



August 23, 2026
Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

"God Will Take Care of You" – arr. P. Keveren
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"

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

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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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

In humility and kindness, we gather
BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE.

Forgiving where needed,
celebrating what is good,
BOUND TOGETHER IN UNITY.

Hand in hand,
heart to heart,
WE WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER.

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-OPENING PRAYER-

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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING,
FROM YOUR RICH AND ENDLESS STORE:
NATURE'S WONDER, JESUS' WISDOM,

COSTLY CROSS, GRAVE'S SHATTERED DOOR,
GIFTED BY YOU, WE TURN TO YOU,
OFF'RING UP OURSELVES IN PRAISE;
THANKFUL SONG SHALL RISE FOREVER,
GRACIOUS DONOR OF OUR DAYS.

SKILLS AND TIME ARE OURS FOR PRESSING
TOWARD THE GOALS OF CHRIST, YOUR SON:
ALL AT PEACE IN HEALTH AND FREEDOM,
RACES JOINED, THE CHURCH MADE ONE.
NOW DIRECT OUR DAILY LABOR,
LEST WE STRIVE FOR SELF ALONE;
BORN WITH TALENTS, MAKE US SERVANTS
FIT TO ANSWER AT YOUR THRONE.

TREASURE, TOO, YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED,
GAIN THROUGH POW'RS YOUR GRACE CONFERRED;
OURS TO USE FOR HOME AND KINDRED,
AND TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL WORD.
OPEN WIDE OUR HANDS IN SHARING,
AS WE HEED CHRIST'S AGELESS CALL,
HEALING, TEACHING, AND RECLAIMING,
SERVING YOU BY LOVING ALL.

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-SCRIPTURE-

Romans 12:4-8 (NCV)

Each one of us has a body with many parts, and these parts all have different uses. In the same way, we are many, but in Christ we are all one body. Each one is a part of that body, and each part belongs to all the other parts. We all have different gifts, each of which came because of the grace God gave us. The person who has the gift of prophecy should use that gift in agreement with the faith. Anyone who has the gift of serving should serve. Anyone who has the gift of teaching should teach. Whoever has the gift of encouraging others should encourage. Whoever has the gift of giving to others should give freely. Anyone who has the gift of being a leader should try hard when he leads. Whoever has the gift of showing mercy to others should do so with joy.

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-THE MESSAGE-

Pam Lee-Miller

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Spirit of the Living God"

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,
FALL AFRESH ON ME,
SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,
FALL AFRESH ON ME.

BREAK ME, MELT ME, MOLD ME, FILL ME.
SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,
FALL AFRESH ON ME.

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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 YOUNG AND FOR OLD, A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
ALL GENDERS AND ROLES A PART OF THE SONG,
WITH WISDOM AND GRACE, DIVIDING THE POWER,
FOR EVERYONE BORN, THE RIGHT TO BELONG.

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 EVERYONE BORN, A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR, AND SIMPLY TO BE,

TO WORK, TO SPEAK OUT, TO WITNESS AND WORSHIP,
FOR EVERYONE BORN, THE RIGHT TO BE FREE.

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!

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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-

"We Are Your People"

WE ARE YOUR PEOPLE,
SPIRIT OF GRACE,
YOU DARE TO MAKE US
CHRIST TO OUR NEIGHBORS
OF EVERY CULTURE AND PLACE.

JOINED IN COMMUNITY,
TREASURED AND FED,
MAY WE DISCOVER
GIFTS IN EACH OTHER,
WILLING TO LEAD AND BE LED.

RICH IN DIVERSITY,
HELP US TO LIVE
CLOSER THAN NEIGHBORS,
OPEN TO STRANGERS,
ABLE TO CLASH AND FORGIVE.

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"We Are Your People"

SPIRIT, UNITE US,
MAKE US, BY GRACE,
WILLING AND READY,
CHRIST'S LIVING BODY,

LOVING THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE.