



**October 18, 2026
Sunday Gathering**

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-PRELUDE-

*"I Am Thine, O Lord" - arr. R. House
Brenda Gardiner*

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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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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"I Dream of A Church"

I DREAM OF A CHURCH WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME,
I DREAM OF A PLACE WE ALL CAN CALL HOME.
I 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!

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-WELCOME & GREETING-

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-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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WE PRAY FOR THAT DAY, MAKE IT SO.
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WHERE LOVE REIGNS AMONG US
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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

Grace and peace to you.
AND ALSO TO YOU.

Let us receive the message of God's good news this morning with Power
AND IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Let us receive the word with joy,
AND LET US PROCLAIM THE WORD WITH CONVICTION.

Let us radically welcome all who have gathered here and there,
AS WE WORSHIP GOD.

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-OPENING PRAYER-

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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST'S SERVICE,
CALLED TO MINISTRIES OF GRACE,
WE RESPOND WITH DEEP COMMITMENT
FRESH NEW LINES OF FAITH TO TRACE.
MAY WE LEARN THE ART OF SHARING,
SIDE BY SIDE AND FRIEND WITH FRIEND,
EQUAL PARTNERS IN OUR CARING
TO FULFILL GOD'S CHOSEN END.

CHRIST'S EXAMPLE, CHRIST'S INSPIRING,
CHRIST'S CLEAR CALL TO WORK AND WORTH,
LET US FOLLOW, NEVER FALTERING,
RECONCILING FOLK ON EARTH.
MEN AND WOMEN, RICHER, POORER,
ALL GOD'S PEOPLE, YOUNG AND OLD,
BLENDING HUMAN SKILLS TOGETHER
GRACIOUS GIFTS FROM GOD UNFOLD.

THUS NEW PATTERNS FOR CHRIST'S MISSION,
IN A SMALL OR GLOBAL SENSE,
HELP US BEAR EACH OTHER'S BURDENS,
BREAKING DOWN EACH WALL OR FENCE.
WORDS OF COMFORT, WORDS OF VISION,
WORDS OF CHALLENGE, SAID WITH CARE,
BRING NEW POWER AND STRENGTH FOR ACTION,
MAKE US COLLEAGUES, FREE AND FAIR.

SO GOD GRANT US FOR TOMORROW
WAYS TO ORDER HUMAN LIFE
THAT SURROUND EACH PERSON'S SORROW
WITH A CALM THAT CONQUERS STRIFE.
MAKE US PARTNERS IN OUR LIVING,
OUR COMPASSION TO INCREASE,
MESSENGERS OF FAITH, THUS GIVING
HOPE AND CONFIDENCE AND PEACE.

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-SCRIPTURE-

1 Thessalonians 1:4-7 (CEB)

My dear friends, God loves you, and we know he has chosen you to be his people. When we told you the good news, it was with the power and assurance that come from the Holy Spirit, and not simply with words. You knew what kind of people we were and how we helped you. So, when you accepted the message, you followed our example and the example of the Lord. You suffered, but the Holy Spirit made you glad. You became an example for all the Lord's followers in Macedonia and Achaia.

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-THE MESSAGE-

"Gospel Hand-Me-Downs"

Pam Lee-Miller

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING,
LORD, SEND YOUR SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE;
LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING,

SEND US LOVE, SEND US POW'R, SEND US GRACE.

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-JOYS & CONCERNS-

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-PASTORAL PRAYER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

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-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 CREATORS 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,
AND ALL THOSE BETWEEN,
BEYOND AND BESIDES;
EXPANDING OUR WORLD,
DISMANTLING THE POWER,
EACH VALUED FOR WHAT THEIR VOICE CAN PROVIDE.

AND GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
AND JOY, COMPASSION AND PEACE;
YES, GOD WILL DELIGHT WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
JUSTICE AND JOY.

FOR GAY, BI AND STRAIGHT,
A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
INVITED TO WED, TO BAPTIZE AND PREACH,
A RAINBOW OF RACE AND GENDER AND COLOR,
FOR QUEER, TRANS, AND ACE,
GOD'S JUSTICE IN REACH.

AND GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
AND JOY, COMPASSION AND PEACE;
YES, GOD WILL DELIGHT WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
JUSTICE AND JOY.

FOR BODIES DIVERSE,
A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
ALL MANNER OF SPEECH
AND MOVEMENT AND MINDS;
ENABLED TO LEAD AND TEACH US NEW LANGUAGE,
FOR BODIES DIVERSE,
A CHURCH REDESIGNED.

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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-

"They Will Know We Are Christians"

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT,
WE ARE ONE IN THE LORD;
WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT,
WE ARE ONE IN THE LORD;
AND WE PRAY THAT ALL UNITY
WILL ONE DAY BE RESTORED.

AND THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
BY OUR LOVE, BY OUR LOVE,
YES, THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE.

WE WILL WALK WITH EACH OTHER,
WE WILL WALK HAND IN HAND;
WE WILL WALK WITH EACH OTHER,
WE WILL WALK HAND IN HAND;
AND TOGETHER WE'LL SPREAD THE NEWS
THAT GOD IS IN OUR LAND.

AND THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
BY OUR LOVE, BY OUR LOVE,
YES, THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE.

WE WILL WORK WITH EACH OTHER,
WE WILL WORK SIDE BY SIDE;
WE WILL WORK WITH EACH OTHER,
WE WILL WORK SIDE BY SIDE;
AND WE'LL GUARD EACH ONE'S DIGNITY
AND SAVE EACH ONE'S PRIDE.

AND THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
BY OUR LOVE, BY OUR LOVE,
YES, THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE.

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

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