



March 8, 2026
Sunday Gathering
The Third Sunday of Lent

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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-

"Temptation" - C. Bell

Brenda Gardiner

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-WELCOME-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Wilderness Wandering People"

WE ARE A WILDERNESS WANDERING PEOPLE
ON A JOURNEY OF THE SOUL.
MAY WE FIND OUR DESTINATION
IN OUR LONGING TO BE WHOLE.
OUR HOLY GOD IS CALLING TO US.
WITH JESUS BY OUR SIDE
MAY COMPASSION BE OUR COMPASS;
MAY THE SPIRIT BE OUR GUIDE.

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-OPENING PRAYER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

I'm going on a journey
TO FIND MY TRUEST SELF,

to take the things that weigh me down
AND PUT THEM ON THE SHELF.

I'm going on a journey
TO LAUGH, AND LEARN, AND PRAY.

I'm going on a journey
AND LOVE WILL LEAD THE WAY.

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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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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.

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

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-SCRIPTURE-

Luke 13:31-35 (MSG)

At that time, some Pharisees approached Jesus and said, "Go! Get away from here, because Herod wants to kill you."

Jesus said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Look, I'm throwing out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work. However, it's necessary for me to travel today, tomorrow, and the next day because it's impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you! How often I have wanted to gather your people just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn't want that. Look, your house is abandoned. I tell you, you won't see me until the time comes when you say, Blessings on the one who comes in the Lord's name."

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-THE MESSAGE-

"The Way Around"

Kenny Bishop

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"God Comes to Us"

GOD COMES TO US ON WINTER NIGHT,
IN BABY'S BREATH, BY FIRELIGHT,
GOD COMES TO US ON A STAR.
GOD COMES TO US AMIDST OUR FEARS,
UNSPOKEN JOYS, UNENDING TEARS,
GOD COMES TO US WHERE WE ARE.

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-SHARNG JOYS & CONCERNS-

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-PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"As We Gather At Your Table"

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE,
AS WE LISTEN TO YOUR WORD,
HELP US KNOW, O GOD, YOUR PRESENCE;
LET OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE STIRRED.
NOURISH US WITH SACRED STORY
TILL WE CLAIM IT AS OUR OWN;
TEACH US THROUGH THIS HOLY BANQUET
HOW TO MAKE LOVE'S VICTORY KNOWN.

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-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

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-COMMUNION MEDITATION-

"The Prayer" - arr. S. Wilson

Brenda Gardiner

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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-

"Guide My Feet"

GUIDE MY FEET WHILE I RUN THIS RACE,
GUIDE MY FEET WHILE I RUN THIS RACE,
GUIDE MY FEET WHILE I RUN THIS RACE,
FOR I DON'T WANT TO RUN THIS RACE IN VAIN!

HOLD MY HAND WHILE I RUN THIS RACE,
HOLD MY HAND WHILE I RUN THIS RACE,
HOLD MY HAND WHILE I RUN THIS RACE,
FOR I DON'T WANT TO RUN THIS RACE IN VAIN!

WALK WITH ME WHILE I RUN THIS RACE,
WALK WITH ME WHILE I RUN THIS RACE,
WALK WITH ME WHILE I RUN THIS RACE,
FOR I DON'T WANT TO RUN THIS RACE IN VAIN!

GUIDE MY FEET WHILE I RUN THIS RACE,
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FOR I DON'T WANT TO RUN THIS RACE IN VAIN!

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

We will follow on The Way.

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The Creator God fills us with breath
inviting us to this journey called Life.

WE WILL FOLLOW ON THE WAY.

Jesus, our Guide, shows us what it means
to make a new way with Love.

WE WILL FOLLOW ON THE WAY.

The Spirit gives us strength to move forward
with courage and compassion for all we meet.

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