



April 23, 2023
Sunday Gathering

-PRELUDE-

"Morning Has Broken" - arr. C. Stevens
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-

"I Dream of a Church"

WE DREAM OF A CHURCH
WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME,
WE DREAM OF A PLACE
WE ALL CAN CALL HOME.
WE DREAM OF A WORLD
WHERE JUSTICE IS FLOWING
WITH HOPE AND PEACE GROWING,
WHERE GOD'S WILL IS DONE.

MAKE IT SO,
MAKE IT SO!
WE PRAY FOR THAT DAY,
MAKE IT SO.
WE DREAM OF A WORLD
WHERE LOVE REIGNS AMONG US

AND YOUR WILL IS DONE
O GOD, MAKE IT SO.

-WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-GREETING EACH OTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"I Dream of a Church"

O GOD, FILL OUR HEARTS
TO REACH OUT IN WELCOME,
MAKE US TO SEE
YOUR VISION ONCE MORE.
LET'S DREAM OF A WORLD
WHERE OUR HANDS ARE YOUR HANDS,
WE OFFER OURSELVES,
O GOD, MAKE IT SO.

MAKE IT SO,
MAKE IT SO!
WE PRAY FOR THAT DAY,
MAKE IT SO.
WE DREAM OF A WORLD
WHERE LOVE REIGNS AMONG US
AND YOUR WILL IS DONE
O GOD, MAKE IT SO.

-CALL TO WORSHIP-

We believe we have been called
TO BE IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD,
WITH EACH OTHER, AND WITH OUR COMMUNITY.

We believe we have been called
TO RESPECT THE EARTH'S SACREDNESS,
AND TO CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

We believe we have been called.
TO BE THE CHURCH.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"This is Holy Ground"

THIS IS HOLY GROUND,
WE'RE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND.
FOR OUR GOD IS PRESENT
AND WHERE GOD IS IS HOLY.
THIS IS HOLY GROUND,
WE'RE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND.

FOR OUR GOD IS PRESENT
AND WHERE GOD IS IS HOLY.

THIS IS SACRED LAND,
WE'RE SINGING ON SACRED LAND.

FOR OUR GOD HAS MADE IT
AND WHAT IS MADE IS SACRED.

THIS IS SACRED LAND,
WE'RE SINGING ON SACRED LAND.

FOR OUR GOD HAS MADE IT
AND WHAT IS MADE IS SACRED.

THIS IS HOLY GROUND,
WE'RE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND.

FOR OUR GOD IS PRESENT
AND WHERE GOD IS HOLY.

THIS IS HOLY GROUND,
WE'RE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND.

FOR OUR GOD IS PRESENT
AND WHERE GOD IS HOLY.

-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-

-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.

-PASTORAL PRAYER-

-SCRIPTURE-

Psalm 24: 1-2 (CEV)

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants too. Because God is the one who established it on the seas; God set it firmly on the waters.

-SPECIAL MUSIC-

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Brenda Gardiner

-THE MESSAGE-

"The Lord's Earth"

Kenny Bishop

-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.

-COMMUNION-

"I See the Morning Breaking" – Appalachian Folk Hymn

Brenda Gardiner

-OFFERING-

"O What a Beautiful Morning" – Rogers/Hammerstein

Brenda Gardiner

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH,
FOR THE SPLENDOR OF THE SKIES,
FOR THE LOVE WHICH FROM OUR BIRTH

OVER AND AROUND US LIES,
GOD OF ALL, TO YOU WE RAISE
THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE.

FOR THE WONDER OF EACH HOUR
OF THE DAY AND OF THE NIGHT,
HILL AND VALE, AND TREE AND FLOWER,
SUN AND MOON, AND STARS OF LIGHT,
GOD OF ALL, TO YOU WE RAISE
THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE.

FOR THE JOY OF HUMAN LOVE,
SIBLINGS, PARENTS, AND THE CHILD,
FRIENDS ON EARTH, AND FRIENDS ABOVE,
FOR ALL GENTLE THOUGHTS AND MILD,
GOD OF ALL, TO YOU WE RAISE
THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE.

FOR THE GOOD THAT LOVE INSPIRES,
FOR A WORLD WHERE NONE EXCLUDE,
FOR A FAITH THAT NEVER TIRES,
AND FOR EVERY HEART RENEWED,
GOD OF ALL, TO YOU WE RAISE
THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"I Dream of a Church"

MAKE IT SO,
MAKE IT SO!

WE PRAY FOR THAT DAY,
MAKE IT SO.

WE DREAM OF A WORLD
WHERE LOVE REIGNS AMONG US
AND YOUR WILL IS DONE
O GOD, MAKE IT SO.