

July 13, 2025 Sunday Gathering

-ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-

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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.

-PRELUDE-

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" - arr. P. Keveren
Brenda Gardiner

-WELCOME-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Open My Eyes That I May See"
OPEN MY EYES THAT I MAY SEE
GLIMPSES OF TRUTH YOU HAVE FOR ME.
PLACE IN MY HANDS THE WONDERFUL KEY
THAT SHALL UNCLASP AND SET ME FREE.

SILENTLY NOW I WAIT FOR YOU, READY, MY GOD, YOUR WILL TO DO. OPEN MY EYES, ILLUMINE ME, SPIRIT DIVINE!

-BEING PURVEYORS OF AWE-

-SINGING TOGETHER"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART, LORD.
OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART.
I WANT TO SEE YOU,
I WANT TO SEE YOU.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Open My Eyes That I May See"
SILENTLY NOW I WAIT FOR YOU,
READY, MY GOD, YOUR WILL TO DO.
OPEN MY EYES, ILLUMINE ME,
SPIRIT DIVINE!

-COMMUNITY PRAYER-

Awe-inspiring God,
we come together this day
because we need to be reminded
TOO OFTEN, WE FORGET THAT WE ARE MADE
TO DELIGHT IN THE DIVERSITY
AND ABUNDANCE OF YOUR GIFTS.
Open us to perceive anew

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Inspire us to receive our surroundings with awe.
FORGIVE US WHEN WE GET COMPLACENT,
WHEN WE CHOOSE ROUTINE
OVER OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW EXPERIENCES.
BE WITH US ON THIS JOURNEY
AS WE SEEK AGAIN TO MARVEL AT YOUR WORKS.
Inspire us to receive our surroundings with awe.
Forgive us when we get complacent, when we choose routine

Be with us on this journey as we seek again to marvel at your works.

Amen.

over opportunities for new experiences.

-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"God's Eye is On the Sparrow"
WHY SHOULD I FEEL DISCOURAGED,
WHY SHOULD THE SHADOWS COME,
WHY SHOULD MY HEART BE LONELY,
AND LONG FOR HEAVEN AND HOME,
WHEN GOD IS EVER MY PORTION?

MY CONSTANT FRIEND WILL BE: GOD'S EYE IS ON THE SPARROW, AND I KNOW GOD WATCHES ME; GOD'S EYE IS ON THE SPARROW, AND I KNOW GOD WATCHES ME.

I SING BECAUSE I'M HAPPY,
I SING BECAUSE I'M FREE,
GOD'S EYE IS ON THE SPARROW,
AND I KNOW GOD WATCHES ME.

"LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED,"
CHRIST'S TENDER WORD I HEAR,
AND RESTING ON GOD'S GOODNESS,
I LOSE MY DOUBTS AND FEARS;
THOUGH BY THE PATH GOD LEADS ME
BUT ONE STEP I MAY SEE:
GOD'S EYE IS ON THE SPARROW,
AND I KNOW GOD WATCHES ME;
GOD'S EYE IS ON THE SPARROW,
AND I KNOW GOD WATCHES ME.

I SING BECAUSE I'M HAPPY, I SING BECAUSE I'M FREE, GOD'S EYE IS ON THE SPARROW, AND I KNOW GOD WATCHES ME.

WHENEVER I AM TEMPTED,
WHENEVER CLOUDS ARISE,
WHEN SONG GIVE PLACE TO SIGHING,
WHEN HOPE WITHIN ME DIES,
I THEN DRAW THE CLOSE TO MY SAVIOR,
FROM CARE I AM SET FREE:
GOD'S EYE IS ON THE SPARROW,
AND I KNOW GOD WATCHES ME;
GOD'S EYE IS ON THE SPARROW,
AND I KNOW GOD WATCHES ME.

I SING BECAUSE I'M HAPPY, I SING BECAUSE I'M FREE, GOD'S EYE IS ON THE SPARROW, AND I KNOW GOD WATCHES ME.

-SCRIPTURE-

An excerpt from Psalm 36

How precious is your love!

Whether creatures of heaven or children of earth, we all find refuge in the shadow of your wings. We feast on the bounty of your estate, and drink from the stream of your delights. In you is the wellspring of Life, and in your light we become enlightened.

-CHILDREN'S MOMENT-

-THE MESSAGE-

"Delight"
Pam Lee-Miller

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Great and Awesome God"
YOU ARE A GREAT AND AWESOME GOD.
YOUR WONDERS WE PROCLAIM.
YOU ARE OUR ROCK, OUR STRENGTH, OUR SHIELD,
FROM AGE TO AGE THE SAME.
YOU FORGIVE US ALL OUR SINS.
YOU TRANSFORM US WITH YOUR LOVE.
WITH JOYFUL, GRATEFUL HEARTS WE SING.
YOU ARE A GREAT AND AWESOME GOD!

-JOYS & CONCERNS-

-PASTORAL PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Great and Awesome God"
YOU HEAR US WHEN WE PRAY.
YOU RECEIVE US WITH YOUR LOVE.
WITH JOYFUL, GRATEFUL HEARTS WE SING.
YOU ARE A GREAT AND AWESOME GOD!

-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come to the Table of Grace"

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE,

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE,

THIS IS GOD'S TABLE, IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE,

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE, COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE,

THIS IS GOD'S TABLE, IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE, COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF HOPE, COME TO THE TABLE OF HOPE, THIS IS GOD'S TABLE, IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE, COME TO THE TABLE OF HOPE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY,
COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY,
THIS IS GOD'S TABLE, IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE,
COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY.

-IN GRATITUDE-

-OFFERING-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Rain Down"

FAITHFUL AND TRUE IS THE WORD OF OUR GOD.
ALL OF GOD'S WORKS ARE SO WORTHY OF TRUST.
GOD'S MERCY FALLS ON THE JUST AND THE RIGHT;
FULL OF GOD'S LOVE IS THE EARTH.

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE.
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

GOD OF CREATION, WE LONG FOR YOUR TRUTH;
YOU ARE THE WATER OF LIFE THAT WE THIRST.
GRANT THAT YOUR LOVE AND YOUR PEACE TOUCH OUR HEARTS,
ALL OF OUR HOPE LIES IN YOU.

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE.
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

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OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART.

I WANT TO SEE YOU,

I WANT TO SEE YOU.