



November 23, 2025

Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

"Simple Gifts" arr. D. Elrich

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-

"Give Thanks"

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JESUS CHRIST, THE SON.

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-WELCOME-

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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name.

MAKE KNOWN GOD'S DEEDS AMONG THE PEOPLE.

God blesses us with gifts of love:

WITH FOOD AND CLOTHING, HOME,

FAMILY, AND FRIENDS.

God blesses us with daily work:

AND THE THINGS WE NEED FROM DAY TO DAY.

God is with us in times of danger:

AND WALKS WITH US IN THE PRESENCE OF EVIL.

God calls us into relationship with the Divine:

AND FORMS US INTO ONE HUMAN RACE,

A HOLY PEOPLE.

We offer our thanks and our praise
to the God who loves us:
WE ARE GRATEFUL.
WE GIVE THANKS.

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-OPENING PRAYER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU,
GOD OF GLORY, GOD OF LOVE;
HEARTS UNFOLD LIKE FLOWERS BEFORE YOU,
OPENING TO THE SUN ABOVE.
MELT THE CLOUDS OF SIN AND SADNESS,
DRIVE THE STORMS OF DOUBT AWAY;
GIVER OF IMMORTAL GLADNESS,
FILL US WITH THE LIGHT OF DAY.

ALL YOUR WORKS WITH JOY SURROUND YOU,
EARTH AND HEAVEN REFLECT YOUR RAYS,
STARS AND ANGELS SING AROUND YOU,
CENTER OF UNBROKEN PRAISE.
FIELD AND FOREST, VALE AND MOUNTAIN,
FLOWERY MEADOW, FLASHING SEA,
CHANTING BIRD AND FLOWING FOUNTAIN,
TEACH US WHAT OUR PRAISE SHOULD BE.

YOU ARE GIVING AND FORGIVING,
EVER BLESSING, EVER BLESSED,
WELLSPRING OF THE JOY OF LIVING,
OCEAN DEPTH OF HAPPY REST!
LOVING SPIRIT, LOVING PARENT,
ALL WHO LOVE BELONG TO YOU;
TEACH US HOW TO LOVE EACH OTHER,
BY THAT LOVE OUR JOY RENEW.

MORTALS, JOIN THE MIGHTY CHORUS
WHICH THE MORNING STARS BEGAN;
BOUNDLESS LOVE IS REIGNING O'ER US,
RECONCILING RACE AND CLAN.
EVER SINGING, MOVE WE FORWARD,
FAITHFUL IN THE MIDST OF STRIFE,
JOYFUL MUSIC LEADS US ONWARD
IN THE TRIUMPH SONG OF LIFE.

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-SCRIPTURE-

Luke 10:21 (CEB)

At that very moment, Jesus overflowed with joy from the Holy Spirit and said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you've hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and shown them to babies. Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness.

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-THE MESSAGE-

"Unexpected Gratitude"

Kenny Bishop

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Blessed Quietness"

JOYS ARE FLOWING LIKE A RIVER,
SINCE THE COMFORTER HAS COME;
CHRIST ABIDES WITH US FOREVER,
MAKES THE TRUSTING HEART A HOME.

BLESSED QUIETNESS,
HOLY QUIETNESS,
WHAT ASSURANCE TO MY SOUL.
ON THE STORMY SEA,
JESUS SPEAKS TO ME,
AND THE BILLOWS CEASE TO ROLL.

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-JOYS & CONCERNS-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

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-COMMUNION MEDITATION-

"At This Table"

Lisa Loeffler

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-OFFERING-

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-IN GRATITUDE-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Doxology (adapted)"

GOD BLESSES US SO WE CAN GIVE;
WITH ONE ANOTHER WE SHOULD LIVE.
GOD BLESSES US WITH EACH NEW DAY.
GOD'S VISION GUIDES AND LEADS OUR WAY.
AMEN.

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-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

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-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come, You Thankful People, Come"

COME, YOU THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME,
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME;
ALL IS SAFELY GATHERED IN,
ERE THE WINTER STORMS BEGIN.
GOD OUR MAKER DOES PROVIDE
FOR OUR NEEDS TO BE SUPPLIED;
COME TO GOD'S OWN TEMPLE, COME,
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME.

ALL THE WORLD IS GOD'S OWN FIELD,
FRUIT AS PRAISE TO GOD WE YIELD;
WHEAT AND TARES TOGETHER SOWN
ARE TO JOY OR SORROW GROWN;
FIRST THE BLADE AND THEN THE EAR,
THEN THE FULL CORN SHALL APPEAR;
LORD OF HARVEST, GRANT THAT WE
WHOLESOME GRAIN AND PURE MAY BE.

EVEN SO, LORD, QUICKLY COME,
BRING YOUR FINAL HARVEST HOME;
GATHER ALL YOUR PEOPLE IN,
FREE FROM SORROW, FREE FROM SIN,
THERE, FOREVER PURIFIED,
IN YOUR PRESENCE TO ABIDE;
COME, WITH ALL YOUR ANGELS, COME,
RAISE THE GLORIOUS HARVEST HOME.

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

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