



**August 27, 2023
Sunday Gathering**

-PRELUDE-

*"Shall We Gather at the River" - 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 & 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-

In a world that cries out, "Fear me!"
WE WILL LISTEN TO JESUS' WORDS,
"DON'T BE AFRAID!"

In a world that wants us to hate the other...
WE WILL LIVE JESUS' CALL TO "LOVE GOD.
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF."

In a world that radicalizes...
WE, TOO, WILL BE RADICAL.
RADICAL WITH OUR HOSPITALITY.
RADICAL WITH OUR HOPE.
RADICAL WITH OUR LOVE.

Then come to this place, ready to be who we are called to be.
LET US WORSHIP GOD AND BE CHANGED!

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"I Dream of a Church"

I DREAM OF A CHURCH WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME,
I DREAM OF A PLACE WE ALL CAN CALL HOME.
I 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!

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!

-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.
LISTEN, GOD IS SINGING,
GOD IS SINGING.

-SCRIPTURE-

Matthew 16: 15-18 (NCV)

Then Jesus asked them, "And who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus answered, "You are blessed, Simon son of Jonah, because no person taught you that. My Father in heaven showed you who I am. So I tell you, you are Peter. On this rock I will build my church, and the power of death will not be able to defeat it."

-THE MESSAGE-

"The Epic Adventures of a Man Called Peter the Rock"

Pam Lee-Miller

-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-

"God Comes to Us / How Great Thou Art"

-OFFERING-

"As the Deer" - arr. M. Hayes

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Here I Am, Lord"

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY,
I HAVE HEARD MY PEOPLE CRY.
ALL WHO DWELL IN DARK AND SIN,
MY HAND WILL SAVE.
I WHO MADE THE STARS OF NIGHT,
I WILL MAKE THEIR DARKNESS BRIGHT.
WHO WILL BEAR MY LIGHT TO THEM?
WHOM SHALL I SEND?

HERE I AM, LORD.
IS IT I, LORD?
I HAVE HEARD YOU CALLING IN THE NIGHT.
I WILL GO LORD, IF YOU LEAD ME.
I WILL HOLD YOUR PEOPLE IN MY HEART.

I, THE LORD OF SNOW AND RAIN,
I HAVE BORNE MY PEOPLE'S PAIN.
I HAVE WEPT FOR LOVE OF THEM,
THEY TURN AWAY.
I WILL BREAK THEIR HEARTS OF STONE,

GIVE THEM HEARTS FOR LOVE ALONE.
I WILL SPEAK MY WORD TO THEM
WHOM SHALL I SEND?

HERE I AM, LORD.
IS IT I, LORD?
I HAVE HEARD YOU CALLING IN THE NIGHT.
I WILL GO LORD, IF YOU LEAD ME.
I WILL HOLD YOUR PEOPLE IN MY HEART.

I THE LORD OF WIND AND FLAME
I WILL TEND THE POOR AND LAME.
I WILL SET A FEAST FOR THEM,
MY HAND WILL SAVE
FINEST BREAD I WILL PROVIDE,
TILL THEIR HEARTS BE SATISFIED.
I WILL GIVE MY LIFE TO THEM,
WHOM SHALL I SEND?

HERE I AM, LORD.
IS IT I, LORD?
I HAVE HEARD YOU CALLING IN THE NIGHT.
I WILL GO LORD, IF YOU LEAD ME.
I WILL HOLD YOUR PEOPLE IN MY HEART.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Here I Am, Lord"

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IS IT I, LORD?
I HAVE HEARD YOU CALLING IN THE NIGHT.
I WILL GO LORD, IF YOU LEAD ME.
I WILL HOLD YOUR PEOPLE IN MY HEART.