



February 25, 2024
Sunday Gathering
The Second Sunday of Lent

-PRELUDE-

"In the Garden" - 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.

-WELCOME-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"You Raise Me Up"

WHEN I AM DOWN AND, OH MY SOUL, SO WEARY.
WHEN TROUBLES COME AND MY HEART, BURDENED BE.
THEN, I AM STILL AND WAIT HERE IN THE SILENCE,
UNTIL YOU COME AND SIT AWHILE WITH ME.

YOU RAISE ME UP SO I CAN STAND ON MOUNTAINS,
YOU RAISE ME UP TO WALK ON STORMY SEAS.
I AM STRONG WHEN I AM ON YOUR SHOULDERS,
YOU RAISE ME UP TO MORE THAN I CAN BE.

-OPENING PRAYER-

MOTIVATING AND INVIGORATING GOD,
YOU CHALLENGE US TO WALK A DIFFICULT PATH.
SHOW US, AS JESUS DID,
THAT LETTING GO OF OUR OWN SECURITY AND COMFORT
IS THE ONLY WAY TO CREATE SPACE
FOR YOUR JUSTICE TO MOVE OVER THE EARTH.
IN THIS MOMENT OF QUIET, WE LIFT UP TO YOU
THOSE THINGS WE'D LIKE TO GIVE UP FOR GOOD...
FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOOD.

-OPENING DEVOTIONAL-

-GREETING EACH OTHER-

-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?

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.

-SCRIPTURE-

Mark 8: 31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

-THE MESSAGE-

"Taking Up"

Kenny Bishop

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Change My Heart, O God"

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,
MAKE IT EVER TRUE;
CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,
MAY I BE LIKE YOU.

YOU ARE THE POTTER,
I AM THE CLAY;
MOLD ME AND MAKE ME,
THIS IS WHAT I PRAY.

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,
MAKE IT EVER TRUE;
CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD,
MAY I BE LIKE YOU.

-COMMUNION-

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" – arr. J. Krug

-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-

-PASTORAL PRAYER-

-OFFERING-

"Blest Are They" – D. Haas

-IN GRATITUDE-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE
CONSECRATED, LORD, TO THEE.
TAKE MY MOMENTS AND MY DAYS;
LET THEM FLOW IN ENDLESS PRAISE,
LET THEM FLOW IN ENDLESS PRAISE.

TAKE MY HANDS AND LET THEM MOVE
AT THE IMPULSE OF THY LOVE.
TAKE MY FEET AND LET THEM BE
SWIFT AND BEAUTIFUL FOR THEE,
SWIFT AND BEAUTIFUL FOR THEE.

TAKE MY VOICE AND LET ME SING
ALWAYS SOUNDING JOYS TO RING.
TAKE MY LIPS AND LET THEM BE
FILLED WITH MESSAGES FROM THEE,
FILLED WITH MESSAGES FROM THEE.

TAKE MY LOVE; MY LORD, I POUR
AT THY FEET ITS TREASURE STORE.
TAKE MYSELF, AND I WILL BE
ALWAYS, EVER ALL FOR THEE,
ALWAYS, EVER ALL FOR THEE.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-POSTLUDE-

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" - arr. T. Fettke
Brenda Gardiner