



**June 18, 2023**  
**Sunday Gathering**

**-PRELUDE-**

*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*  
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-**

As your people, we call out to you, O God.

WE ASK YOU TO GUIDE US, OUR CHURCH, OUR NATION.

May your good news motivate us.

MAY WE BE MOTIVATED TO LOVE EACH OTHER.

May the ideals of our words match the practices of our lives.

MAY A FRESH EMPOWERMENT OF YOUR SPIRIT UNITE US TOGETHER.

**-OPENING PRAYER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Jesus, Hold My Hand"*

AS I TRAVEL THROUGH THIS PILGRIM LAND

THERE IS A FRIEND WHO WALKS WITH ME.

LEADS ME SAFELY THROUGH THE SINKING SAND,

IT IS THE CHRIST OF CALVARY;

THIS WOULD BE MY PRAYER, DEAR LORD, EACH DAY

TO HELP ME DO THE BEST I CAN.

FOR I NEED YOUR LIGHT TO GUIDE ME DAY AND NIGHT;

BLESSED JESUS, HOLD MY HAND.

JESUS, HOLD MY HAND,

FOR I NEED YOU EVERY HOUR.

THROUGH THIS PILGRIM LAND,

PROTECT ME BY YOUR POWER.

HEAR MY HUMBLE PLEA,

O LORD, LOOK DOWN ON ME.

WHEN I CALL IN PRAYER

I HOPE TO MEET YOU THERE,

BLESSED JESUS, HOLD MY HAND.

LET ME TRAVEL IN THE LIGHT DIVINE  
THAT I MAY SEE THE BLESSED WAY;  
KEEP ME THAT I MAY BE WHOLLY THINE  
AND SING REDEMPTION'S SONG SOME DAY;  
I WILL BE A SOLDIER BRAVE AND TRUE  
AND EVER FIRMLY TAKE A STAND.  
AS I ONWARD GO AND DAILY MEET THE FOE,  
BLESSED JESUS HOLD MY HAND.

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FOR I NEED YOU EVERY HOUR.  
THROUGH THIS PILGRIM LAND,  
PROTECT ME BY YOUR POWER.  
HEAR MY HUMBLE PLEA,  
O LORD, LOOK DOWN ON ME.  
WHEN I KNEEL IN PRAYER  
I HOPE TO MEET YOU THERE,  
BLESSED JESUS, HOLD MY HAND.

**-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-**

Galatians 4: 7 (KBV)

*... you are no longer a slave but a child of God, and if you are God's child, then you are also an heir through God.*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"Harlan & Plessy"*

Kenny Bishop

**-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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COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY.  
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**-COMMUNION-**

*"Communion Hymns Medley"*  
Timmy Smallwood

**-OFFERING-**

*"Shout to the Lord"*  
Timmy Smallwood

**-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Something Beautiful"*

SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL, SOMETHING GOOD;  
ALL MY CONFUSION GOD UNDERSTOOD;  
ALL I HAD TO OFFER WAS BROKENNESS AND STRIFE,  
BUT GOD MADE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL OF MY LIFE.

IF THERE EVER WERE DREAMS  
THAT WERE LOFTY AND NOBLE  
THEY WERE MY DREAMS AT THE START.  
AND HOPES FOR LIFE'S BEST  
WERE THE HOPES THAT I HARBORED  
DOWN DEEP IN MY HEART.  
BUT MY DREAMS TURNED TO ASHES  
AND MY CASTLES ALL CRUMBLLED,  
MY FORTUNE TURNED TO LOSS.  
SO I WRAPPED IT ALL IN THE RAGS OF MY LIFE  
AND LAID IT AT THE CROSS.  
AND GOD MADE...

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**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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