



June 2, 2024
Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" – 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-

"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-

-GREETING EACH OTHER-

-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-

As we gather this day,
WE BRING THE BURDENS OF THE WEEK.

We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.
WE BRING OUR VOICES, OUR OFFERINGS,
AND OUR QUESTIONS.

We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.
WE BRING ALL THIS TO EACH OTHER AND TO GOD,
WHOM WE WORSHIP TODAY.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"The Servant Song"

WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT,
LET ME BE AS CHRIST TO YOU;
PRAY THAT I MAY HAVE THE GRACE
TO LET YOU BE MY SERVANT TOO.

WE ARE PILGRIMS ON A JOURNEY.
FELLOW TRAVELERS ON THE ROAD;
WE ARE HERE TO HELP EACH OTHER
WALK THE MILE AND BEAR THE LOAD.

I WILL HOLD THE CHRIST-LIGHT FOR YOU
IN THE NIGHTTIME OF YOUR FEAR;
I WILL HOLD MY HAND OUT TO YOU,
SPEAK THE PEACE YOU LONG TO HEAR.

I WILL WEEP WHEN YOU ARE WEeping;
WHEN YOU LAUGH, I'LL LAUGH WITH YOU.
I WILL SHARE YOUR JOY AND SORROW
TILL WE'VE SEEN THIS JOURNEY THROUGH.

WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT,
LET ME BE AS CHRIST TO YOU;
PRAY THAT I MAY HAVE THE GRACE
TO LET YOU BE MY SERVANT TOO.

-SCRIPTURE-

Mark 2: 23-3:12 (MSG)

One Sabbath day he was walking through a field of ripe grain. As his disciples made a path, they pulled off heads of grain. The Pharisees told on them to Jesus: "Look, your disciples are breaking Sabbath rules!"

Jesus said, "Really? Haven't you ever read what David did when he was hungry, along with those who were with him? How he entered the sanctuary and ate fresh bread off the altar, with the Chief Priest Abiathar right there watching—holy bread that no one but priests were allowed to eat—and handed it out to his companions?" Then Jesus said, "The Sabbath was made to serve us; we weren't made to serve the Sabbath. The Son of Man is no yes-man to the Sabbath. He's in charge!"

Then he went back in the meeting place where he found a man with a crippled hand. The Pharisees had their eyes on Jesus to see if he would heal him, hoping to catch him in a Sabbath violation. He said to the man with the crippled hand, "Stand here where we can see you."

Then he spoke to the people: "What kind of action suits the Sabbath best? Doing good or doing evil? Helping people or leaving them helpless?" No one said a word.

He looked them in the eye, one after another, angry now, furious at their hard-nosed religion. He said to the man, "Hold out your hand." He held it out—it was as good as new! The Pharisees got out as fast as they could, sputtering about how they would join forces with Herod's followers and ruin him.

-THE MESSAGE-

"Farrah Sea's Front Porch: A Story Sermon"
Pam Lee-Miller

-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,

AND GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATOR OF JUSTICE
AND JOY, COMPASSION AND PEACE:
YES, GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
JUSTICE AND JOY!

-SHARING AROUND THE TABLE-

-COMMUNION-

"Amazing Grace" – Eithun/Hamm

-OFFERING-

"Bind Us Together" – arr. M. Hayes

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
IN MY HEART, IN MY HEART.
LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN IN MY HEART.
IN MY HEART, IN MY HEART,
LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN IN MY HEART.

LORD, I WANT TO BE MORE LOVING
IN MY HEART, IN MY HEART.
LORD, I WANT TO BE MORE LOVING IN MY HEART.
IN MY HEART, IN MY HEART,
LORD, I WANT TO BE MORE LOVING IN MY HEART.

LORD, I WANT TO BE MORE HOLY

IN MY HEART, IN MY HEART.
LORD, I WANT TO BE MORE HOLY IN MY HEART.
IN MY HEART, IN MY HEART,
LORD, I WANT TO BE MORE HOLY IN MY HEART.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

LORD, I WANT TO BE LIKE JESUS
IN MY HEART, IN MY HEART.
LORD, I WANT TO BE LIKE JESUS IN MY HEART.
IN MY HEART, IN MY HEART,
LORD, I WANT TO BE LIKE JESUS IN MY HEART.