



June 15, 2025
Sunday Gathering

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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.

-PRELUDE-

"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord" – arr. P. Keveren
Brenda Gardiner

-WELCOME-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Open My Eyes That I May See"
OPEN MY EYES THAT I MAY SEE
GLIMPSES OF TRUTH YOU HAVE FOR ME.
PLACE IN MY HANDS THE WONDERFUL KEY
THAT SHALL UNCLASP AND SET ME FREE.

SILENTLY NOW I WAIT FOR YOU,
READY, MY GOD, YOUR WILL TO DO.
OPEN MY EYES, ILLUMINE ME,
SPIRIT DIVINE!

-BEING A PURVEYOR OF AWE-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART, LORD.
OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART.
I WANT TO SEE YOU,
I WANT TO SEE YOU.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Open My Eyes That I May See"
SILENTLY NOW I WAIT FOR YOU,
READY, MY GOD, YOUR WILL TO DO.
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SPIRIT DIVINE!

-COMMUNITY PRAYER-

Awe-inspiring God,
we come together this day because we need to be reminded
to see through the lens of wonder.
TOO OFTEN, WE RELEGATE WHAT IS AMAZING
TO WHAT IS FAMILIAR,
FORGETTING THAT THERE ARE
MYSTERIES AND MIRACLES
IN THE ORDINARINESS OF OUR LIVES.
Open us to perceive anew.
Inspire us to receive our surroundings with awe.
FORGIVE US WHEN WE FOCUS ONLY ON WHAT'S WRONG
RATHER THAN ALLOWING THE RIGHT AND GOOD
TO SHOW US THE WAY FORWARD.
Be with us on this journey as we seek again to marvel at your works.
OPEN US...
INSPIRE US...
FORGIVE US...
SHOW US...
AMEN.

-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"
LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVE EXCELLING,
JOY OF HEAVEN, ON EARTH BE FOUND.
FIX IN US A HUMBLE DWELLING,
ALL YOUR FAITHFUL MERCIES CROWN;
JESUS, YOU ARE ALL COMPASSION;

PURE, UNBOUNDED LOVE IMPART.
VISIT US WITH YOUR SALVATION,
ENTER EVERY TREMBLING HEART.

BREATHE, O BREATHE YOUR LOVING SPIRIT
INTO EVERY TROUBLED BREAST;
LET US ALL IN YOU INHERIT,
LET US FIND YOUR PROMISED REST;
TAKE AWAY OUR LOVE OF SINNING:
ALPHA AND OMEGA BE;
END OF FAITH, AS ITS BEGINNING,
SET OUR HEARTS AT LIBERTY.

FINISH, THEN, YOUR NEW CREATION;
PURE AND SPOTLESS, MAY WE PROVE;
LET US SEE YOUR GREAT SALVATION
PERFECTLY RESTORED IN YOU.
CHANGED FROM GLORY INTO GLORY,
TILL IN HEAVEN WE TAKE OUR PLACE,
CROWNED AS SAINTS, WE EVER SHALL BE
LOST IN WONDER, LOVE, AND PRAISE.

-READING-

Monica C. Parker

“Gently peeking its head around mental corners or bombastically announcing its arrival into our trembling psyche, wonder changes our perspective, our bodies, our souls, and our lives. Art, music, religion, politics, science, nature, love, fear, birth, death; each of the myriad experiences that compress to form the bedrock of human life has a golden vein of wonder running through it.”

-SCRIPTURE-

excerpts from Psalm 107, 139

They called to YHWH in their trouble, and God rescued them from their sufferings, guiding them by a direct route to an inhabited town. Let them thank YHWH for this great love, for the marvels done for all people—for God has satisfied the thirsty and filled the hungry with good things.

For all these mysteries, I thank you—for the wonder of myself, for the wonder of your works—my soul knows it well.

-SPECIAL MUSIC-

“What a Wonderful World”

Kenny Bishop

-THE MESSAGE-

“Wonder”

Kenny Bishop

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Great and Awesome God"

YOU ARE A GREAT AND AWESOME GOD.
YOUR WONDERS WE PROCLAIM.
YOU ARE OUR ROCK, OUR STRENGTH, OUR SHIELD,
FROM AGE TO AGE THE SAME.
YOU FORGIVE US ALL OUR SINS.
YOU TRANSFORM US WITH YOUR LOVE.
WITH JOYFUL, GRATEFUL HEARTS WE SING.
YOU ARE A GREAT AND AWESOME GOD!

-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-

-PASTORAL PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Great and Awesome God"

YOU HEAR US WHEN WE PRAY.
YOU RECEIVE US WITH YOUR LOVE.
WITH JOYFUL, GRATEFUL HEARTS WE SING.
YOU ARE A GREAT AND AWESOME GOD!

-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come to the Table of Grace"

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE,
COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE,
THIS IS GOD'S TABLE, IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE,
COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE,
COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE,
THIS IS GOD'S TABLE, IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE,
COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF HOPE,
COME TO THE TABLE OF HOPE,
THIS IS GOD'S TABLE, IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE,
COME TO THE TABLE OF HOPE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY,
COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY,

THIS IS GOD'S TABLE, IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE,
COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY.

-IN GRATITUDE-

-OFFERING-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"How Great Thou Art"

O LORD MY GOD!

WHEN I IN AWESOME WONDER
CONSIDER ALL THE WORLDS YOUR HANDS HAVE MADE,
I SEE THE STARS, I HEAR THE ROLLING THUNDER,
YOUR POWER THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE DISPLAYED.

THEN SINGS MY SOUL,
MY SAVIOR GOD, TO THEE;
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART!
THEN SINGS MY SOUL,
MY SAVIOR GOD, TO THEE;
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART!

WHEN THROUGH THE WOODS
AND FOREST GLADES I WANDER
AND HEAR THE BIRDS SING SWEETLY IN THE TREES,
WHEN I LOOK DOWN
FROM LOFTY MOUNTAIN GRANDEUR
AND HEAR THE BROOK AND FEEL THE GENTLE BREEZE,

THEN SINGS MY SOUL,
MY SAVIOR GOD, TO THEE;
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART!
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MY SAVIOR GOD, TO THEE;
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART!

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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