

July 6, 2025 Sunday Gathering

-ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-

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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" - 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!

-WELCOME-

-SINGING TOGETHER"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

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.
OPEN MY EYES, ILLUMINE ME,
SPIRIT DIVINE!

-COMMUNITY PRAYER-

Awe-inspiring God,
we come together this day
because we need to be reminded
to see through the lens of curiosity.
Too often we focus on being right
instead of being curious,
and this closes the door
to deeper relationships and understanding.

OPEN US TO PERCEIVE ANEW.
INSPIRE US TO RECEIVE OUR SURROUNDINGS WITH AWE.
FORGIVE US WHEN WE ALLOW FEAR
TO CURB OUR QUEST FOR GREATER UNDERSTANDING.
BE WITH US ON THIS JOURNEY
AS WE SEEK AGAIN TO MARVEL AT YOUR WORK

The path is ever unfolding before us.

We are invited into the seeker's journey at any moment.

God forgives us. Jesus embraces us. The Spirit enlivens us.

WE ARE WHOLE.
WITH AWE, WE ACCEPT THIS BELOVEDNESS.
AND ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SAY, "AMEN."

-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Seek Ye First"
SEEK YOU FIRST THE KINDOM OF GOD
AND GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU. AL-LE-LU, ALLELUIA

ASK AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN UNTIL YOU;
SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND,
KNOCK AND THE DOOR SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU.
AL-LE-LU, ALLELUIA

-SCRIPTURE-

An excerpt from Proverbs 2

Incline your ear to Wisdom, and take her truth into your heart. For if you yearn for insight and cry out for understanding, if you search for it as you would for silver, and dig for it as you would for buried treasure, you will understand what [awe] of YHWH is, and discover how to truly know God.

-CHILDREN'S MOMENT-

-THE MESSAGE-

"Curiosity"
Pam Lee-Miller

-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!

-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-

"Be Thou My Vision"

BE LORD MY VISION, O LORD OF MY HEART;

NAUGHT BE ALL ELSE TO ME, SAVE THAT YOU ARE
YOU MY BEST THOUGHT, BY DAY OR BY NIGHT,

WAKING OR SLEEPING, YOUR PRESENCE MY LIGHT.

BE LORD MY WISDOM, AND BE MY TRUE WORD; I EVER WITH YOU AND YOU WITH ME, LORD; YOU MY REDEEMER, MY LOVE YOU HAVE WON, YOU IN ME DWELLING, AND I WITH YOU LORD.

RICHES I HEED NOT, NOR VAIN EMPTY PRAISE, YOU MINE INHERITANCE, NOW AND ALWAYS: YOU AND YOUR SPIRIT ARE FIRST IN MY HEART,

GREAT GOD OF HEAVEN, MY TREASURE YOU ARE.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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