



**August 17, 2025
Sunday Gathering**

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-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.

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-PRELUDE-

*"As The Deer" - arr. S. Wilson
Brenda Gardiner*

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"The Family of God"

I'M SO GLAD WE'RE A PART OF THE FAMILY OF GOD;
AS WE DRINK FROM GOD'S FOUNTAIN
AND FEAST ON GOD'S LOVE.
WALKING WITH JESUS AS WE TRAVEL ALONG.
WE'RE A PART OF THE FAM'LY,
THE FAM'LY OF GOD.

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-WELCOME-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"The Family of God"

YOU WILL NOTICE WE'RE LIKE SIBLINGS
AND LOVED ONES 'ROUND HERE,
IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE A FAMILY
AND WE HOLD EACH ONE NEAR.

WHEN ONE HAS A HEARTACHE,
WE ALL SHED THE TEARS
AND REJOICE IN EACH VICT'RY
IN THIS FAMILY SO DEAR.

I'M SO GLAD WE'RE A PART OF THE FAMILY OF GOD;
AS WE DRINK FROM GOD'S FOUNTAIN
AND FEAST ON GOD'S LOVE.
WALKING WITH JESUS AS WE TRAVEL ALONG.
WE'RE A PART OF THE FAM'LY,
THE FAM'LY OF GOD.

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

God, we come to follow the Prince of Peace;
BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS.

We come seeking holy justice;
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO WORK FOR JUSTICE.

We believe the Prince of Peace is also the Great Disruptor.
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DISRUPT SYSTEMS
THAT OPPRESS AND MARGINALIZE.

We follow in Jesus' footsteps;
BLESSED IS THE PRINCE OF PEACE
AND THE GREAT DISRUPTOR.

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-OPENING PRAYER-

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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE,
IN LIGHT INACCESSIBLE HID FROM OUR EYES,
MOST BLESSED, MOST GLORIOUS, THE ANCIENT OF DAYS,
ALMIGHTY, VICTORIOUS, YOUR GREAT NAME WE PRAISE.

UNRESTING, UNHASTING, AND SILENT AS LIGHT,
NOR WANTING, NOR WASTING, YOU RULE THROUGH THE NIGHT;
YOUR JUSTICE LIKE MOUNTAINS HIGH SOARING ABOVE
YOUR CLOUDS, WHICH ARE FOUNTAINS OF GOODNESS AND LOVE.

TO ALL LIFE YOU GIVE, TO BOTH THE GREAT AND SMALL;
IN ALL LIFE YOU LIVE IN THE TRUE LIFE OF ALL;

WE BLOSSOM AND FLOURISH AS LEAVES ON THE TREE,
AND WITHER AND PERISH BUT YOU ALWAYS SEE.

GREAT GOD OF OUR GLORY, THE GIVER OF LIGHT,
YOUR ANGELS ADORE YOU, ALIVE IN YOUR SIGHT;
WE OFFER OUR THANKS AS YOU WATCH FROM ABOVE,
WE BRING YOU OUR MOMENTS AND TRUST YOUR GREAT LOVE.

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-SCRIPTURE-

Luke 12:49-56

"I came to cast fire upon the earth. How I wish that it was already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism I must experience. How I am distressed until it's completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, I have come instead to bring division. ⁵² From now on, a household of five will be divided—three against two and two against three. ⁵³ Father will square off against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴ Jesus also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud forming in the west, you immediately say, 'It's going to rain.' And indeed it does. ⁵⁵ And when a south wind blows, you say, 'A heat wave is coming.' And it does. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret conditions on earth and in the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret the present time?"

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-THE MESSAGE-

"Violence: In Jesus' Name"

Kenny Bishop

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Change My Heart, O God"

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,
MAKE IT EVER TRUE;
CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,
MAY I BE LIKE YOU.

YOU ARE THE POTTER,
I AM THE CLAY;
MOLD ME AND MAKE ME,
THIS IS WHAT I PRAY.

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-JOYS & CONCERNS-

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-PASTORAL PRAYER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Change My Heart, O God"

YOU ARE THE POTTER,
I AM THE CLAY;
MOLD ME AND MAKE ME,
THIS IS WHAT I PRAY.

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,
MAKE IT EVER TRUE;
CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,
MAY I BE LIKE YOU.

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-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

I'M GONNA EAT AT THE WELCOME TABLE,
I'M GONNA EAT AT THE WELCOME TABLE, ALLELU.
I'M GONNA EAT AT THE WELCOME TABLE,
I'M GONNA EAT AT THE WELCOME TABLE, ALLELU.

I'M GONNA EAT AND DRINK WITH MY JESUS,
I'M GONNA EAT AND DRINK WITH MY JESUS, ALLELU.
I'M GONNA EAT AND DRINK WITH MY JESUS,
I'M GONNA EAT AND DRINK WITH MY JESUS, ALLELU.

I'M GONNA JOIN WITH SISTERS, BROTHERS,
I'M GONNA JOIN WITH ALL THE OTHERS, ALLELU.
I'M GONNA JOIN WITH SISTERS, BROTHERS,
I'M GONNA JOIN WITH ALL THE OTHERS, ALLELU.

HERE, ALL THE WORLD WILL FIND A WELCOME,
HERE, ALL THE WORLD WILL FIND A WELCOME, ALLELU.
HERE, ALL THE WORLD WILL FIND A WELCOME,
HERE, ALL THE WORLD WILL FIND A WELCOME, ALLELU.

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-IN GRATITUDE-

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-OFFERING-

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-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

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-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

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-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 KIN-DOM,
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 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!
LOVE WILL REIGN, AND WE'LL WALK WITH EACH OTHER
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!

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"We Are Called"

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WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE TENDERLY,
WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER,
TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD!