



**July 14, 2024**  
**Sunday Gathering**

**-PRELUDE-**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy" – 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-**

*"For All the Children"*

GOD, WE GATHER AS YOUR PEOPLE  
TO RAISE OUR SONG ABOVE,  
AND WE DARE TO CLAIM THE PROMISE OF YOUR LOVE.  
THOUGH THE DAY MAY NOT YET BE HERE  
WE TRUST IT SOON WILL BE,  
WHEN YOUR CHILDREN WILL FREE.

O, MAY OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE OPENED,  
FLING THE CHURCH DOORS OPEN WIDE.  
MAY THERE BE ROOM ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE INSIDE.  
FOR IN GOD, THERE IS A WELCOME,  
IN GOD WE ALL BELONG.  
MAY THAT WELCOME BE OUR SONG.

**-WELCOME-**

**-GREETING EACH OTHER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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FLING THE CHURCH DOORS OPEN WIDE.  
MAY THERE BE ROOM ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE INSIDE.  
FOR IN GOD, THERE IS A WELCOME,  
IN GOD WE ALL BELONG.  
MAY THAT WELCOME BE OUR SONG.

**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

This morning we gather in the presence of God;  
WE GATHER IN THIS PLACE AS GOD'S BELOVED PEOPLE.

This morning we sing in the presence of God;  
WE LIFT OUR VOICES AS GOD'S BELOVED SINGERS.

This morning we pray in the presence of God;  
WE TRUST AND BELIEVE AS GOD'S BELOVED FAITHFUL.

This morning we gather in the presence of God.

**-OPENING PRAYER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Bidden, Unbidden"*

WHETHER I CRY OUT YOUR NAME,  
OR I FEEL ALONE, ASHAMED,  
YOU ARE NOT GONE, YOU ARE THERE!  
WHETHER I NOTICE YOUR HAND,  
IN ALL THE STARS, THE SEA, THE LAND,  
WHETHER OR NOT, YOU ARE THERE!

BIDDEN, UNBIDDEN,  
I KNOW YOU ARE THERE.  
YOU ARE PRESENT ALWAYS, AGAIN AND AGAIN.  
IF I FORGET YOU OR JOIN YOU IN PRAYER,  
YOU ARE PRESENT ALWAYS FOREVER.  
AMEN.

IF I DON'T FEEL YOU AROUND,  
THERE IS NO PICTURE AND NO SOUND,

I WILL BELIEVE YOU ARE THERE!  
EVEN ON MY DARKEST DAYS  
I WILL STILL SING A WORD OF PRAISE.  
I WILL BELIEVE YOU ARE THERE!

BIDDEN, UNBIDDEN,  
I KNOW YOU ARE THERE.  
YOU ARE PRESENT ALWAYS, AGAIN AND AGAIN.  
IF I FORGET YOU OR JOIN YOU IN PRAYER,  
YOU ARE PRESENT ALWAYS FOREVER.  
AMEN.

**-SCRIPTURE-**

John 14: 25 (CEB)

*"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives.  
Don't be troubled or afraid."*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

"Peace"

Kenny Bishop

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"The Open Table"*

COME, OH COME, COME TO THE TABLE.  
GATHER 'ROUND, COME WITHOUT FEAR.  
KNOWN BY NAME HERE AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;  
WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

CIRCLE 'ROUND, LET'S JOIN TOGETHER.  
SHARE YOUR JOYS, AND BRING YOUR TEARS.  
STRENGTH AND HOPE FOUND AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;  
WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

GOD IS LOVE; LOVE IS CREATING  
SOMETHING NEW, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.  
WE'RE CHILDREN OF GOD, HERE AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;  
WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

**-SHARING AROUND THE TABLE-**

**-COMMUNION-**

*"Be Still and Know"* – arr. S. Wilson

**-OFFERING-**

**-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-**

**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"We Are Walking in the Light of God"*

WE ARE WALKING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD,  
WE ARE WALKING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.  
WE ARE WALKING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD,  
WE ARE WALKING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.

WE ARE WALKING, WE ARE WALKING,  
WE ARE WALKING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.

WE ARE WALKING, WE ARE WALKING,  
WE ARE WALKING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.

WE ARE SINGING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD,  
WE ARE SINGING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.  
WE ARE SINGING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD,  
WE ARE SINGING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.

WE ARE SINGING, WE ARE SINGING,  
WE ARE SINGING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.

WE ARE SINGING, WE ARE SINGING,  
WE ARE SINGING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.

WE ARE DANCING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD,  
WE ARE DANCING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.  
WE ARE DANCING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD,  
WE ARE DANCING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.

WE ARE DANCING, WE ARE DANCING,  
WE ARE DANCING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.

WE ARE DANCING, WE ARE DANCING,  
WE ARE DANCING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.

**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"We Are Walking in the Light of God"*

WE ARE LOVING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD,  
WE ARE LOVING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.

WE ARE LOVING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD,  
WE ARE LOVING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.

WE ARE WALKING, WE ARE SINGING,  
WE ARE LOVING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.

WE ARE DANCING, WE ARE LIVING,  
WE ARE LOVING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.