOD'S OWN HOLY WORDS.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY;
AND WHEN I AM IN GLORY
I'LL TELL THE OLD, OLD STORY
OF JESUS' ENDLESS LOVE.

-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-

Matthew 11: 28-30 (The Message)

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

-THE MESSAGE-

"Lighten the Load"

Pam Lee-Miller

-SPECIAL MUSIC-

"Come to Jesus"

Chris Cook

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come to the Table of Grace"

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE.

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THIS IS GOD'S TABLE,

IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

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THIS IS GOD'S TABLE,

IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY.

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THIS IS GOD'S TABLE,

IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY.

-COMMUNION-

"Down By the Riverside" - African American Spiritual

-OFFERING-

"Glory, Glory Hallelujah! (Since I Laid My Burdens Down)" - African American Spiritual

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND

THAT SAVED A WRETCH LIKE ME!

I ONCE WAS LOST, BUT NOW I'M FOUND;

WAS BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE.

'T WAS GRACE THAT TAUGHT MY HEART TO FEAR;

AND GRACE MY FEARS RELIEVED.

HOW PRECIOUS DID THAT GRACE APPEAR
THE HOUR I FIRST BELIEVED.

MY CHAINS ARE GONE,
I'VE BEEN SET FREE.
MY GOD, MY SAVIOR
HAS RESCUED ME.
AND LIKE A FLOOD
GOD'S MERCY REIGNS,
UNENDING LOVE,
AMAZING GRACE.

THE LORD HAS PROMISED GOOD TO ME;
HIS WORD MY HOPE SECURES.
HE WILL MY SHIELD AND PORTION BE
AS LONG AS LIFE ENDURES.

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HAS RESCUED ME.
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AMAZING GRACE.

THE EARTH SHALL SOON DISSOLVE LIKE SNOW,
THE SUN FORBEAR TO SHINE.
BUT GOD WHO LOVED ME HERE BELOW,
WILL BE FOREVER MINE,
WILL BE FOREVER MINE,
YOU ARE FOREVER MINE.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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