



November 26, 2023
Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

"Thanks Be to God" – arr. S. Wilson
Brenda Gardiner

-SPECIAL MUSIC-

"For the Fruit of All Creation"
BUCC Ensemble

-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 the Fruit of All Creation"

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION,
THANKS BE TO GOD;
FOR THE GIFTS TO EVERY NATION,
THANKS BE TO GOD;
FOR THE PLOWING, SOWING, REAPING,
SILENT GROWTH WHILE WE ARE SLEEPING,
FUTURE NEEDS IN EARTH'S SAFEKEEPING,
THANKS BE TO GOD.

-WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-GREETING EACH OTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

FOR THE HARVESTS OF THE SPIRIT,
THANKS BE TO GOD;
FOR THE GOOD WE ALL INHERIT,
THANKS BE TO GOD;
FOR THE WONDERS THAT ASTOUND US,
FOR THE TRUTHS THAT STILL CONFOUND US,
MOST OF ALL THAT LOVE HAS FOUND US,
THANKS BE TO GOD.

-CALL TO WORSHIP-

Thanks-giving is a journey of faith.

In thanks-seeing,

we acknowledge the many blessings of the world we live in.

OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED

WHEN WE RECOGNIZE ALL THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US.

In thanks-blessing,

we acknowledge the help we need and receive from others.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GRACE OF GOD,

ALWAYS PROVIDING FOR US.

In thanks-sharing,

we transform ourselves and others, to open our souls to love.

WE ARE MADE WHOLE, TO LOVE OUR WORLD

AND THOSE AROUND US.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME,
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME;

ALL IS SAFELY GATHERED IN,
ERE THE WINTER STORMS BEGIN;
GOD, OUR MAKER, DOES PROVIDE
FOR OUR WANTS TO BE SUPPLIED;

COME TO GOD'S OWN TEMPLE, COME,
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME.

ALL THE BLESSINGS OF THE FIELD,
ALL THE STORES THE GARDENS YIELD,
ALL THE FRUITS IN FULL SUPPLY,
RIPENED 'NEATH THE SUMMER SKY,
ALL THAT SPRING WITH BOUNTEOUS HAND
SCATTERS O'ER THE SMILING LAND,
ALL THAT LIBERAL AUTUMN POURS
FROM ITS RICH O'ERFLOWING STORES,

THESE TO THEE, MY GOD, WE OWE,
SOURCE WHENCE ALL OUR BLESSINGS FLOW;
AND FOR THESE MY SOUL SHALL RAISE
GRATEFUL VOWS AND SOLEMN PRAISE.
COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME,
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME;
COME TO GOD'S OWN TEMPLE, COME,
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME.

-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING,
LORD, SEND YOUR SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE;
LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING,
SEND US LOVE, SEND US POW'R, SEND US GRACE.

-PASTORAL PRAYER-

-SCRIPTURE-

Luke 17: 11-19 (The Message)

It happened that as he made his way toward Jerusalem, he crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

*Taking a good look at them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests."
They went, and while still on their way, became clean. One of them, when he realized that he was healed, turned around and came back, shouting his gratitude, glorifying God. He kneeled at Jesus' feet, so grateful. He couldn't thank him enough—and he was a Samaritan.*

Jesus said, "Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider?" Then he said to him, "Get up. On your way. Your faith has healed and saved you."

-THE MESSAGE-

"Thankful Gratitude"

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.

-COMMUNION-

"Give Thanks" - arr. G. Austin

-OFFERING-

"We Gather Together" – arr. P. Hamm

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Let All Things Now Living"

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING
A SONG OF THANKSGIVING
TO GOD OUR CREATOR TRIUMPHANTLY RAISE,
WHO FASHIONED AND MADE US,
PROTECTED AND STAYED US,
BY GUIDING US ON TO THE END OF OUR DAYS.
GOD'S BANNERS ARE O'ER US,

PURE LIGHT GOES BEFORE US,
A PILLAR OF FIRE SHINING FORTH IN THE NIGHT,
TIL SHADOWS HAVE VANISHED,
ALL FEARFULNESS BANISHED,
AS FORWARD WE TRAVEL
FROM LIGHT INTO LIGHT.

BY LAW GOD ENFORCES.
THE STARS IN THEIR COURSES,
THE SUN IN ITS ORBIT, OBEDIENTLY SHINE;
THE HILLS AND THE MOUNTAINS,
THE RIVERS AND FOUNTAINS,
THE DEEPS OF THE OCEAN PROCLAIM GOD DIVINE,
WE TOO SHOULD BE VOICING
OUR LOVE AND REJOICING,
WITH GLAD ADORATION A SONG LET US RAISE,
TILL ALL THINGS NOW LIVING
UNITE IN THANKSGIVING
TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,
HOSANNA AND PRAISE.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Let All Things Now Living"

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