



**February 12, 2023**

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**-PRELUDE-**

*"Sheep May Safely Graze" - J. S. Bach*  
Brenda Gardiner

**-WELCOME-**

**-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-**

*"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!

**-WELCOME-**

**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"I Dream of a Church"*

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!

**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

If you ever need someone,  
IF YOU EVER NEED SOMEONE,  
to just love you,  
TO JUST LOVE YOU,  
I will be there,  
I WILL BE THERE,  
standing by your side.  
STANDING BY YOUR SIDE.  
I will be there.  
I WILL BE THERE FOR YOU.

**-PRAYER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND,  
LEAD ME ON, LET ME STAND.  
I AM TIRED, I AM WEAK, I AM LONE.  
THROUGH THE STORM, THROUGH THE NIGHT,  
LEAD ME ON TO THE LIGHT.  
TAKE MY HAND, PRECIOUS LORD,  
LEAD ME HOME.

WHEN MY WAY GROWS DREAR,  
PRECIOUS LORD, LINGER NEAR,  
WHEN MY LIGHT IS ALMOST GONE,  
HEAR MY CRY, HEAR MY CALL,

HOLD MY HAND LEST I FALL.  
TAKE MY HAND PRECIOUS LORD,  
LEAD ME HOME.

WHEN THE DARKNESS APPEARS  
AND THE NIGHT DRAWS NEAR,  
AND THE DAY IS PAST AND GONE,  
AT THE RIVER I STAND,  
GUIDE MY FEET, HOLD MY HAND,  
TAKE MY HAND PRECIOUS LORD,  
LEAD ME HOME.

**-JOYS & CONCERNS-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING,  
LORD, SEND YOUR SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE;  
LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING,  
SEND US LOVE, SEND US POW'R, SEND US GRACE.

**-PASTORAL PRAYER-**

**-SCRIPTURE-**

Jeremiah 29: 11-14 (CEB)

*I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. I will be present for you, declares the Lord, and I will end your captivity.*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"Show Up"*

Kenny Bishop

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"For Everyone Born"*

FOR EVERYONE BORN, A PLACE AT THE TABLE,  
FOR EVERYONE BORN, CLEAN WATER AND BREAD,  
A SHELTER, A SPACE, A SAFE PLACE FOR GROWING,  
FOR EVERYONE BORN, A STAR OVERHEAD.

FOR YOUNG AND FOR OLD, A PLACE AT THE TABLE,  
ALL GENDERS AND ROLES A PART OF THE SONG,  
WITH WISDOM AND GRACE, DIVIDING THE POWER,  
FOR EVERYONE BORN, THE RIGHT TO BELONG.

AND GOD WILL DELIGHT  
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE  
AND JOY, COMPASSION AND PEACE:  
YES, GOD WILL DELIGHT  
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,  
JUSTICE AND JOY!

**-COMMUNION-**

*"Whispering Hope" - A. Hawthorne*  
Brenda Gardiner

**-OFFERING-**

*"What the World Needs Now" – B. Bacharach*  
Brenda Gardiner

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"The Doxology"*

GOD BLESSES US SO WE CAN GIVE;  
WITH ONE ANOTHER WE SHOULD LIVE.  
GOD BLESSES US WITH EACH NEW DAY.  
GOD'S VISION GUIDES AND LEADS OUR WAY.  
AMEN.

**-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Praise to the Living God"*

PRAISE TO THE LIVING GOD,  
THE GOD OF LOVE AND LIGHT,  
WHOSE WORD BROUGHT FORTH THE MYRIAD SUNS  
AND SET THE WORLDS IN FLIGHT;  
WHOSE INFINITE DESIGN,  
WHICH WE BUT DIMLY SEE,  
PERVADES ALL NATURE, MAKING ALL  
A COSMIC UNITY.

PRAISE TO THE LIVING GOD,  
FROM WHOM ALL THINGS DERIVE,  
WHOSE SPIRIT FORMED UPON THIS SPHERE  
THE FIRST FAINT SEEDS OF LIFE;  
WHO CAUSED THEM TO EVOLVE,  
UNWITTING, TOWARD GOD'S GOAL,  
TILL HUMANKIND STOOD ON THE EARTH,  
AS LIVING, THINKING SOULS.

PRAISE TO THE LIVING GOD,  
WHO KNOWS OUR JOY AND PAIN,  
WHO SHARES WITH US OUR COMMON LIFE,  
THE SACRED AND PROFANE.  
GOD TOILS WHERE'ER WE TOIL,  
IN HOME AND MART AND MILL;  
AND DEEP WITHIN THE HUMAN HEART  
GOD LEADS US FORWARD STILL.

PRAISE TO THE LIVING GOD,  
AROUND, WITHIN, ABOVE,  
BEYOND THE GRASP OF HUMAN MIND,  
BUT WHOM WE KNOW AS LOVE.  
IN THESE TUMULTUOUS DAYS,  
SO FULL OF HOPE AND STRIFE,  
MAY WE BEAR WITNESS TO THE WAY,  
O SOURCE AND GOAL OF LIFE.

**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-POSTLUDE-**

*"Fanfare on Diademata"*

Brenda Gardiner