



June 11, 2023
Sunday Gathering

-PRELUDE-

"Thy Word" – Grant/Smith
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-

In your wisdom, Holy One,

YOU CALL US HERE TO WORSHIP.

We gather here,

ALIVE TO YOUR WORD.

You call us to live fully and to listen attentively

IN ORDER TO LIVE A LIFE OF WISDOM.

We are ready to respond with our hearts,

our souls, our minds, and our strength.

HOLY ONE, LEAD THE WAY.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH,

FOR THE SPLENDOR OF THE SKIES,

FOR THE LOVE WHICH FROM OUR BIRTH

OVER AND AROUND US LIES,

GOD OF ALL, TO YOU WE RAISE

THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE.

FOR THE WONDER OF EACH HOUR

OF THE DAY AND OF THE NIGHT,

HILL AND VALE, AND TREE AND FLOWER,

SUN AND MOON, AND STARS OF LIGHT,

GOD OF ALL, TO YOU WE RAISE

THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE.

FOR THE JOY OF HUMAN LOVE,

FAM'LY, FRIENDS, AND LOVED ONES NEAR,

THOSE ON EARTH, AND THOSE ABOVE

BRING US JOY ALL THROUGH THE YEARS.
GOD OF ALL, TO YOU WE RAISE
THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE.

FOR THE GOOD THAT LOVE INSPIRES,
FOR A WORLD WHERE NONE EXCLUDE,
FOR A FAITH THAT NEVER TIRES,
AND FOR EVERY HEART RENEWED,
GOD OF ALL, TO YOU WE RAISE
THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE.

-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-

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 (CEB)

There's a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens:

*a time for giving birth and a time for dying,
a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted,
a time for killing and a time for healing,
a time for tearing down and a time for building up,
a time for crying and a time for laughing,
a time for mourning and a time for dancing,
a time for throwing stones and a time for gathering stones,
a time for embracing and a time for avoiding embraces,
a time for searching and a time for losing,
a time for keeping and a time for throwing away,
a time for tearing and a time for repairing,
a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking,
a time for loving and a time for hating,
a time for war and a time for peace.*

-THE MESSAGE-

"Holy Listening & Wisdom"

Rev. Diane Vego

-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.

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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-

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) – arr. M. Hayes

Brenda Gardiner

-OFFERING-

"I Am Thine, O Lord" – arr. P. Hamm

Brenda Gardiner

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Rain Down"

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE,
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

FAITHFUL AND TRUE IS THE WORD OF OUR GOD.
ALL OF GOD'S WORKS ARE SO WORTHY OF TRUST.
GOD'S MERCY FALLS ON THE JUST AND THE RIGHT;
FULL OF GOD'S LOVE IS THE EARTH.

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE,
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

GOD OF CREATION, WE LONG FOR YOUR TRUTH;
YOU ARE THE WATER OF LIFE THAT WE THIRST,
GRANT THAT YOUR LOVE AND YOUR PEACE TOUCH OUR HEARTS,
ALL OF OUR HOPE LIES IN YOU.

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE,
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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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