



June 30, 2024
Sunday Gathering

-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 SEEDS 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-

-GREETING EACH OTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-SPECIAL MUSIC-

"Rainbow"

Helena Handbasket

-CALL TO WORSHIP-

We, of many backgrounds and identities, personalities, and ideas,
gather collectively in shared pursuit of the Sacred.
TOGETHER, WE MAKE UP THE BODY OF CHRIST.

Wherever one of us is in pain,
OUR WHOLE BODY ACHES.

Whenever one of us is cut off,
THE WHOLE BODY IS WOUNDED.

Whoever is kept away by discriminatory policies or practices or prejudices,
OUR COLLECTIVE SOUL SUFFERS THE LOSS OF THEIR PRESENCE.

We need one another in order to be whole,
GOD, MAKE US THE BODY OF CHRIST AS YOU ENVISIONED.

May we become your presence enfleshed, in service to the world and one another.
LET US WORSHIP GOD.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Love Lifted Me"

I WAS SINKING DEEP IN FEAR,
FAR FROM THE PEACEFUL SHORE,
VERY DEEPLY DRAINED WITHIN,
SINKING TO RISE NO MORE
BUT THE MAKER OF THE SEA
HEARD MY DESPAIRING CRY,
FROM THE WATERS LIFTED ME
NOW SAFE AM I.

LOVE LIFTED ME!
LOVE LIFTED ME!
WHEN NOTHING ELSE COULD HELP,
LOVE LIFTED ME.
LOVE LIFTED ME!
LOVE LIFTED ME!
WHEN NOTHING ELSE COULD HELP,
LOVE LIFTED ME.

ALL MY HEART TO HIM I GIVE,
EVER TO HIM I'LL CLING,
IN HIS BLESSED PRESENCE LIVE,
EVER HIS PRAISES SING,
LOVE SO MIGHTY AND SO TRUE,
MERITS MY SOUL'S BEST SONGS,
FAITHFUL, LOVING SERVICE, TOO, TO HIM BELONG.

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-SCRIPTURE-

Mark 5: 21-43 (MSG)

After Jesus crossed over by boat, a large crowd met him at the seaside. One of the meeting-place leaders named Jairus came. When he saw Jesus, he fell to his knees, beside himself as he begged, "My dear daughter is at death's door. Come and lay hands on her so she will get well and live." Jesus went with him, the whole crowd tagging along, pushing and jostling him.

A woman who had suffered a condition of hemorrhaging for twelve years—a long succession of physicians had treated her, and treated her badly, taking all her money and leaving her worse off than before—had heard about Jesus. She slipped in from behind and touched his robe. She was thinking to herself, “If I can put a finger on his robe, I can get well.” The moment she did it, the flow of blood dried up. She could feel the change and knew her plague was over and done with.

At the same moment, Jesus felt energy discharging from him. He turned around to the crowd and asked, “Who touched my robe?”

His disciples said, “What are you talking about? With this crowd pushing and jostling you, you’re asking, ‘Who touched me?’ Dozens have touched you!”

But he went on asking, looking around to see who had done it. The woman, knowing what had happened, knowing she was the one, stepped up in fear and trembling, knelt before him, and gave him the whole story.

Jesus said to her, “Daughter, you took a risk of faith, and now you’re healed and whole. Live well, live blessed! Be healed of your plague.”

-THE MESSAGE-

“A Touch That Heals”
Pam Lee-Miller

-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-

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” – arr. S. Eithun

-OFFERING-

"Prelude #1" – J. S. Bach

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Draw the Circle Wide"

DRAW THE CIRCLE,
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.
DRAW THE CIRCLE,
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.
NO ONE STANDS ALONE,
WE'LL STAND SIDE BY SIDE.
DRAW THE CIRCLE,
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE,
DRAW IT WIDER STILL.
LET THIS BE OUR SONG:
NO ONE STANDS ALONE.
STANDING SIDE BY SIDE,
DRAW THE CIRCLE,
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.
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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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