



**July 28, 2024**  
**Sunday Gathering**

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**-PRELUDE-**

*"I Need Thee Every Hour" – arr. Fred Bock  
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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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.

**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

We gather as believers assured of God's love for us;  
WE BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES US.

We come believing that God's love goes beyond us;  
WE BELIEVE THAT GOD'S LOVE EXTENDS TO EVERYONE.

We believe that God has called us to love;  
WE BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS CALLED US  
TO LOVE AS BIG AS POSSIBLE.

**-OPENING PRAYER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Arise, Your Light Is Come"*

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!  
THE SPIRIT'S CALL OBEY;  
SHOW FORTH THE GLORY OF YOUR GOD  
WHICH SHINES ON YOU TODAY!

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!  
FLING WIDE THE PRISON DOOR;  
PROCLAIM THE CAPTIVE'S LIBERTY,  
GOOD TIDINGS TO THE POOR.

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!  
ALL YOU IN SORROW BORN,  
BIND UP THE BROKEN-HEARTED ONES  
AND COMFORT THOSE WHO MOURN.

ARISE YOUR LIGHT IS COME!  
THE MOUNTAINS BURST IN SONG!

RISE UP LIKE EAGLES ON THE WING;  
GOD'S POWER WILL MAKE US STRONG.

**-SCRIPTURE-**

John 8: 1-12 (CEB)

And Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he returned to the temple. All the people gathered around him, and he sat down and taught them. The legal experts and Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery. Placing her in the center of the group, they said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of committing adultery. In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone women like this. What do you say?" They said this to test him, because they wanted a reason to bring an accusation against him. Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground with his finger.

They continued to question him, so he stood up and replied, "Whoever hasn't sinned should throw the first stone." Bending down again, he wrote on the ground. Those who heard him went away, one by one, beginning with the elders. Finally, only Jesus and the woman were left in the middle of the crowd.

Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Is there no one to condemn you?"

She said, "No one, sir."

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, don't sin anymore."

Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won't walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

**-THE MESSAGE-**

"Lightin' Up"

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-**

*“Softly and Tenderly” – arr. P. Keveren*

**-OFFERING-**

**-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-**

**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*“Jesus, the Light of the World”*

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING.  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.  
GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING,  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

WALK IN THE LIGHT, BEAUTIFUL LIGHT.  
COME WHERE THE DEWDROPS OF MERCY SHINE BRIGHT.  
SHINE ALL AROUND US BY DAY AND BY NIGHT.  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

JOYFUL, ALL YOU NATIONS, RISE.  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.  
JOIN THE TRIUMPH OF THE SKIES.  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

WALK IN THE LIGHT, BEAUTIFUL LIGHT.  
COME WHERE THE DEWDROPS OF MERCY SHINE BRIGHT.  
SHINE ALL AROUND US BY DAY AND BY NIGHT.  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

CHRIST, BY HIGHEST HEAV'N ADORED.  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.  
CHRIST, THE EVERLASTING LORD,  
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

WALK IN THE LIGHT, BEAUTIFUL LIGHT.  
COME WHERE THE DEWDROPS OF MERCY SHINE BRIGHT.  
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JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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