



**November 10, 2024**

**Sunday Gathering**

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**-PRELUDE-**

*"In Christ Alone" – arr. P. Hayes*

Brenda Gardiner

**-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.*

**-WELCOME-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Love Has Broken Down the Wall"*

LOVE HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALL,  
LOVE HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALL.  
LET US JOIN OUR HEARTS AS ONE.  
LOVE HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALL.

CAST ASIDE YOUR DOUBTS AND FEARS,  
CAST ASIDE YOUR DOUBTS AND FEARS.  
PEACE AND LOVE, FREELY OFFERED HERE;  
CAST ASIDE YOUR DOUBTS AND FEARS.

**-COMMUNAL PRAYER-**

Creator God,  
our collective hearts are filled with anxiety and fear.

and sometimes, God, this makes us feel alone.  
remind us that you are with us.

DRAW US CLOSE,  
QUIET OUR MINDS,  
AND CALM OUR HEARTS.

WE BELIEVE; HELP OUR UNBELIEF.

Compassionate God,  
we cannot understand all the suffering in the world.  
we commit our hearts to you,  
and we will listen for your voice.

DRAW US CLOSE,  
QUIET OUR MINDS,  
AND CALM OUR HEARTS.

WE BELIEVE; HELP OUR UNBELIEF.

Generous God,  
give us the courage to persistently act in love.  
teach us to be your gentle hands  
which work for justice and good.

DRAW US CLOSE,  
QUIET OUR MINDS,  
AND CALM OUR HEARTS.

WE BELIEVE; HELP OUR UNBELIEF.

Loving Creator,  
in times of turmoil, help us see that love  
and acceptance of others is our path forward.

DRAW US CLOSE,  
QUIET OUR MINDS,  
AND CALM OUR HEARTS.

WE BELIEVE; HELP OUR UNBELIEF.

Help us to trust in love.  
one day at a time.  
one breath at a time.

WE ASK ALL THESE THINGS IN FAITH.  
AMEN.

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Love Has Broken Down the Wall"*

LOVE HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALL,  
LOVE HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALL.  
LET US JOIN OUR HEARTS AS ONE.  
LOVE HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALL.

WE'RE ACCEPTED AS WE ARE,  
WE'RE ACCEPTED AS WE ARE.  
THROUGH LOVE'S POW'R WE'RE RECONCILED.  
WE'RE ACCEPTED AS WE ARE.

**-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Love Has Broken Down the Wall"*

WE WILL TEAR DOWN THE WALLS!  
WE WILL TEAR DOWN EVERY WALL!  
LOVE HAS CALLED US ONE AND ALL.  
LOVE HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALLS.  
  
LOVE HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALLS.

**-SCRIPTURE-**

Matthew 5: 1-12 (NIV)

*Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.  
His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.*

*He said:*

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you  
because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven..."*

**-SPECIAL MUSIC-**

*"I Need You More Today"*

Timmy Smallwood & Kenny Bishop

**-THE MESSAGE-**

"Blessed Are You"

Kenny Bishop

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Come and Find the Quiet Center"*

COME AND FIND THE QUIET CENTER  
IN THE CROWDED LIFE WE LEAD.  
FIND THE ROOM FOR HOPE TO ENTER,  
FIND THE FRAME WHERE WE ARE FREED:  
CLEAR THE CHAOS AND THE CLUTTER  
CLEAR OUR EYES THAT WE CAN SEE  
ALL THE THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER,  
BE AT PEACE AND SIMPLY BE.

**-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"The Open Table"*

COME, OH COME, COME TO THE TABLE.  
GATHER 'ROUND, COME WITHOUT FEAR.  
KNOWN BY NAME HERE AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;  
WELCOME HERE TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

CIRCLE 'ROUND, LET'S JOIN TOGETHER.  
SHARE YOUR JOYS, AND BRING YOUR TEARS.  
STRENGTH AND HOPE FOUND AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;  
WELCOME HERE TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

GOD IS LOVE; LOVE IS CREATING  
SOMETHING NEW, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.  
WE'RE CHILDREN OF GOD, HERE AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;  
WELCOME HERE TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

**-COMMUNION-**

*"Blessed Are They"*

**-OFFERING-**

**-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-**

**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-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 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 ALL 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!  
GOD WILL REIGN, AND WE'LL WALK WITH EACH OTHER  
AS 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!

**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD!