



March 16, 2025
Sunday Gathering
The Second 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.

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Make Us One"

MAKE US ONE, LORD, MAKE US ONE;
HOLY SPIRIT, MAKE US ONE.
LET YOUR LOVE FLOW SO THE WORLD WILL KNOW
WE ARE ONE IN YOU.

-WELCOME & GREETING-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

Come as you are.
IF YOU HAVE DEEP FAITH
OR YOUR FAITH HAS RUN DRY,

if you know every scripture or none at all,
IF YOU HAVE CALLOUSED HANDS
AND LIVE YOUR FAITH THROUGH GOOD WORKS,
or if you kneel at god's feet, with a million hungry questions,
COME AS YOU ARE.
This is God's house.
NONE ARE TURNED AWAY.
All are welcome here.

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-PRAYER-

-COMMUNAL PRAYER-

GOD OF GRACE,
WE LONG TO DO THE "RIGHT" THING.
WE LONG TO MAKE THE "RIGHT" CHOICE.
WE LONG TO STAND ON THE "RIGHT" SIDE OF THE DIVIDING LINE.
IN OUR EARNESTNESS,
WE SOMETIMES MISS THE SACRED THAT IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF US.
IN OUR EARNESTNESS,
WE SOMETIMES MISS GOOD OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW LOVE.
SHOW US HOW TO HOLD OUR HEART'S DESIRE
FOR PERFECTION MORE LOOSELY.
SHOW US HOW TO LEAD WITH GRACE AND LOVE,
OVER EVERYTHING ELSE.
FOR EVEN MORE THAN OUR DESIRE TO BE RIGHT,
WE DESIRE TO BE CLOSE TO YOU.
SHOW US THE WAY.
AMEN.

-PRAYERFUL RESPONSE-

Faithful friends, God knows your heart.
When you mean well and lose your way, God knows.
When you try to do the right thing and miss the point, God knows.
When you long to be close to God, and doubt your worth, God knows.
You are seen. You are loved. You are forgiven. You have been sent to serve.
This is the good news of the gospel!
Nothing can separate you from God's love.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS,
JUST TO TAKE HIM AT HIS WORD;
JUST TO REST UPON ON HIS PROMISE;
JUST TO KNOW, "THIS SAITH THE LORD."

JESUS, JESUS, HOW I TRUST HIM!
HOW I'VE PROVED HIM O'ER AND O'ER!
JESUS, JESUS, PRECIOUS JESUS!
O FOR GRACE TO TRUST HIM MORE.

O HOW SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS,
JUST TO TRUST HIS ENDLESS LOVE;
JUST IN SIMPLE FAITH TO TAKE ME
'NEATH THE HEALING, CLEANSING FLOOD!

JESUS, JESUS, HOW I TRUST HIM!
HOW I'VE PROVED HIM O'ER AND O'ER!
JESUS, JESUS, PRECIOUS JESUS!
O FOR GRACE TO TRUST HIM MORE.

I'M SO GLAD I'VE LEARNED TO TRUST HIM,
PRECIOUS JESUS, LOVING FRIEND;
AND I KNOW THAT HE IS WITH ME,
AND HIS LOVE WILL NEVER END.

JESUS, JESUS, HOW I TRUST HIM!
HOW I'VE PROVED HIM O'ER AND O'ER!
JESUS, JESUS, PRECIOUS JESUS!
O FOR GRACE TO TRUST HIM MORE.

-SCRIPTURE-

Luke 10: 38-42 (CEB)

While Jesus and his disciples were traveling, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest. she had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his message. By contrast, Martha was preoccupied with getting everything ready for their meal. So Martha came to him and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to prepare the table all by myself? Tell her to help me."

The Lord answered, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. One thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part. It won't be taken away from her."

-THE MESSAGE-

"The Work of Faith"

Kenny Bishop

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"In the Quiet Curve of Evening"

IN THE QUIET CURVE OF EVENING,
IN THE CLOSING OF THE DAYS,
IN THE MOMENTS OF MY DARKNESS,
YOU ARE THERE.

IN THE RHYTHMS OF MY BREATHING,
IN THE SPACE BETWEEN MY WAYS,
IN THE WEARY TIMES OF SADNESS,
YOU ARE THERE.

YOU ARE THERE,
YOU ARE THERE,
YOU ARE THERE.

-JOYS & CONCERNS-

-PASTORAL PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"In the Quiet Curve of Evening"

YOU ARE THERE,
YOU ARE THERE,
YOU ARE THERE.

-COMMUNION INVITATION-

-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

-IN GRATITUDE-

-OFFERING-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE
CONSECRATED, LORD, TO THEE.
TAKE MY MOMENTS AND MY DAYS;
LET THEM FLOW IN ENDLESS PRAISE,
LET THEM FLOW IN ENDLESS PRAISE.

TAKE MY HANDS AND LET THEM MOVE
AT THE IMPULSE OF THY LOVE.
TAKE MY FEET AND LET THEM BE
SWIFT AND BEAUTIFUL FOR THEE,
SWIFT AND BEAUTIFUL FOR THEE.

TAKE MY VOICE AND LET ME SING
ALWAYS SOUNDING JOYS TO RING.
TAKE MY LIPS AND LET THEM BE
FILLED WITH MESSAGES FROM THEE,
FILLED WITH MESSAGES FROM THEE.

TAKE MY LOVE; MY LORD, I POUR
AT THY FEET ITS TREASURE STORE.
TAKE MYSELF, AND I WILL BE
ALWAYS, EVER ALL FOR THEE,
ALWAYS, EVER ALL FOR THEE.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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