



June 25, 2023
Sunday Gathering

-PRELUDE-

"Rainbow Connection" - Williams/Asher
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-

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

God, you created us in your image.

WE ARE PROUD TO BE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD.

You created the rainbow and all its colors - vivid and strong, bold and subtle.

HELP US EMBRACE EVERY COLOR, EVERY HUE.

You embrace us all and call us beloved.

HELP US LIVE AS YOUR BELOVED, COURAGEOUS AND STRONG,

HELP US LIVE OUT OUR TRUTHS, PROUD OF WHO WE ARE.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"For All the Children"

GOD, WE GATHER AS YOUR PEOPLE

TO RAISE OUR SONG ABOVE,

AND WE DARE TO CLAIM THE PROMISE OF YOUR LOVE,

THOUGH THE DAY MAY NOT YET BE HERE,

WE TRUST IT SOON WILL BE,

WHEN YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE FREE.

O, MAY OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE OPENED,

FLING THE CHURCH DOORS OPEN WIDE.

MAY THERE BE ROOM ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE INSIDE.

FOR IN GOD THERE IS A WELCOME,

IN GOD WE ALL BELONG.

MAY THAT WELCOME BE OUR SONG.

GOD, WE SING FOR ALL THE CHILDREN,

THAT ONE DAY THEY BE FREE;

AND WE SING FOR GENERATIONS YET TO BE,

THAT THEY NEVER HAVE A REASON
TO DOUBT THAT THEY ARE BLESSED.
MAY THEY, IN YOUR LOVE, FIND REST.

GOD, WE PRAY FOR ALL THE YOUNG LIVES
CUT SHORT BY FEAR AND SHAME
SO AFRAID OF WHO THEY ARE AND WHOM THEY LOVE.
MAY THE MESSAGE NOW BE BANISHED
THAT YOUR LOVE IS FOR THE FEW,
MAY THEIR FAITH IN YOU RENEW.

O, MAY OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE OPENED,
FLING THE CHURCH DOORS OPEN WIDE.
MAY THERE BE ROOM ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE INSIDE.
FOR IN GOD THERE IS A WELCOME,
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MAY THAT WELCOME BE OUR SONG.

-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-

Proverbs 16: 18 (CEB)

Pride comes before disaster, and arrogance before a fall.

-THE MESSAGE-

"Proud of my Pride"

Kenny Bishop

-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.
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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-

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" - arr. P. Hamm

-OFFERING-

"Rainbow Connection" - Williams/Asher

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-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,

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!

FOR EVERYONE BORN, A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
ALL GENDERS AND ROLES, DECIDING THE SHARE,
WITH WISDOM AND GRACE, DIVIDING THE POWER,
FOR EVERYONE BORN, A SYSTEM THAT'S FAIR,

FOR EVERYONE BORN, A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR, AND SIMPLY TO BE,
TO WORK, TO SPEAK OUT, TO WITNESS AND WORSHIP,
FOR EVERYONE BORN, THE RIGHT TO BE FREE.

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AND JOY, COMPASSION AND PEACE:
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JUSTICE AND JOY!

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"For All the Children"

GOD, WE LEAVE HERE AS YOUR PEOPLE
TO RAISE YOUR SONG ABOVE,
AND WE DARE TO SHARE THE PROMISE OF YOUR LOVE,
THOUGH THE DAY MAY NOT YET BE HERE,
WE TRUST IT SOON WILL BE,
WHEN YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE FREE.

O, MAY THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS BE OPENED,
MAY OUR DOORS BE OPEN WIDE.
MAY WE MAKE ROOM FOR EVERYONE TO COME INSIDE.
FOR IN GOD THERE IS A WELCOME,
AND IN GOD WE ALL BELONG.
MAY THAT WELCOME BE OUR SONG.