

July 2, 2023 Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

"Finlandia" - arr. J. Bjorck 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-

"Welcome"

LET'S WALK TOGETHER FOR A WHILE

AND ASK WHERE WE BEGIN

TO BUILD A WORLD WHERE LOVE CAN GROW

AND HOPE CAN ENTER IN,

TO BE THE HANDS OF HEALING

AND TO PLANT THE SEED OF PEACE,

SINGING WELCOME,
WELCOME TO THIS PLACE.
YOU'RE INVITED
TO COME AND KNOW GOD'S GRACE.
ALL ARE WELCOME,
THE LOVE OF GOD TO SHARE.
'CAUSE ALL OF US ARE WELCOME HERE;
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

-WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-GREETING EACH OTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

Jesus said, "Anyone who receives you, receives me, and anyone who receives me, receives God who sent me."

This morning we gather in the presence of God; WHO RECEIVES US WITH OPEN ARMS.

Who loves us unconditionally, AND WHO BIDS US TO DO THE SAME TO ONE ANOTHER.

Let us worship God together!

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"There's A Spirit in the Air"

THERE'S A SPIRIT IN THE AIR,

TELLING CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE:
"PRAISE THE LOVE THAT CHRIST REVEALED,

LIVING, WORKING IN OUR WORLD."

WHEN BELIEVERS BREAK THE BREAD,
WHEN A HUNGRY CHILD IS FED,
PRAISE THE LOVE THAT CHRIST REVEALED,
LIVING, WORKING, IN OUR WORLD.

WHEN A STRANGER'S NOT ALONE,
WHERE THE HOMELESS FIND A HOME,
PRAISE THE LOVE THAT CHRIST REVEALED,
LIVING, WORKING, IN OUR WORLD.

THERE'S A SPIRIT IN THE AIR, CALLING PEOPLE EVERYWHERE:

PRAISE THE LOVE THAT CHRIST REVEALED, LIVING, WORKING, IN OUR WORLD.

-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

COME AND FIND THE QUIET CENTER
IN THE CROWDED LIFE WE LEAD.
FIND THE ROOM FOR HOPE TO ENTER,
FIND THE FRAME WHERE WE ARE FREED:
CLEAR THE CHAOS AND THE CLUTTER,
CLEAR OUR EYES THAT WE CAN SEE
ALL THE THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER,
BE AT PEACE AND SIMPLY BE.

-PASTORAL PRAYER-

-SCRIPTURE-

Matthew 10: 40 (CEV)

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.

And anyone who welcomes me also welcomes the one who sent me.

-THE MESSAGE-

"Who do they see?"
Pam Lee-Miller

-SPECIAL MUSIC-

"Let Them Hear You" Margaret McGladrey

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come to the Table of Grace"

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE.

THIS IS GOD'S TABLE,

IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

THIS IS GOD'S TABLE,

IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY. COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY.

THIS IS GOD'S TABLE, IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE. COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY.

-COMMUNION-

"Psalm 139" - arr. S. Wilson

-OFFERING-

"Here I Am, Lord" - Williams/Asher

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"This Little Light of Mine"

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE,
I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE.
THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE,
I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE.
THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE,
I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE.
LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE.

HIDE IT UNDER A BUSHEL, NO!
I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE.
HIDE IT UNDER A BUSHEL, NO!
I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE,
HIDE IT UNDER A BUSHEL, NO!
I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE,
LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE.

JESUS GAVE IT TO ME,
I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE.
JESUS GAVE IT TO ME,
I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE.
JESUS GAVE IT TO ME,
I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE,
LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE,

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"This Little Light of Mine" EVERYWHERE I GO, I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE. EVERYWHERE I GO,

I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE. EVERYWHERE I GO, I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE. LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE.