



**August 13, 2023  
Sunday Gathering**

**-PRELUDE-**

*"The Lord Is My Shepherd" - J. S. Irvine  
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-**

*"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 CHRIST SHALL END DIVISIONS;  
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE WELCOME,  
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

**-WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**-GREETING EACH OTHER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"All Are Welcome"*

LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE HANDS WILL REACH  
BEYOND THE WOOD AND STONE  
TO HEAL AND STRENGTHEN, SERVE AND TEACH,  
AND LIVE THE LOVE 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.

**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

God's love for us is great!  
GOD IS LIKE A LOVING PARENT WHO WATCHES OVER US.

God's mercy for us is great!  
GOD REACHES OUT TO US IN HEALING, PATIENCE, AND PEACE.

Praise be to God who has called us here.  
PRAISE BE TO GOD WHOSE LOVE AND MERCY IS GIVEN TO US. AMEN.

**-OPENING PRAYER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"*

LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE LAKESHORE  
LOOKING NEITHER FOR WEALTHY OR WISE ONES;  
YOU ONLY ASKED ME TO FOLLOW HUMBLY.

O LORD, WITH YOUR EYES YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME,  
AND WHILE SMILING HAVE SPOKEN MY NAME;  
NOW MY BOAT'S LEFT ON THE SHORELINE BEHIND ME.  
BY YOUR SIDE I WILL SEEK OTHER SEAS.

YOU KNOW SO WELL MY POSSESSIONS;  
MY BOAT CARRIES NO GOLD AND NO WEAPONS;  
YOU WILL FIND THERE MY NETS AND LABOR.

O LORD, WITH YOUR EYES YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME,  
AND WHILE SMILING HAVE SPOKEN MY NAME;  
NOW MY BOAT'S LEFT ON THE SHORELINE BEHIND ME.  
BY YOUR SIDE I WILL SEEK OTHER SEAS.

YOU NEED MY HANDS, FULL OF CARING,  
THROUGH MY LABORS TO GIVE OTHERS REST  
AND CONSTANT LOVE THAT KEEPS ON LOVING.

O LORD, WITH YOUR EYES YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME,  
AND WHILE SMILING HAVE SPOKEN MY NAME;

NOW MY BOAT'S LEFT ON THE SHORELINE BEHIND ME.  
BY YOUR SIDE I WILL SEEK OTHER SEAS.

YOU, WHO HAVE FISHED OTHER OCEANS,  
EVER LONGED FOR BY SOULS WHO ARE WAITING,  
MY LOVING FRIEND, AS THUS YOU CALL ME:

O LORD, WITH YOUR EYES YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME,  
AND WHILE SMILING HAVE SPOKEN MY NAME;  
NOW MY BOAT'S LEFT ON THE SHORELINE BEHIND ME.  
BY YOUR SIDE I WILL SEEK OTHER SEAS.

**-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Listen"*

LISTEN TO THE SONG OF THE WIND.  
LISTEN TO THE HOPE OF THE POOR.  
LISTEN TO THE KNOCK AT THE DOOR.  
LISTEN, GOD IS SINGING,  
GOD IS SINGING.

**-PASTORAL PRAYER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Listen"*

LISTEN TO THE DREAMS IN THE NIGHT.  
LISTEN TO THE CRY TO BE WHOLE.  
LISTEN TO THE SIGH OF THE SOUL.  
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**-SCRIPTURE-**

Matthew 28: 23-27 (NIV)

*Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"*

*He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.*

*The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"Jesus - A Great Calm on our Stormy Sea"*

Rev. Diane Vego

**-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-**

*"Fields of Gold"* - arr. P. Keveren

**-OFFERING-**

*"Make Me A Servant"* - K. Willard

**-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"When the Waves Are Crashing"*

WHEN THE WAVES ARE CRASHING  
AND MY FAITH IS DROWNING,  
THOUGH I MAY FORGET YOU,  
HOLD ME, LORD.

WHEN THE CLIFFS ARE STEEPEST  
AND MY HOPE IS WEAKEST,  
THOUGH I FAIL TO TRUST YOU,  
HOLD ME, LORD.

WHEN DARK CLOUDS HAVE GATHERED  
AND MY LOVE IS BATTERED,  
THOUGH I MAY DESERT YOU,  
HOLD ME, LORD.

FAITH MAY BE ETERNAL,  
HOPE WILL LAST FOREVER;  
GREATER STILL IS LOVE THAT  
HOLDS ME, LORD.

**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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