

August 4, 2024 Sunday Gathering

-PRELUDE-

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"In Remembrance of Me" – Red/Douglas 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-

"In This Very Room"

IN THIS VERY ROOM,
THERE'S QUITE ENOUGH LOVE FOR ONE LIKE ME,
IN THIS VERY ROOM,
THERE'S QUITE ENOUGH JOY FOR ONE LIKE ME;
AND THERE'S QUITE ENOUGH HOPE,
AND QUITE ENOUGH POWER,
TO CHASE AWAY ANY GLOOM,
FOR JESUS, LORD JESUS,
IS IN THIS VERY ROOM.

IN THIS VERY ROOM,
THERE'S QUITE ENOUGH LOVE FOR ALL OF US,
IN THIS VERY ROOM,
THERE'S QUITE ENOUGH JOY FOR ALL OF US:

AND THERE'S QUITE ENOUGH HOPE,
AND QUITE ENOUGH POWER,
TO CHASE AWAY ANY GLOOM,
FOR JESUS, LORD JESUS,
IS IN THIS VERY ROOM.

-WELCOME-

-GREETING EACH OTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"In This Very Room"

IN THIS VERY ROOM,
THERE'S QUITE ENOUGH LOVE FOR ALL THE WORLD,
IN THIS VERY ROOM,
THERE'S QUITE ENOUGH JOY FOR ALL THE WORLD;
AND THERE'S QUITE ENOUGH HOPE,
AND QUITE ENOUGH POWER,
TO CHASE AWAY ANY GLOOM,
FOR JESUS, LORD JESUS,
IS IN THIS VERY ROOM.

-CALL TO WORSHIP-

Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

JESUS IS THE LIVING BREAD!

Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

JESUS SAID, "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE."

Give us the bread of hope and compassion, that we may also feed others. JESUS SAID, "WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER BE HUNGRY."

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.
Praise to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love.
OUR BROTHER JESUS IS THE LIVING BREAD.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Eat This Bread"

EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP, COME TO ME AND NEVER BE HUNGRY.

EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP, TRUST IN ME AND YOU WILL NOT THIRST.

JESUS CHRIST, BREAD OF LIFE,
THOSE WHO COME TO YOU WILL NOT HUNGER.
JESUS CHRIST, RISEN LORD,
THOSE WHO THIRST IN YOU WILL NOT THIRST.

-SCRIPTURE-

John 6: 24-27 (CEB)

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus replied, "I assure you that you are looking for me not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate all the food you wanted. Don't work for the food that doesn't last but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Human One will give you. God the Father has confirmed him as his agent to give life."

(John 6: 30-39)

They asked, "What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*"

Jesus told them, "I assure you, it wasn't Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

They said, "Sir, give us this bread all the time!"

Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I told you that you have seen me and still don't believe. Everyone whom the Father gives to me will come to me, and I won't send away anyone who comes to me. I have come down from heaven not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me. This is the will of the one who sent me, that I won't lose anything he has given me, but I will raise it up at the last day.

(John 6: 47-51)

I assure you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that whoever eats from it will never die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

-THE MESSAGE-

"Come Share the Bread"
Elder Deb Core

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Eat This Bread and Never Hunger"

EAT THIS BREAD AND NEVER HUNGER, DRINK THIS CUP AND NEVER THIRST; CHRIST INVITES US TO THE TABLE WHERE THE LAST BECOME THE FIRST.

ASKING FOR A CUP OF WATER,
JESUS TOUCHED FORBIDDEN GROUND;
AND THE WOMAN, WITH A QUESTION,
TOLD THE WORLD WHAT SHE HAD FOUND.

EAT THIS BREAD AND NEVER HUNGER, DRINK THIS CUP AND NEVER THIRST; CHRIST INVITES US TO THE TABLE WHERE THE LAST BECOME THE FIRST.

WALKING DOWN THE DESERT HIGHWAY, JESUS HEALED A MAN BORN BLIND; SOON THE MAN BECAME A WITNESS TO THE TRUTH WE SEEK AND FIND.

EAT THIS BREAD AND NEVER HUNGER, DRINK THIS CUP AND NEVER THIRST; CHRIST INVITES US TO THE TABLE WHERE THE LAST BECOME THE FIRST.

WEEPING FOR HIS FRIEND AT GRAVESIDE, JESUS FELT THE PAIN OF DEATH; YET HE KNEW GOD'S POWER TO WAKEN: IIVING WATER, LIVING BREATH.

EAT THIS BREAD AND NEVER HUNGER, DRINK THIS CUP AND NEVER THIRST; CHRIST INVITES US TO THE TABLE WHERE THE LAST BECOME THE FIRST.

-SHARING AROUND THE TABLE-

-COMMUNION-

"One Bread, One Body" – J. Foley

-OFFERING-

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come, Share the Lord"

WE GATHER HERE IN JESUS' NAME,
HIS LOVE IS BURNING IN OUR HEARTS LIKE LIVING FLAME;
FOR THROUGH THE LOVING ONE
CREATOR MAKES US ONE;
COME, TAKE THE BREAD,
COME, DRINK THE WINE,
COME, SHARE THE LORD.

NO ONE IS A STRANGER HERE, EVERYONE BELONGS; FINDING OUR FORGIVENESS HERE, WE IN TURN FORGIVE ALL WRONGS.

HE JOINS US HERE,
HE BREAKS THE BREAD,
THE LORD WHO POURS THE CUP IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD;
THE ONE WE LOVE THE MOST
IS NOW OUR GRACIOUS HOST;
COME, TAKE THE BREAD,
COME, DRINK THE WINE,
COME, SHARE THE LORD.

WE ARE NOW A FAMILY
OF WHICH THE LORD IS HEAD;
THOUGH UNSEEN HE MEETS US HERE
IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD.

WE'LL GATHER SOON
WHERE ANGELS SING;
WE'LL SEE THE GLORY OF OUR LORD AND COMING KING;
NOW WE ANTICIPATE
THE FEAST FOR WHICH WE WAIT:
COME, TAKE THE BREAD,
COME, DRINK THE WINE,
COME, SHARE THE LORD.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come, Share the Lord"

WE'LL GATHER SOON
WHERE ANGELS SING;
WE'LL SEE THE GLORY OF OUR LORD AND COMING KING;
NOW WE ANTICIPATE
THE FEAST FOR WHICH WE WAIT:
COME, TAKE THE BREAD,
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