



**October 29, 2023  
Sunday Gathering**

**-PRELUDE-**

*“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” – traditional Spanish melody  
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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AND YOUR WILL IS DONE  
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**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

For all the saints  
who poured love and wisdom and hot chocolate into our lives,  
FOR ALL THE SAINTS  
WHOSE SMILES AND TOUCH WE MISS THE MOST,

For all the saints  
who helped us find our voice,  
FOR ALL THE SAINTS  
WHOM WE CANNOT BEAR TO LIVE WITHOUT,

For all the saints  
whom we have begun to forgive,  
FOR ALL THE SAINTS  
WHO FORGAVE US MORE OFTEN THAN WE DESERVED,

For all the saints  
whose lives continue in ours,  
WE HONOR YOU ON THIS DAY.

We hold your sacred life up to God.  
WE BEAR WITNESS TO THE FUTURE  
BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE.

Let us worship the God who leads us forward.

**-OPENING PRAYER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"For All the Saints"*

FOR ALL THE SAINTS WHO FROM THEIR LABORS REST,  
WHO TO THE WORLD THEIR STEADFAST FAITH CONFESSED,  
YOUR NAME, O JESUS, BE FOREVER BLESSED.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

YOU WERE THEIR ROCK, THEIR REFUGE, AND THEIR MIGHT;  
YOU, CHRIST, THE HOPE THAT PUT THEIR FEARS TO FLIGHT;  
'MID GLOOM AND DOUBT, YOU WERE THEIR ONE TRUE LIGHT.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

STILL MAY YOUR PEOPLE, FAITHFUL, TRUE, AND BOLD,  
LIVE AS THE SAINTS WHO NOBLY FOUGHT OF OLD.  
AND SHARE WITH THEM A GLORIOUS CROWN OF GOLD.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

RINGED BY THIS CLOUD OF WITNESSES DIVINE,  
WE FEEBLY STRUGGLE, THEY IN GLORY SHINE;  
YET IN YOUR LOVE OUR FAITHFUL LIVES ENTWINE.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

AND WHEN THE STRIFE IS FIERCE, THE WARFARE LONG,  
STEALS ON THE EAR THE DISTANT TRIUMPH SONG,  
THEN HEARTS ARE BRAVE AGAIN, AND FAITH GROWS STRONG.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

**-SCRIPTURE-**

Hebrews 12: 1-2a (CEB)

*So then, with endurance, let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter.*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"Faith Forming Folk"*

Pam Lee-Miller

**-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!

**-COMMUNION WITH THE SAINTS-**

*"I Surrender All"* - arr. P. Keveren

**-OFFERING-**

*"Faith of Our Fathers"* – arr. P. Hamm

**-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"When the Saints Go Marching In"*

O WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN,  
O WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN,  
O LORD, I WANT TO BE IN THAT NUMBER  
WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN.

O WHEN THE SUN REFUSED TO SHINE,  
O WHEN THE SUN REFUSED TO SHINE,  
O LORD, I WANT TO BE IN THAT NUMBER  
WHEN THE SUN REFUSED TO SHINE.

O WHEN WE MEET THE SAINTS AGAIN,  
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O LORD, I WANT TO BE IN THAT NUMBER  
WHEN WE MEET THE SAINTS AGAIN.

**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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