



**October 5, 2025**  
**Sunday Gathering**

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**-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.*

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**-PRELUDE-**

*"Here I Am, Lord" arr. S. Wilson*  
Brenda Gardiner

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**-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.

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**-WELCOME-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"We Are The Salt of the Earth"*

YOU ARE SALT FOR THE EARTH, O PEOPLE,  
SALT FOR THE KIN-DOM OF GOD!  
SHARE THE FLAVOR OF LIFE, O PEOPLE:  
LIFE IN THE KIN-DOM OF GOD!

BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF MERCY,  
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF PEACE;  
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF JUSTICE,  
BRING FORTH THE CITY OF GOD!

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**-DEVOTIONAL-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"We Are The Salt of the Earth"*

BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF MERCY,  
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF PEACE;  
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF JUSTICE,  
BRING FORTH THE CITY OF GOD!

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**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

May we remember  
THAT GOD CREATED.

May we remember  
THAT GOD LIBERATED.

May we remember  
THAT GOD FED.

May we remember  
THAT GOD IS STILL CREATING,

God is still liberating,  
AND GOD IS STILL FEEDING US.

Let this be our story.  
LET THIS BE WHERE WE BEGIN.

Let us worship our holy God.  
AMEN.

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**-OPENING PRAYER-**

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**-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"We Are The Salt of the Earth"*

YOU ARE SALT FOR THE EARTH, O PEOPLE,  
SALT FOR THE KIN-DOM OF GOD!  
SHARE THE FLAVOR OF LIFE, O PEOPLE:  
LIFE IN THE KIN-DOM OF GOD!

BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF MERCY,  
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF PEACE;  
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF JUSTICE,  
BRING FORTH THE CITY OF GOD!

YOU ARE A LIGHT ON THE HILL, O PEOPLE,  
LIGHT FOR THE CITY OF GOD!  
SHINE SO HOLY AND BRIGHT, O PEOPLE:  
SHINE FOR THE KIN-DOM OF GOD!

BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF MERCY,  
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF PEACE;  
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF JUSTICE,  
BRING FORTH THE CITY OF GOD!

YOU ARE A SEED OF THE WORD, O PEOPLE,  
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF GOD!  
SEEDS OF MERCY AND SEEDS OF JUSTICE,  
GROW IN THE KIN-DOM OF GOD!

BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF MERCY,  
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF PEACE;  
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF JUSTICE,  
BRING FORTH THE CITY OF GOD!

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**-SCRIPTURE-**

James 2:14-17 (CEB)

*My [siblings], what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? Imagine a [sibling] who is naked and never has enough food to eat. What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.*

Galatians 5:13 (CEB)

*You were called to freedom, [siblings]; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love.*

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**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"A Working Faith"*

Kenny Bishop

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**-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.

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**-PASTORAL PRAYER-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"In the Quiet Curve of Evening (You Are There)"*

YOU ARE THERE.  
YOU ARE THERE.  
YOU ARE THERE.

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**-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Come to Table of Grace"*

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE,  
COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE,  
THIS IS GOD'S TABLE, IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE,  
COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE,  
COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE,  
THIS IS GOD'S TABLE, IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE,  
COME TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF HOPE,  
COME TO THE TABLE OF HOPE,  
THIS IS GOD'S TABLE, IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE,  
COME TO THE TABLE OF HOPE.

COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY,  
COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY,  
THIS IS GOD'S TABLE, IT'S NOT YOURS OR MINE,  
COME TO THE TABLE OF JOY.

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**-IN GRATITUDE-**

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**-OFFERING-**

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**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

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**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Draw the Circle Wide"*

DRAW THE CIRCLE,  
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.

DRAW THE CIRCLE,  
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.

NO ONE STANDS ALONE,  
WE'LL STAND SIDE BY SIDE.

DRAW THE CIRCLE,  
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE,  
DRAW IT WIDER STILL.

LET THIS BE OUR SONG:  
NO ONE STANDS ALONE.

STANDING SIDE BY SIDE,  
DRAW THE CIRCLE,

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.

DRAW THE CIRCLE,  
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE,  
DRAW IT WIDER STILL.

LET THIS BE OUR SONG:  
NO ONE STANDS ALONE.

STANDING SIDE BY SIDE,  
DRAW THE CIRCLE,

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.

DRAW THE CIRCLE,  
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.

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**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"We Are The Salt of the Earth"*

WE ARE THE BLESS'D AND A PILGRIM PEOPLE,  
BOUND FOR THE KIN-DOM OF GOD!

LOVE OUR JOURNEY AND LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS:  
LOVE IS THE KIN-DOM OF GOD!

BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF MERCY,  
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF PEACE;  
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF JUSTICE,  
BRING FORTH THE CITY OF GOD!