



**October 20, 2024
Sunday Gathering**

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-PRELUDE-

*“God, Help the Outcasts” – arr. P. Keveren
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.

-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.

-WELCOME-

-GREETING EACH OTHER-

-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.

-COMMUNAL PRAYER-

CREATOR GOD,
OUR COLLECTIVE HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH ANXIETY AND FEAR.
AND SOMETIMES, GOD, THIS MAKES US FEEL ALONE.
REMINDE 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.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-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.

-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

HAVE YOUR OWN WAY, LORD!
HAVE YOUR OWN WAY!
YOU ART THE POTTER,
I AM THE CLAY.
MOLD ME AND MAKE ME
AFTER YOUR WILL,
WHILE I AM WAITING,
YIELDED AND STILL.

HAVE YOUR OWN WAY, LORD!
HAVE YOUR OWN WAY!
WOUNDED AND WEARY,
HELP ME I PRAY!

YOUR LOVELY POWER,
LOVELY AND KIND.
TOUCH ME AND HEAL ME,
MY LORD DIVINE!

HAVE YOUR OWN WAY, LORD!
HAVE YOUR OWN WAY!
HOLD O'ER MY BEING
ABSOLUTE SWAY.
FILL WITH YOUR SPIRIT
TILL ALL SHALL SEE
CHRIST MY COMPANION
LIVING IN ME!

-SCRIPTURE-

Ephesians 4: 1-6 (NRSVUE)

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and [Parent] of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

-THE MESSAGE-

“One”

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-

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God" - arr. P. Keveren

-OFFERING-

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"For All the Children"

GOD, WE GATHER AS YOUR PEOPLE
TO RAISE OUR SONG ABOVE,
AND WE DARE TO CLAIM THE PROMISE OF YOUR LOVE,
THOUGH THE DAY MAY NOT YET BE HERE,
WE TRUST IT SOON WILL BE,
WHEN YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE FREE.

O, MAY OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE OPENED,
FLING THE CHURCH DOORS OPEN WIDE.
MAY THERE BE ROOM ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE INSIDE.
FOR IN GOD THERE IS A WELCOME,
IN GOD WE ALL BELONG.
MAY THAT WELCOME BE OUR SONG.

GOD, WE SING FOR ALL THE CHILDREN,
THAT ONE DAY THEY BE FREE;
AND WE SING FOR GENERATIONS YET TO BE,
THAT THEY NEVER HAVE A REASON

TO DOUBT THAT THEY ARE BLESSED.
MAY THEY, IN YOUR LOVE, FIND REST.

GOD, WE PRAY FOR ALL THE YOUNG LIVES
CUT SHORT BY FEAR AND SHAME
SO AFRAID OF WHO THEY ARE AND WHOM THEY LOVE.
MAY THE MESSAGE NOW BE BANISHED
THAT YOUR LOVE IS FOR THE FEW,
MAY THEIR FAITH IN YOU RENEW.

O, MAY OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE OPENED,
FLING THE CHURCH DOORS OPEN WIDE.
MAY THERE BE ROOM ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE INSIDE.
FOR IN GOD THERE IS A WELCOME,
IN GOD WE ALL BELONG.
MAY THAT WELCOME BE OUR SONG.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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