



**October 1, 2023
Sunday Gathering**

-PRELUDE-

*"The Good Old Gospel Ship" - A.P. Carter
Timmy Smallwood*

-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 BE 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-GREETING EACH OTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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*** -CALL TO WORSHIP-**

Creator, we are here, together in hope!
WITH COMMUNITY AND CREATION.

With neighbors near and far,
WITH THOSE KNOWN AND NEW,

With Christians across geography and time,
TOGETHER IN HOPE!
LET US WORSHIP!

**** -OPENING PRAYER-**

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES;
LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES.
WHEN I FALL ON MY KNEES
WITH MY FACE TO THE RISING SUN,
O GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME.

LET US DRINK WINE TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES;
LET US DRINK WINE TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES.
WHEN I FALL ON MY KNEES
WITH MY FACE TO THE RISING SUN,
O GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME.

LET US PRAISE GOD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES;
LET US PRAISE GOD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES.
WHEN I FALL ON MY KNEES
WITH MY FACE TO THE RISING SUN,
O GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME.

-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-**

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

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SEND US LOVE, SEND US POW'R, SEND US GRACE.

-SCRIPTURE-

Romans 12: 5 (CEV)

That's how it is with us. There are many of us, but we each are part of the body of Christ, as well as part of one another.

-THE MESSAGE-

"Room For One More: a fictional sermon told by Grace Ellen"

Pam Lee-Miller

-SPECIAL MUSIC-

"Table of Grace"

Timmy Smallwood

-COMMUNION-

"Table of Grace"

-OFFERING-

"I'll Fly Away" - A. E. Brumley

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"I Come With Joy"

I COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD,
FORGIVEN, LOVED, AND FREE,
IN AWE AND WONDER TO RECALL
HIS LIFE LAID DOWN FOR ME,
HIS LIFE LAID DOWN FOR ME.

I COME WITH CHRISTIANS FAR AND NEAR
TO FIND, AS ALL ARE FED,
THE NEW COMMUNITY OF LOVE
IN CHRIST'S COMMUNION BREAD,
IN CHRIST'S COMMUNION BREAD.

AND THUS WITH JOY WE MEET OUR LORD.
HIS PRESENCE, ALWAYS NEAR,
IS IN SUCH FRIENDSHIP BETTER KNOWN,
WE SEE AND PRAISE HIM HERE,
WE SEE AND PRAISE HIM HERE.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"I Come With Joy"

TOGETHER MET, TOGETHER BOUND,
WE'LL GO OUR DIFFERENT WAYS,
AND AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE WORLD,
WE'LL LIVE AND SPEAK GOD'S PRAISE,
WE'LL LIVE AND SPEAK GOD'S PRAISE.

* Call to Worship: ucc.org/worship-way/world_communion_pentecost_18_october_4_2020/

** Opening Prayer: written by Rev. Mindi - rev-o-lution.org

*** Pastoral Prayer: lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2018/09/world-communion-sunday-october-7-2018.html