



September 10, 2023
Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" – 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-

"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-

God, we know we have this moment;
GIVE US THE GRACE TO LIVE INTO WITH PASSION AND LOVE.
We know our days are not just our own;
GIVE US THE WISDOM TO LIVE THEM IN SHARED MERCY.
We are grateful for this time and this place;
GIVE US COMPASSION TO SHARE AND LOVE TO GIVE.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Lead Us From Death to Life"

LEAD US FROM DEATH TO LIFE,
FROM FALSEHOOD TO TRUTH,
FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE,
FROM FEAR TO TRUST.
LEAD US FROM HATE TO LOVE,
FROM WAR TO PEACE;
LET PEACE FILL OUR HEARTS,
LET PEACE FILL OUR WORLD,
LET PEACE FILL OUR UNIVERSE.

STILL ALL THE ANGRY CRIES,
STILL ALL THE ANGRY GUNS,
STILL NOW CREATION DIES,
HUMANS AND CREATURES.
LET JUSTICE ROLL, LET MERCY POUR DOWN,
COME AND TEACH US YOUR WAY OF COMPASSION.

LEAD US FROM DEATH TO LIFE,
FROM FALSEHOOD TO TRUTH,
FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE,
FROM FEAR TO TRUST.
LEAD US FROM HATE TO LOVE,
FROM WAR TO PEACE;

LET PEACE FILL OUR HEARTS,
LET PEACE FILL OUR WORLD,
LET PEACE FILL OUR UNIVERSE.

SO MANY LONELY HEARTS,
SO MANY BROKEN LIVES,
LONGING FOR LOVE TO BREAK INTO THEIR ANGUISH.
COME, TEACH US LOVE,
COME TEACH US PEACE,
COME AND TEACH US YOUR WAY OF COMPASSION.

LEAD US FROM DEATH TO LIFE,
FROM FALSEHOOD TO TRUTH,
FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE,
FROM FEAR TO TRUST.
LEAD US FROM HATE TO LOVE,
FROM WAR TO PEACE;
LET PEACE FILL OUR HEARTS,
LET PEACE FILL OUR WORLD,
LET PEACE FILL OUR UNIVERSE.

LET JUSTICE EVER ROLL,
LET MERCY FILL THE EARTH,
LET US BEGIN TO GROW INTO YOUR PEOPLE.
WE CAN BE LOVE.
WE CAN BRING PEACE.
WE CAN STILL BE YOUR WAY OF COMPASSION.

LEAD US FROM DEATH TO LIFE,
FROM FALSEHOOD TO TRUTH,
FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE,
FROM FEAR TO TRUST.
LEAD US FROM HATE TO LOVE,
FROM WAR TO PEACE;
LET PEACE FILL OUR HEARTS,
LET PEACE FILL OUR WORLD,
LET PEACE FILL OUR UNIVERSE.

-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 11: 35-37 (CEB)

Jesus began to cry. The Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" But some of them said, "He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"

-THE MESSAGE-

"What a Day"

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-

"God Will Take Care of You" - arr. P. Keveren

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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TO RAISE OUR SONG ABOVE,
AND WE DARE TO CLAIM THE PROMISE OF YOUR LOVE,
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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.

OH, WE SING FOR ALL THE CHILDREN,
THAT ONE DAY THEY BE FREE;
AND WE SING FOR GENERATIONS YET TO BE,
THAT THEY NEVER HAVE A REASON
TO DOUBT THAT THEY ARE BLEST.
MAY THEY, IN YOUR LOVE, FIND REST.

OH, WE PRAY FOR ALL THE YOUNG LIVES
CUT SHORT BY FEAR AND SHAME
SO AFRAID OF WHO THEY ARE AND WHOM THEY LOVE.
MAY THE MESSAGE NOW BE BANISHED
THAT YOUR LOVE IS FOR THE FEW,
MAY THEIR FAITH IN YOU RENEW.

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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