



**August 6, 2023  
Sunday Gathering**

**-PRELUDE-**

*"I Am Thine, O Lord" - 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-**

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!  
ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY, COME AND EAT!

Our worth is not in our possessions,  
IT IS IN THE LOVE FROM GOD THAT WE SHARE WITH ONE ANOTHER.

Life is too short to keep tally of wrongs and rights,  
INSTEAD, MAY WE OUTDO ONE ANOTHER IN OUR LOVE OF NEIGHBOR.

Everyone who is in need of compassion, of forgiveness, come!  
EVERYONE WHO DESIRES GOD'S LOVE WILL FIND IT!

Join together on this journey of faith,  
FOR YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

Let us worship together!

**-OPENING PRAYER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"I Come with Joy"*

I COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD,  
FORGIVEN, LOVED, AND FREE;  
IN AWE AND WONDER TO RECALL  
HIS LIFE LAID DOWN FOR ME.

I COME WITH CHRISTIANS FAR AND NEAR  
TO FIND, AS ALL ARE FED,  
THE NEW COMMUNITY OF LOVE  
IN CHRIST'S COMMUNION BREAD.

AS CHRIST BREAKS BREAD AND BIDS US SHARE,  
EACH PROUD DIVISION ENDS;  
THE LOVE THAT MADE US, MAKES US ONE,  
AND STRANGERS NOW ARE FRIENDS.

AND THUS WITH JOY WE MEET OUR LORD;  
HIS PRESENCE, ALWAYS NEAR,  
IS IN SUCH FRIENDSHIP BETTER KNOWN:  
WE SEE AND PRAISE HIM HERE.

TOGETHER MET, TOGETHER BOUND,  
WE'LL GO OUR DIFFERENT WAYS;  
AND AS HIS PEOPLE IN THE WORLD,  
WE'LL LIVE AND SPEAK HIS PRAISE.

**-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 14: 13-21 (MSG)

*When Jesus got the news, he slipped away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself. But unsuccessfully—someone saw him and the word got around. Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick.*

*Toward evening the disciples approached him. "We're out in the country and it's getting late. Dismiss the people so they can go to the villages and get some supper." But Jesus said, "There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper." "All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish," they said.*

*Jesus said, "Bring them here." Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed.*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"Extravagant Abundance"*

Pam Lee-Miller

**-SPECIAL MUSIC-**

*"Where is the Bread?"*

Keith Reid

**-COMMUNION-**

*"Break Thou the Bread of Life"* - arr. P. Hamm

**-OFFERING-**

*"Be Thou My Vision"* - arr. P. Hamm

**-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Pass it On"*

IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK  
TO GET A FIRE GOING,  
AND SOON ALL THOSE AROUND  
CAN WARM UP IN ITS GLOWING;  
THAT'S HOW IT IS WITH GOD'S LOVE,  
ONCE YOU'VE EXPERIENCED IT:  
YOU SPREAD GOD'S LOVE TO EV'RYONE,  
YOU WANT TO PASS IT ON.

WHAT A WONDROUS TIME IS SPRING  
WHEN ALL THE TREES ARE BUDDING,  
THE BIRDS BEGIN TO SING,  
THE FLOWERS START THEIR BLOOMING;  
THAT'S HOW IT IS WITH GOD'S LOVE,  
ONCE YOU'VE EXPERIENCED IT:  
YOU WANT TO SING, IT'S FRESH LIKE SPRING,  
YOU WANT TO PASS IT ON.

I WISH FOR YOU, MY FRIEND,  
THIS HAPPINESS THAT I'VE FOUND.  
ON GOD YOU CAN DEPEND,  
IT MATTERS NOT WHERE YOU'RE BOUND;  
I'LL SHOUT IT FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP,  
I WANT MY WORLD TO KNOW:  
THE LORD OF LOVE HAS COME TO ME,  
I WANT TO PASS IT ON.

**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Pass it On"*

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ONCE YOU'VE EXPERIENCED IT:  
YOU SPREAD GOD'S LOVE TO EV'RYONE,  
YOU WANT TO PASS IT ON.