



**August 18, 2024
Sunday Gathering**

-PRELUDE-

*"Be Thou My Vision" – arr. P. Hamm
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-

-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-

When we feel downhearted...

JESUS SAYS: "RISE!"

When we wonder if we can continue on the journey...

JESUS SAYS: "I AM WITH YOU.

YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR."

When we hunger and thirst in our souls for relief...

JESUS SAYS: "COME, FOLLOW ME."

Lord of hope and possibilities, be with us today.

OPEN OUR HEARTS AND SPIRITS

TO FEED UPON YOUR HEALING WORD.

AMEN.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

COME, O FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING;
TUNE OUR HEARTS TO SING YOUR GRACE;
STREAMS OF MERCY, NEVER CEASING,
CALL FOR SONGS OF LOUDEST PRAISE.
TEACH US SOME MELODIOUS SONNET,
SUNG BY FLAMING TONGUES ABOVE;
PRAISE THE MOUNT! WE'RE FIXED UPON IT,
MOUNT OF GOD'S UNCHANGING LOVE!

HERE WE RAISE OUR HEARTS UP TO YOU;

IT IS BY YOUR HELP WE'VE COME;

YOU PROVIDE A LOVE WE FIND TRUE

AND THAT LOVE WILL BRING US HOME.
YOUR LOVE SOUGHT US WHEN A STRANGER,
WANDERING FROM YOUR LOVING FOLD;
EVEN IN A WORLD OF DANGER,
WE WOULD STILL YOUR LOVE BEHOLD.

COME, O FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING;
MAY OUR SINGING NEVER CEASE.
MAY WE ALWAYS LIFT OUR VOICES
SINGING MELODIES OF PEACE.
DRAW US EVER NEARER TO YOU
SO WE'LL KNOW WHERE 'ER IT'S OF.
MAY OUR SONG BE EVERMORE TRUE,
MAY IT BE OF YOUR GREAT LOVE.

-SCRIPTURE-

-Psalm 23 (CEB)-

The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing. He lets me rest in grassy meadows; he leads me to restful waters; he keeps me alive. He guides me in proper paths for the sake of his good name.

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me. Your rod and staff - they protect me.

You set a table for me right in front of my enemies. You bathe my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the Lord's house as long as I live.

-Jeremiah 20: 7-18 (CEB)-

LORD, you enticed me, and I was taken in. You were too strong for me, and you prevailed. Now I'm laughed at all the time; everyone mocks me.

Every time I open my mouth, I cry out and say, "Violence and destruction!" The LORD's word has brought me nothing but insult and injury, constantly.

I thought, I'll forget him; I'll no longer speak in his name. But there's an intense fire in my heart, trapped in my bones. I'm drained trying to contain it; I'm unable to do it.

I hear many whispering—"Panic Lurks Everywhere!—proclaim, yes, let's proclaim it ourselves!" All my friends are waiting for me to stumble: "Perhaps he can be enticed. Then we'll prevail against him and get our revenge on him!"

But the LORD is with me like a strong defender. Therefore, my oppressors will stumble and not prevail. They will be disgraced by their own failures. Their dishonor will never be forgotten.

The LORD of heavenly forces tests the righteous and discerns the heart and the mind. Let me see your retribution upon them, for I have committed my case to you.

Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the needy from the clutches of evildoers.

Cursed be the day that I was born. May the day my mother gave birth to me not be blessed.

Cursed be the one who delivered the news to my father, "You have a son!"—filling him with joy.

May the bearer of that news be like the cities that the LORD destroyed without mercy. May he hear screams in the morning, and the battle cries at noon, because he didn't kill me in the womb and let my mother become my grave, her womb pregnant forever.

Why was I ever born when all I see is suffering and misery, and my days are filled with shame?

-Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (CEB)-

The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the LORD. No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the LORD.

I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. They will no longer need to teach each other to say, "Know the LORD!" because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.

-THE MESSAGE-

"Dark Night of the Soul & The Grace of God"

Rev. Diane Vego

-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 JOY.
COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY.
THIS IS GOD'S TABLE,
IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE.
COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY.

-SHARING AROUND THE TABLE-

-COMMUNION-

"How Great Thou Art" - arr. D. Chadburn

-OFFERING-

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"The Summons"

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME
IF I BUT CALL YOUR NAME?
WILL YOU GO WHERE YOU DON'T KNOW
AND NEVER BE THE SAME?
WILL YOU LET MY LOVE BE SHOWN?
WILL YOU LET MY NAME BE KNOWN?
WILL YOU LET MY LIFE BE GROWN IN YOU,
AND YOU IN ME?

WILL YOU LET THE BLINDED SEE
IF I BUT CALL YOUR NAME?
WILL YOU SET THE PRISONERS FREE
AND NEVER BE THE SAME?
WILL YOU KISS THE LEPER CLEAN,
AND DO SUCH AS THIS UNSEEN?
AND ADMIT TO WHAT I MEAN IN YOU,
AND YOU IN ME?

WILL YOU LOVE THE "YOU" YOU HIDE
IF I BUT CALL YOUR NAME?
WILL YOU QUELL THE FEAR INSIDE
AND NEVER BE THE SAME?
WILL YOU USE THE FAITH YOU'VE FOUND

TO RESHAPE THE WORLD AROUND
THROUGH MY SIGHT AND TOUCH AND SOUND IN YOU,
AND YOU IN ME?

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"The Summons"

LORD, YOUR SUMMONS ECHOES TRUE
WHEN YOU BUT CALL MY NAME.
LET ME TURN AND FOLLOW YOU
AND NEVER BE THE SAME.
IN YOUR COMPANY I'LL GO,
WHERE YOUR LOVE AND FOOTSTEPS SHOW,
THUS I'LL MOVE AND LIVE AND GROW IN YOU,
AND YOU IN ME.