



September 8, 2024
Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

"Surely the Presence" – L. Wolfe
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-

"Welcome"

LET'S TALK TOGETHER OF A TIME
WHEN WE WILL SHARE A FEAST,
WHERE PRIDE AND POWER KNEEL TO SERVE
THE LONELY AND THE LEAST,
AND JOY WILL SET THE TABLE
AS WE JOIN OUR HANDS TO PRAY,

SINGING WELCOME,
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TO COME AND KNOW GOD'S GRACE.
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THE LOVE OF GOD TO SHARE.
'CAUSE ALL OF US ARE WELCOME HERE;
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

-CALL TO WORSHIP-

God, we gather today curious and seeking;
WE WANT TO KNOW YOU BETTER
SO WE CAN KNOW OURSELVES BETTER.

Open our minds, our hearts, and our hands;
HELP US BE THE BEST REFLECTION OF YOU.

Teach us...
TEACH US TO SEE YOU IN THE SCRIPTURES,
IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE NOT LIKE US,
IN THE NATURE YOU CREATED,
AND EVEN IN THE CONFLICT AROUND US.

Teach us, God.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE,
AND WE KNOW THAT IT'S THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD;
THERE ARE SWEET EXPRESSIONS ON EACH FACE,
AND WE KNOW THEY FEEL THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

SWEET HOLY SPIRIT,
SWEET HEAVENLY DOVE,
STAY RIGHT HERE WITH US,
FILLING US WITH YOUR LOVE;
AND FOR THESE BLESSINGS
WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAISE.
WITHOUT A DOUBT WE'LL KNOW
THAT WE HAVE BEEN REVIVED
WHEN WE SHALL LEAVE THIS PLACE.

THERE ARE BLESSINGS WE SHALL ALL RECEIVE
WHEN WE KNOW THE SPIRIT'S FULLNESS AND BELIEVE;
ALL THE WORLD WILL PROFIT WHEN WE PRAY,
AND WE WALK IN THE SPIRIT EVERY DAY.

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WHEN WE SHALL LEAVE THIS PLACE.

-SCRIPTURE-

2 Timothy 3: 16-17 (NCV)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing people what is wrong in their lives, for correcting faults, and for teaching how to live right. Using the Scriptures, the person who serves God will be capable, having all that is needed to do every good work.

-THE MESSAGE-

"Always Learning, Always Growing"

-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.

GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HELP US SUMMON
OTHER GUESTS TO SHARE THE FEAST
WHERE TRIUMPHANT LOVE WILL WELCOME
THOSE WHO HAD BEEN LAST AND LEAST.
THERE NO MORE WILL ENVY BIND US
NOR WILL PRIDE OUR PEACE DESTROY,
AS WE JOIN WITH THOSE AROUND US
TO PARTAKE IN HEAVEN'S JOY.

-SHARING AROUND THE TABLE-

-COMMUNION-

"Come, Holy Spirit" - Gaither

-OFFERING-

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Joy Unspeakable"

I HAVE FOUND GOD'S GRACE IS ALL COMPLETE;
IT SUPPLIES MY LONGING NEED.
WHILE I SIT AND LEARN AT JESUS' FEET,
I AM FREE, YES, FREE INDEED.

IT IS JOY UNSPEAKABLE AND FULL OF GLORY,
FULL OF GLORY, FULL OF GLORY.
IT IS JOY UNSPEAKABLE AND FULL OF GLORY;
O THE HALF HAS NEVER YET BEEN TOLD!

I HAVE FOUND THE PLEASURE I ONCE CRAVED;
IT IS JOY AND PEACE WITHIN.
WHAT A WONDROUS BLESSING! I AM LOVED
BY THE GOD WHO TOOK ME IN.

IT IS JOY UNSPEAKABLE AND FULL OF GLORY,

FULL OF GLORY, FULL OF GLORY.
IT IS JOY UNSPEAKABLE AND FULL OF GLORY;
O THE HALF HAS NEVER YET BEEN TOLD!

I HAVE FOUND THAT HOPE SO BRIGHT AND CLEAR,
LIVING IN THE REALM OF GRACE.
I CAN FEEL THE LOVE OF GOD SO NEAR;
I CAN SEE GOD'S WONDROUS FACE.

I HAVE FOUND THE JOY NO TONGUE CAN TELL,
HOW ITS WAVES OF GLORY ROLL!
IT IS LIKE A GREAT O'ERFLOWING WELL
SPRINGING UP WITHIN MY SOUL.

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FULL OF GLORY, FULL OF GLORY.
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O THE HALF HAS NEVER YET BEEN TOLD!

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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