



**March 10, 2024**  
**Sunday Gathering**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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**-PRELUDE-**

*"When Morning Gilds the Skies" - 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.*

**-WELCOME-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"You Raise Me Up"*

WHEN I AM DOWN AND, OH MY SOUL, SO WEARY.  
WHEN TROUBLES COME AND MY HEART, BURDENED BE.  
THEN, I AM STILL AND WAIT HERE IN THE SILENCE,  
UNTIL YOU COME AND SIT AWHILE WITH ME.

YOU RAISE ME UP SO I CAN STAND ON MOUNTAINS,  
YOU RAISE ME UP TO WALK ON STORMY SEAS.  
I AM STRONG WHEN I AM ON YOUR SHOULDERS,  
YOU RAISE ME UP TO MORE THAN I CAN BE.

**-OPENING PRAYER-**

ILLUMINATING GOD, WE GATHER TOGETHER TODAY  
TO CALL ONE ANOTHER IN FROM THE SHADOWS  
AND BASK IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR MERCY.  
IN THIS MOMENT OF QUIET, WE LIFT UP TO YOU  
THOSE THINGS WE'D LIKE TO GIVE UP FOR GOOD...  
FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOOD.

**-OPENING DEVOTIONAL-**

**-GREETING EACH OTHER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Jesus the Light of the World"*

ALL YE SAINTS OF LIGHT PROCLAIM,  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD;  
LIFE AND MERCY IN HIS NAME,  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, BEAUTIFUL LIGHT,  
COME WHERE THE DEW-DROPS OF MERCY ARE BRIGHT;  
SHINE ALL AROUND US BY DAY AND BY NIGHT,  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

HEAR THE SAVIOUR'S EARNEST CALL,  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD;  
SEND THE GOSPEL TRUTH TO ALL,  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, BEAUTIFUL LIGHT,  
COME WHERE THE DEW-DROPS OF MERCY ARE BRIGHT;  
SHINE ALL AROUND US BY DAY AND BY NIGHT,  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

WHY NOT SEEK HIM THEN TODAY,  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD;  
GO WITH TRUTH THE NARROW WAY,  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, BEAUTIFUL LIGHT,  
COME WHERE THE DEW-DROPS OF MERCY ARE BRIGHT;  
SHINE ALL AROUND US BY DAY AND BY NIGHT,  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

**-SCRIPTURE-**

*John 3: 16-21 - The Message, with edits by Pam Lee-Miller*

*“This is how much God loved the world: God sent [Jesus], the one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn’t go to all the trouble of sending [Jesus] merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person’s failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him.*

*“This is the crisis we’re in: God-light streamed into the world, but men and women everywhere ran for the darkness. They went for the darkness because they were not really interested in pleasing God. Everyone who makes a practice of doing evil, addicted to denial and illusion, hates God-light and won’t come near it, fearing a painful exposure. But anyone working and living in truth and reality welcomes God-light so the work can be seen for the God-work it is.”*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

*“Light Up”*

Pam Lee-Miller

**-SPECIAL MUSIC-**

*“Light of You”* - Marsha J. Moors-Charles

Kenny Bishop

**-COMMUNION-**

*“Quiet Thoughts”* - R. K. Boesiger

**-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-**

**-PASTORAL PRAYER-**

**-OFFERING-**

*“I Am the Light of The World”* - J. Strathdee

**-IN GRATITUDE-**

**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*“Arise, Your Light Has Come”*

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!  
THE SPIRIT’S CALL OBEY;  
SHOW FORTH THE GLORY OF YOUR GOD

WHICH SHINES ON YOU TODAY.

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!  
FLING WIDE THE PRISON DOOR;  
PROCLAIM THE CAPTIVE'S LIBERTY,  
GOOD TIDINGS TO THE POOR.

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!  
ALL YOU IN SORROW BORN,  
BIND UP THE BROKENHEARTED ONES  
AND COMFORT THOSE WHO MOURN.

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!  
THE MOUNTAINS BURST IN SONG!  
RISE UP LIKE EAGLES ON THE WING,  
GOD'S POW'R WILL MAKE US STRONG.

**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-POSTLUDE-**

*"Immortal, Invisible"* - arr. P. Keveren  
Brenda Gardiner