



**April 30, 2023**  
**Sunday Gathering**

**-PRELUDE-**

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful" - arr. S. Eithun*  
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.

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**-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 EMBRACE THE DIVERSITY OF HUMANITY.

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

**-OPENING PRAYER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"All Are Welcome"*

LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE LOVE CAN DWELL  
AND ALL CAN SAFELY LIVE,  
A PLACE WHERE SAINTS AND CHILDREN TELL  
HOW HEARTS LEARN TO FORGIVE.  
BUILT OF HOPES AND DREAMS AND VISIONS,  
ROCK OF FAITH AND VAULT OF GRACE;  
HERE THE LOVE OF GOD SHALL END DIVISIONS:

ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE WELCOME,  
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE HANDS WILL REACH  
BEYOND THE WOOD AND STONE  
TO HEAL AND STRENGTHEN, SERVE AND TEACH,  
AND LIVE THE WORD THEY'VE KNOWN.  
HERE THE OUTCAST AND THE STRANGER  
BEAR THE IMAGE OF GOD'S FACE;  
LET US BRING AN END TO FEAR AND DANGER:  
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE WELCOME,  
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE ALL ARE NAMED  
THEIR SONGS AND VISIONS HEARD  
AND LOVED AND TREASURED, TAUGHT AND CLAIMED  
AS WORDS WITHIN THE WORD.  
BUILT OF TEARS AND CRIES AND LAUGHTER,  
PRAYERS OF FAITH AND SONGS OF GRACE,  
LET THIS HOUSE PROCLAIM FROM FLOOR TO RAFTER:  
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE WELCOME,  
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

**-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-**

Genesis 1: 27a (CEV)

*God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them.*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"Us"*

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-**

*"Touch the Earth Lightly" – S. E. Murray*  
Brenda Gardiner

**-OFFERING-**

*"Turn Around" – Belafonte, Reynolds, Green*  
Brenda Gardiner

**-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Draw the Circle Wide"*

DRAW THE CIRCLE,  
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.  
DRAW THE CIRCLE,  
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.  
NO ONE STANDS ALONE,  
WE'LL STAND SIDE BY SIDE.

DRAW THE CIRCLE,  
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE,  
DRAW IT WIDER STILL.  
LET THIS BE OUR SONG:  
NO ONE STANDS ALONE.  
STANDING SIDE BY SIDE,  
DRAW THE CIRCLE,  
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE,  
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**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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