



October 4, 2026
Sunday Gathering
World Communion Sunday

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-PRELUDE-

"Bind Us Together" - arr. M. Hayes
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-

"Gather Us In"

HERE IN THIS PLACE A NEW LIGHT IS STREAMING,
NOW IS THE DARKNESS VANISHED AWAY.
SEE IN THIS PLACE OUR FEARS AND OUR DREAMINGS,
BROUGHT HERE TO YOU IN THE LIGHT OF THIS DAY.

GATHER US IN, THE LOST AND FORSAKEN,
GATHER US IN, THE BLIND AND THE LAME.
CALL TO US NOW, AND WE SHALL AWAKEN,
WE SHALL ARISE AT THE SOUND OF OUR NAME.

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-WELCOME & GREETING-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Gather Us In"

WE ARE THE YOUNG, OUR LIVES ARE A MYST'RY,
WE ARE THE OLD WHO YEARN FOR YOUR FACE.
WE HAVE BEEN SUNG THROUGHOUT ALL OF HIST'RY.
CALLED TO BE LIGHT TO THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE.

GATHER US IN, THE RICH AND THE HAUGHTY,
GATHER US IN, THE PROUD AND THE STRONG.
GIVE US HEART SO MEEK AND SO LOWLY,
GIVE US THE COURAGE TO ENTER THE SONG.

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

If you are hungry,
THERE IS ROOM AT GOD'S TABLE.

If you are weary,
THERE IS A SEAT SAVED FOR YOU.

If you dream of belonging,
then we will practice belonging here.
From north, south, east and west,
God invites us home.
LET US WORSHIP OUR NOURISHING GOD.

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-OPENING PRAYER-

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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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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 WOMAN AND MAN,
A PLACE AT THE TABLE,

AND ALL THOSE BETWEEN,
BEYOND AND BESIDES;
EXPANDING OUR WORLD,
DISMANTLING THE POWER,
EACH VALUED FOR WHAT THEIR VOICE CAN PROVIDE.

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 GAY, BI AND STRAIGHT,
A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
INVITED TO WED, TO BAPTIZE AND PREACH,
A RAINBOW OF RACE AND GENDER AND COLOR,
FOR QUEER, TRANS, AND ACE,
GOD'S JUSTICE IN REACH.

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 BODIES DIVERSE,
A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
ALL MANNER OF SPEECH
AND MOVEMENT AND MINDS;
ENABLED TO LEAD AND TEACH US NEW LANGUAGE,
FOR BODIES DIVERSE,
A CHURCH REDESIGNED.

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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-SPECIAL READING-

"Pocket-Size Moments"

Chris Prichard

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-SCRIPTURE-

1 Corinthians 10:17 (CEV)

By sharing in the same loaf of bread, we become one body, even though there are many of us.

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-THE MESSAGE-

"Radical Inclusion: The Beauty of One Loaf"

Pam Lee-Miller

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-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.

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-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

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-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.

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

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-JOYS & CONCERNS-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING,
LORD, SEND YOUR SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE.
LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING,

SEND US LOVE,
SEND US POWER,
SEND US GRACE.

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-PASTORAL PRAYER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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LORD, SEND YOUR SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE.
LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING,
SEND US LOVE,
SEND US POWER,
SEND US GRACE.

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-OFFERING-

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-IN GRATITUDE-

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-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

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-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"I Am the Light of the World"

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
YOU PEOPLE COME AND FOLLOW ME.
IF YOU FOLLOW AND LOVE, YOU'LL LEARN THE MYSTERY
OF WHAT YOU WERE MEANT TO DO AND BE.

WHEN THE SONG OF THE ANGELS IS STILLED.
WHEN THE STAR IN THE SKY IS GONE.
WHEN THE KINGS AND THE SHEPHERDS
HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY HOME.
THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS IS BEGUN!

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
YOU PEOPLE COME AND FOLLOW ME.
IF YOU FOLLOW AND LOVE, YOU'LL LEARN THE MYSTERY
OF WHAT YOU WERE MEANT TO DO AND BE.

TO FIND THE LOST AND LONELY ONE,
TO HEAL THAT BROKEN SOUL WITH LOVE,

TO FEED THE HUNGRY CHILDREN
WITH WARMTH AND GOOD FOOD,
TO FEEL THE EARTH BELOW THE SKY ABOVE!

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
YOU PEOPLE COME AND FOLLOW ME.
IF YOU FOLLOW AND LOVE, YOU'LL LEARN THE MYSTERY
OF WHAT YOU WERE MEANT TO DO AND BE.

TO BRING HOPE TO EVERY TASK YOU DO,
TO DANCE AT A BABY'S NEW BIRTH,
TO MAKE MUSIC IN AN OLD MAN'S HEART,
AND SING TO THE COLORS OF THE EARTH!

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
YOU PEOPLE COME AND FOLLOW ME.
IF YOU FOLLOW AND LOVE, YOU'LL LEARN THE MYSTERY
OF WHAT YOU WERE MEANT TO DO AND BE.

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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