



**May 14, 2023**  
**Sunday Gathering**

**-PRELUDE-**

*"As the Deer" - arr. S. Wilson*  
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-**

*"I Dream of a Church"*

WE DREAM OF A CHURCH  
WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME,  
WE DREAM OF A PLACE  
WE ALL CAN CALL HOME.  
WE DREAM OF A WORLD  
WHERE JUSTICE IS FLOWING  
WITH HOPE AND PEACE GROWING,  
WHERE GOD'S WILL IS DONE.

MAKE IT SO,  
MAKE IT SO!  
WE PRAY FOR THAT DAY,  
MAKE IT SO.  
WE DREAM OF A WORLD  
WHERE LOVE REIGNS AMONG US

AND YOUR WILL IS DONE  
O GOD, MAKE IT SO.

**-WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**-GREETING EACH OTHER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"I Dream of a Church"*

O GOD, FILL OUR HEARTS  
TO REACH OUT IN WELCOME,  
MAKE US TO SEE  
YOUR VISION ONCE MORE.  
LET'S DREAM OF A WORLD  
WHERE OUR HANDS ARE YOUR HANDS,  
WE OFFER OURSELVES,  
O GOD, MAKE IT SO.

MAKE IT SO,  
MAKE IT SO!  
WE PRAY FOR THAT DAY,  
MAKE IT SO.  
WE DREAM OF A WORLD  
WHERE LOVE REIGNS AMONG US  
AND YOUR WILL IS DONE  
O GOD, MAKE IT SO.

**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

We believe we have been called  
TO BE IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD,  
WITH EACH OTHER, AND WITH OUR COMMUNITY.

We believe we have been called  
TO REJECT RACISM IN ALL ITS FORMS  
AND TO FIGHT FOR THE POWERLESS.

We believe we have been called.  
TO BE THE CHURCH.

**-OPENING PRAYER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"We Are Called"*

COME! LIVE IN THE LIGHT!  
SHINE WITH THE JOY AND THE LOVE OF THE LORD!  
WE ARE CALLED TO BE LIGHT FOR THE KINGDOM,  
TO LIVE IN THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF GOD.

WE ARE CALLED TO ACT WITH JUSTICE,  
WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE TENDERLY,  
WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER,  
TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.

COME! OPEN YOUR HEART!  
SHOW YOUR MERCY TO ALL THOSE IN FEAR!  
WE ARE CALLED TO BE HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS  
SO ALL HATRED AND BLINDNESS WILL BE NO MORE.

WE ARE CALLED TO ACT WITH JUSTICE,  
WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE TENDERLY,  
WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER,  
TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.

SING! SING A NEW SONG!  
SING OF THAT GREAT DAY WHEN ALL WILL BE ONE!  
GOD WILL REIGN, AND WE'LL WALK WITH EACH OTHER  
AS SISTERS, BROTHERS AND OTHERS UNITED IN LOVE!

WE ARE CALLED TO ACT WITH JUSTICE,  
WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE TENDERLY,  
WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER,  
TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.

**-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"In the Quiet Curve of Evening"*  
IN THE QUIET CURVE OF EVENING,  
IN THE CLOSING OF THE DAYS,  
IN THE MOMENTS OF MY DARKNESS,  
YOU ARE THERE.  
IN THE RHYTHMS OF MY BREATHING,  
IN THE SPACE BETWEEN MY WAYS,  
IN THE WEARY TIMES OF SADNESS,  
YOU ARE THERE.

**-PASTORAL PRAYER-**

**-SCRIPTURE-**

Psalm 82: 3-4 (CEB)

*Give justice to the lowly and the orphan; maintain the right of the poor and the destitute! Rescue the lowly and the needy. Deliver them from the power of the wicked!*

Romans 10: 12 (CEB)

*There is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives richly to all who call on him.*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"One"*

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-**

*"Help Us Accept Each Other" – J. N. Beck*

Brenda Gardiner

**-OFFERING-**

*"Amazing Grace" – arr. P. Hamm*

Brenda Gardiner

**-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE,  
AND WE KNOW THAT IT'S THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD;  
THERE ARE SWEET EXPRESSIONS ON EACH FACE,  
AND WE KNOW THEY FEEL THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

SWEET HOLY SPIRIT,  
SWEET HEAVENLY DOVE,  
STAY RIGHT HERE WITH US,  
FILLING US WITH YOUR LOVE;  
AND FOR THESE BLESSINGS  
WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAISE.  
WITHOUT A DOUBT WE'LL KNOW  
THAT WE HAVE BEEN REVIVED  
WHEN WE SHALL LEAVE THIS PLACE.

THERE ARE BLESSINGS WE SHALL ALL RECEIVE  
WHEN WE KNOW THE SPIRIT'S FULLNESS AND BELIEVE;  
ALL THE WORLD WILL PROFIT WHEN WE PRAY,  
AND WE WALK IN THE SPIRIT EVERY DAY.

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SWEET HEAVENLY DOVE,  
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**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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