



May 7, 2023
Sunday Gathering

-PRELUDE-

"The Prayer" - 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.

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-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 FORGIVE AS OFTEN AS WE HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN.

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

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"God, How Can We Forgive?"

GOD, HOW CAN WE FORGIVE
WHEN BONDS OF LOVE ARE TORN?
HOW CAN WE RISE AND START ANEW,
OUR TRUST REBORN?
WHEN HUMAN LOVING FAILS
AND EVERY HOPE IS GONE,

YOUR LOVE GIVES STRENGTH BEYOND
OUR OWN TO FACE THE DAWN.

WHEN WE HAVE MISSED THE MARK,
AND TEARS OF ANGUISH FLOW,
HOW CAN YOU STILL RELEASE OUR GUILT,
THE DEBT WE OWE?
THE OCEAN DEPTH OF GRACE
SURPASSES ALL OUR NEEDS.
A PRIEST WHO SHARES OUR HUMAN PAIN,
CHRIST INTERCEDES.

WHO DARES TO THROW THE STONE
TO DAMN ANOTHER'S SIN,
WHEN YOU, WHILE KNOWING ALL OUR PAST,
FORGIVE AGAIN?
NO MORE WE PLAY THE JUDGE,
FOR BY YOUR GRACE WE LIVE.
AS YOU, O GOD, FORGIVE OUR SIN,
MAY WE FORGIVE.

-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-

Matthew 6: 12 (CEV)
Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others

-THE MESSAGE-

"The Superpower Called Forgiveness"
Pam Lee-Miller

-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-

"A Prayer of Gethsemane" – B. Gibson
Brenda Gardiner

-OFFERING-

"Change My Heart, O God" – E. Espinosa
Brenda Gardiner

-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 CREATOR OF JUSTICE
AND JOY, COMPASSION AND PEACE:
YES, GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
JUSTICE AND JOY!

FOR WOMAN AND MAN,
A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
REVISING THE ROLES,
DECIDING THE SHARE,
WITH WISDOM AND GRACE,
DIVIDING THE POWER,
FOR WOMAN AND MAN,
A SYSTEM THAT'S FAIR,

AND GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATOR 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,
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.

AND GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATOR OF JUSTICE
AND JOY, COMPASSION AND PEACE:
YES, GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
JUSTICE AND JOY!

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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