



September 29, 2024

Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

"In Christ Alone" – 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-

"Welcome"

LET'S WALK TOGETHER FOR A WHILE
AND ASK WHERE WE BEGIN
TO BUILD A WORLD WHERE LOVE CAN GROW
AND HOPE CAN ENTER IN,
TO BE THE HANDS OF HEALING
AND TO PLANT THE SEEDS OF PEACE,

SINGING WELCOME,
WELCOME TO THIS PLACE.
YOU'RE INVITED
TO COME AND KNOW GOD'S GRACE.
ALL ARE WELCOME,
THE LOVE OF GOD TO SHARE.
'CAUSE ALL OF US ARE WELCOME HERE;
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

-WELCOME-

-GREETING EACH OTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Welcome"

LET'S TALK TOGETHER OF A TIME
WHEN WE WILL SHARE A FEAST,
WHERE PRIDE AND POWER KNEEL TO SERVE
THE LONELY AND THE LEAST,
AND JOY WILL SET THE TABLE
AS WE JOIN OUR HANDS TO PRAY,

SINGING WELCOME,
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TO COME AND KNOW GOD'S GRACE.
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THE LOVE OF GOD TO SHARE.
'CAUSE ALL OF US ARE WELCOME HERE;
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

-CALL TO WORSHIP-

God has gathered us in this place
from the corners of Lexington
and from all over the world.
WE HAVE COME FROM DWELLINGS
AND COMMUNITIES,
FROM THE PLACES WE WORK AND LEARN.

From near and far(-ish),
we join our hearts and voices to glorify God.
WE'VE COME FOLLOWING DETOURS
BETWEEN OR BEYOND,
AND STUMBLING ALONG THE WAY.
BUT WE ARE HERE!

And God welcomes all in this place.
Let us worship God!

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING
MY GREAT REDEEMER'S PRAISE,
THE GLORIES OF MY GOD ABOVE;
THE TRIUMPHS OF GOD'S GRACE.

MY GRACIOUS MAKER AND MY GOD,
ASSIST ME TO PROCLAIM
TO SPREAD THROUGH ALL THE EARTH ABROAD
THE HONORS OF YOUR NAME,
THE HONORS OF YOUR NAME.

JESUS! THE NAME THAT CHARMS OUR FEARS,
THAT BIDS OUR SORROW CEASE;
'TIS MUSIC IN THE SINNER'S EARS,
'TIS LIFE AND HEALTH AND PEACE,
'TIS LIFE AND HEALTH AND PEACE.

HE SPEAKS, AND LISTENING TO HIS VOICE,
NEW LIFE THE DEAD RECEIVE,
THE MOURNFUL BROKEN HEARTS REJOICE,
THE HUMBLE POOR BELIEVE,
THE HUMBLE POOR BELIEVE.

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THE GLORIES OF MY GOD ABOVE;
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-SCRIPTURE-

Mark 10: 46-51 (MSG)

They spent some time in Jericho. As Jesus was leaving town, trailed by his disciples and a parade of people, a blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, was sitting alongside the road. When he heard that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by, he began to cry out, "Son of David, Jesus! Mercy, have mercy on me!" Many tried to hush him up, but he yelled all the louder, "Son of David! Mercy, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stopped in his tracks. "Call him over." They called him. "It's your lucky day! Get up! He's calling you to come!" Throwing off his coat, he was on his feet at once and came to Jesus. Jesus said, "What can I do for you?" The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "On your way," said Jesus. "Your faith has saved and healed you." In that very instant he recovered his sight and followed Jesus down the road.

-THE MESSAGE-

"Leave the Cloak Behind"

Pam Lee-Miller

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"As We Gather at Your Table"

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE,
AS WE LISTEN TO YOUR WORD,
HELP US KNOW, O GOD, YOUR PRESENCE;
LET OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE STIRRED.
NOURISH US WITH SACRED STORY
TILL WE CLAIM IT AS YOUR OWN;
TEACH US THROUGH THIS HOLY BANQUET
HOW TO MAKE LOVE'S VICTORY KNOWN.

GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HELP US SUMMON
OTHER GUESTS TO SHARE THE FEAST
WHERE TRIUMPHANT LOVE WILL WELCOME
THOSE WHO HAD BEEN LAST AND LEAST.
THERE NO MORE WILL ENVY BIND US
NOR WILL PRIDE OUR PEACE DESTROY,
AS WE JOIN WITH THOSE AROUND US
TO PARTAKE IN HEAVEN'S JOY.

-SHARING AROUND THE TABLE-

-COMMUNION-

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" - arr. P. Hamm

-OFFERING-

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND
THAT SAVED A WRETCH LIKE ME!
I ONCE WAS LOST, BUT NOW I'M FOUND;
WAS BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE.

'T WAS GRACE THAT TAUGHT MY HEART TO FEAR;
AND GRACE MY FEARS RELIEVED.

HOW PRECIOUS DID THAT GRACE APPEAR
THE HOUR I FIRST BELIEVED.

MY CHAINS ARE GONE,
I'VE BEEN SET FREE.
MY GOD, MY SAVIOR
HAS RESCUED ME.
AND LIKE A FLOOD
GOD'S MERCY REIGNS,
UNENDING LOVE,
AMAZING GRACE.

THE LORD HAS PROMISED GOOD TO ME;
HIS WORD MY HOPE SECURES.
HE WILL MY SHIELD AND PORTION BE
AS LONG AS LIFE ENDURES.

MY CHAINS ARE GONE,
I'VE BEEN SET FREE.
MY GOD, MY SAVIOR
HAS RESCUED ME.
AND LIKE A FLOOD
GOD'S MERCY REIGNS,
UNENDING LOVE,
AMAZING GRACE.

THE EARTH SHALL SOON DISSOLVE LIKE SNOW,
THE SUN FORBEAR TO SHINE.
BUT GOD WHO LOVES ME HERE BELOW,
WILL BE FOREVER MINE,
WILL BE FOREVER MINE,
YOU ARE FOREVER MINE.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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