



March 30, 2025
Sunday Gathering
The Fourth 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-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

Worship is a place to rest.
WE BREATHE DEEPLY HERE.
We still our aching bones.

WE SIT IN THE QUIET.
We surround ourselves with music.
WORSHIP IS A PLACE TO REST.
Worship is a place to grow.
WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD.
We invite it to challenge us.
WE LEAN IN WITH CURIOSITY.
We ask questions.
WORSHIP IS A PLACE TO GROW.
So come into this space.
Come and rest and grow here.
FOR WHERE TWO OR MORE ARE GATHERED,
GOD IS ALWAYS THERE.
Let us worship our with-us God.

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-COMMUNAL PRAYER-

Holy God, there are days when we fail to rest.
WE STRETCH OURSELVES TOO THIN.
WE SAY "YES" TO EVERY INVITATION.
WE RUN A MILLION MILES A MINUTE.
WE IGNORE YOUR COMMAND TO REST.
There are also days when we fail to act.
WE WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE,
WE TAKE THE EASY ROAD.
WE FIND EXCUSES AND JUSTIFY OUR INACTION.
God, forgive our imbalance.
REMIND US THAT BIRDS REST,
AND THEY ALSO FLY.
SHOW US HOW TO DO THE SAME.
AMEN.

-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

-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.

SILENCE IS A FRIEND WHO CLAIMS US,
COOLS THE HEAT AND SLOWS THE PACE;
GOD IT IS WHO SPEAKS AND NAMES US,
KNOWS OUR BEING, FACE TO FACE,
MAKING SPACE WITHIN OUR THINKING,
LIFTING SHADES TO SHOW THE SUN,
RAISING COURAGE WHEN WE'RE SHRINKING,
FINDING SCOPE FOR FAITH BEGUN.

IN THE SPIRIT LET US TRAVEL,
OPEN TO EACH OTHER'S PAIN,
LET OUR LOVES AND FEARS UNRAVEL,
CELEBRATE THE SPACE WE GAIN:
THERE'S A PLACE FOR DEEPEST DREAMING,
THERE'S A TIME FOR HEART TO CARE,
IN THE SPIRIT'S LIVELY SCHEMING
THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM TO SPARE!

-SCRIPTURE-

Luke 13: 6-9 (CEB)

Jesus then told them this story:

A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard. One day he went out to pick some figs, but he didn't find any. So he said to the gardener, "For three years I have come looking for figs on this tree, and I haven't found any yet. Chop it down! Why should it take up space?"

The gardener answered, "Master, leave it for another year. I'll dig around it and put some manure on it to make it grow. Maybe it will have figs on it next year. If it doesn't, you can have it cut down."

-THE MESSAGE-

"Time to Grow"

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.

-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

-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-

"Rooted and Grounded in Love"

A BLESSED LIGHT, A LOVE SO WIDE,
THAT SHINES SO DARKNESS CAN'T RESIDE;
A BAFFLING LOVE WE BARELY GRASP,
A MYSTERY REVEALED.

GOD'S GIFT TO US, A PROMISE BOLD;
THE SPIRIT'S WORD, A POW'R UNTOLD.
GOD'S SEED OF FAITH LIVES IN OUR HEARTS
AS WE'RE ROOTED AND GROUNDED,
ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE.

THE RICHNESS OF GOD'S LOVE DISPLAYED,
GOD'S WISDOM SET IN FULL ARRAY,
THE TAPROOT OF OUR STRENGTH TO SERVE
EXCEEDS THE DREAMS WE HAVE.
WITH VERVE AND LIFE WE GROW BEYOND.
THIS FERTILE SOIL IN US HAS SPAWNED
A VITAL SENSE OF WHAT CAN BE
WHEN WE'RE ROOTED AND GROUNDED,
ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE.

TO US IS GIVEN AN INNER STRENGTH.
GOD'S LOVE: ITS HEIGHT AND DEPTH AND LENGTH;
THE SOURCE OF OUR SERENITY
IS BEDROCK 'NEATH OUR LIVES.
A SOIL WHERE DEEPLY WE REMAIN,
THIS RICH, WARM EARTH OUR LIFE SUSTAINS.
WE RISE, WE GROW, GOD'S VINTAGE ALL,
EVER ROOTED AND GROUNDED,
ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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