



January 1, 2023

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**-PRELUDE-**

*"I Am Thine, O Lord" – arr. P. Hamm  
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.*

*"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-**

O God, we are grateful for this new day, this new year;  
HELP US BE GRATEFUL ALL YEAR LONG  
BY REMINDING US OF YOUR GOODNESS.

We are mindful of our blessings;  
HELP US BE MINDFUL ALL YEAR LONG  
BY BLESSING OTHERS AS YOU HAVE BLESSED US.

We are conscious and aware of your presence;  
HELP US BE CONSCIOUS ALL YEAR LONG  
BY OPENING OUR EYES TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.

We are ready, O God, to be your people;  
HELP US BE YOUR PEOPLE ALL YEAR LONG.

**-PRAYER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"In the Midst of New Dimensions"*

IN THE MIDST OF NEW DIMENSIONS,  
IN THE FACE OF CHANGING WAYS,  
WHO WILL LEAD THE PILGRIM PEOPLES  
WANDERING IN THEIR SEPARATE WAYS?

GOD OF RAINBOW, FIERY PILLAR,  
LEADING WHERE THE EAGLES SOAR,  
WE YOUR PEOPLE, OURS THE JOURNEY

NOW AND EVER, NOW AND EVER,  
NOW AND EVERMORE.

THROUGH THE FLOOD OF STARVING PEOPLE,  
WARRING FACTIONS AND DESPAIR,  
WHO WILL LIFT THE OLIVE BRANCHES?  
WHO WILL LIGHT THE FLAME OF CARE?

GOD OF RAINBOW, FIERY PILLAR,  
LEADING WHERE THE EAGLES SOAR,  
WE YOUR PEOPLE, OURS THE JOURNEY  
NOW AND EVER, NOW AND EVER,  
NOW AND EVERMORE.

AS WE STAND A WORLD DIVIDED  
BY OUR OWN SELF-SEEKING SCHEMES,  
GRANT THAT WE, YOUR GLOBAL VILLAGE,  
MIGHT ENVISION WIDER DREAMS.

GOD OF RAINBOW, FIERY PILLAR,  
LEADING WHERE THE EAGLES SOAR,  
WE YOUR PEOPLE, OURS THE JOURNEY  
NOW AND EVER, NOW AND EVER,  
NOW AND EVERMORE.

**-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-**

*Philippians 3: 13-14 (CEB)*

*[Siblings], I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus.*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"365 Times"*

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-**

*"Hymn to Peace" – D. Paxton*

Brenda Gardiner

**-OFFERING-**

*"Go, Tell It On the Mountain" – arr. G. Austin*

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-**

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY,  
I HAVE HEARD MY PEOPLE CRY.  
ALL WHO DWELL IN DEEPEST 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, WHERE 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 OF 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, WHERE 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 ARE 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, WHERE YOU LEAD ME.  
I WILL HOLD YOUR PEOPLE IN MY HEART.

**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

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