



October 22, 2023
Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

“Dona Nobis Pacem” – traditional
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-

“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-

We come to You with so many questions;
WE TRUST YOU, GOD TO LEAD US INTO WISDOM.

We come with a desire to learn and grow;
ENLIGHTEN AND INFORM US WITH HOLY KNOWLEDGE.

Teach us to trust your love and lessons;
TEACH US TO RECEIVE THEM AND SHARE THEM WITH OTHERS.

We seek You above all, O God.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

COME, O FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING;
TUNE OUR HEARTS TO SING YOUR GRACE;
STREAMS OF MERCY, NEVER CEASING,
CALL FOR SONGS OF LOUDEST PRAISE.
TEACH US SOME MELODIOUS SONNET,
SUNG BY FLAMING TONGUES ABOVE;
PRAISE THE MOUNT! WE'RE FIXED UPON IT,
MOUNT OF GOD'S UNCHANGING LOVE!

HERE WE RAISE OUR HEARTS UP TO YOU;
IT IS BY YOUR HELP WE'VE COME;
YOU PROVIDE A LOVE WE FIND TRUE
AND THAT LOVE WILL BRING US HOME.
YOUR LOVE SOUGHT US WHEN A STRANGER,
WANDERING FROM YOUR LOVING FOLD;
EVEN IN A WORLD OF DANGER,
WE WOULD STILL YOUR LOVE BEHOLD.

COME, O FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING;
MAY OUR SINGING NEVER CEASE.
MAY WE ALWAYS LIFT OUR VOICES
SINGING MELODIES OF PEACE.
DRAW US EVER NEARER TO YOU
SO WE'LL KNOW WHERE 'ER IT'S OF.
MAY OUR SONG BE EVERMORE TRUE,
MAY IT BE BE OF YOUR GREAT LOVE.

-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-

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-SCRIPTURE-

John 3: 8 (CEB)

"God's Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. It's the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

-THE MESSAGE-

"Think Again"

Kenny Bishop

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"As We Gather at Your Table"

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE,
AS WE LISTEN TO YOUR WORD,
HELP US KNOW, O GOD, YOUR PRESENCE;
LET OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE STIRRED.
NOURISH US WITH SACRED STORY
TILL WE CLAIM IT AS YOUR OWN;

TEACH US THROUGH THIS HOLY BANQUET
HOW TO MAKE LOVE'S VICTORY KNOWN.

-COMMUNION-

"As We Gather at Your Table" - arr. E. Carlson

-OFFERING-

"My Rainbow Race" – P. Seeger

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND
THAT SAVED A WRETCH LIKE ME!
I ONCE WAS LOST, BUT NOW I'M FOUND;
WAS BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE.

'T WAS GRACE THAT TAUGHT MY HEART TO FEAR;
AND GRACE MY FEARS RELIEVED.
HOW PRECIOUS DID THAT GRACE APPEAR
THE HOUR I FIRST BELIEVED.

MY CHAINS ARE GONE,
I'VE BEEN SET FREE.
MY GOD, MY SAVIOR
HAS RESCUED ME.
AND LIKE A FLOOD
GOD'S MERCY REIGNS,
UNENDING LOVE,
AMAZING GRACE.

THE LORD HAS PROMISED GOOD TO ME;
HIS WORD MY HOPE SECURES.
HE WILL MY SHIELD AND PORTION BE
AS LONG AS LIFE ENDURES.

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THE EARTH SHALL SOON DISSOLVE LIKE SNOW,
THE SUN FORBEAR TO SHINE.
BUT GOD WHO LOVED ME HERE BELOW,
WILL BE FOREVER MINE,
WILL BE FOREVER MINE,
YOU ARE FOREVER MINE.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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