



March 9, 2025
Sunday Gathering
The First 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-

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.
WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?
HOW CAN I HELP?

WHAT DO I HAVE TO LEARN?
WHERE IS GOD IN IT ALL?

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.
SO MAY WE LISTEN. MAY WE LEARN.
MAY WE STAY CURIOUS, AND MAY WE LOOK FOR GOD.

This is our invitation to lean in.
Let us worship our holy God.

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-PRAYER-

-COMMUNAL PRAYER-

HOLY GOD, YOU HAVE TOLD US TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES,
BUT WE GET TRIPPED UP ON LOGISTICS.
WE WANT TO KNOW: WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR?
DO WE HAVE TO LOVE STRANGERS?
MUST WE HAVE COMPASSION FOR OUR ENEMY?
FORGIVE OUR HUMAN TENDENCY TO CREATE EXCEPTIONS
IN THE FACE OF LOVE.
REWIRE OUR HEARTS SO THAT WE MIGHT SEE
THE FACE OF A NEIGHBOR IN EVERY STRANGER WE PASS.
WITH HOPE WE PRAY.
AMEN.

-COMMUNAL RESPONSE-

Family of faith, when we set limits on love,
GOD LOVES EXTRAVAGANTLY.

When we forget that we are neighbors,
GOD CLAIMS US AS GOD'S OWN.

When we judge, hold back, or harm,
GOD SURROUNDS US WITH GRACE.

There is nothing we can do or leave undone
that could separate us from the love of God.
THIS IS THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

AMEN.

-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"We Are Your People"

WE ARE YOUR PEOPLE, SPIRIT OF GRACE;
YOU DARE TO MAKE US TO ALL OUR NEIGHBORS
CHRIST'S LIVING VOICE, HANDS, AND FACE;
CHRIST'S LIVING VOICE, HANDS, AND FACE.

JOINED IN COMMUNITY, TREASURED AND FED,
MAY WE DISCOVER GIFTS IN EACH OTHER,
WILLING TO LEAD AND BE LED;
WILLING TO LEAD AND BE LED.

RICH IN DIVERSITY, HELP US TO LIVE
CLOSER THAN NEIGHBORS, OPEN TO STRANGERS,
ABLE TO CLASH AND FORGIVE;
ABLE TO CLASH AND FORGIVE.

SPIRIT, UNITE US; MAKE US, BY GRACE,
WILLING AND READY, CHRIST'S LIVING BODY,
LOVING THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE;
LOVING THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE.

-SCRIPTURE-

Luke 10: 25-37 (CEB)

Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. "Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?" He answered, "What's written in God's Law?"

How do you interpret it?" He said, "That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself."

"Good answer!" said Jesus. "Do it and you'll live." Looking for a loophole, he asked, "And just how would you define 'neighbor'?" Jesus answered by telling a story. "There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.

"A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I'll

pay you on my way back.' "What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?" "The one who treated him kindly," the religion scholar responded.

Jesus said, "Go and do the same."

-THE MESSAGE-

"Stranger Danger"

Pam Lee-Miller

-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-

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

KNEELS AT THE FEET OF HIS FRIENDS,
SILENTLY WASHES THEIR FEET,
MASTER WHO POURS OUT HIMSELF FOR THEM.

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE,
SHOW US HOW TO SERVE
THE NEIGHBORS WE HAVE FROM YOU.

NEIGHBORS ARE RICH FOLK AND POOR,
VARIED IN COLOR AND RACE,
NEIGHBORS ARE NEARBY AND FAR AWAY.

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE,
SHOW US HOW TO SERVE
THE NEIGHBORS WE HAVE FROM YOU.

THESE ARE THE ONES WE SHOULD SERVE,
THESE ARE THE ONES WE SHOULD LOVE;
ALL THESE ARE NEIGHBORS TO US AND YOU.

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE,
SHOW US HOW TO SERVE
THE NEIGHBORS WE HAVE FROM YOU.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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