



July 19, 2026
Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

"Holy Ground" – Davis

Brenda Gardiner

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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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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Bringing in the Sheaves"

SOWING IN THE MORNING,
SOWING SEEDS OF KINDNESS,
SOWING IN THE NOONTIDE
AND THE DEWY EVE;
WAITING FOR THE HARVEST,
AND THE TIME OF REAPING,
WE SHALL COME REJOICING,
BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES.

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-WELCOME & GREETING-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Bringing in the Sheaves"

SOWING IN THE SUNSHINE,
SOWING IN THE SHADOWS,
FEARING NEITHER CLOUDS
NOR WINTER'S CHILLING BREEZE;
BY AND BY THE HARVEST,
AND THE LABOR ENDED,
WE SHALL COME REJOICING,
BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES.

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

Come, all who have known both growth and struggle,
beauty and brokenness growing side by side.

WE COME SEEKING THE ONE WHO NURTURES LIFE
WITH PATIENCE, MERCY, AND HOPE.

God is still cultivating justice,
calling us to nourish what brings healing,
to protect the vulnerable,
and to believe that transformation is possible.

WE WILL TEND THE SEEDS OF KINDNESS,
WATER THE ROOTS OF PEACE,
AND WORK FOR A HARVEST OF JUSTICE.

We confess that we all carry
both wheat and weeds.

YET GOD'S LOVE NEVER ABANDONS US.

We come into this sacred hour
with hearts that are open to the Gardener of grace,
WHO PATIENTLY CULTIVATES HOPE,
CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY,
AND INVITES US TO JOIN
IN THE HEALING OF THE WORLD.

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-OPENING PRAYER-

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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"(We Are Standing on) Holy Ground"

WE ARE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND,
AND I KNOW THAT THERE ARE ANGELS ALL AROUND.
LET US PRAISE JESUS NOW;
WE ARE STANDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE ON HOLY GROUND.

AS I WALKED THROUGH THE DOORS
I SENSED GOD'S PRESENCE
AND I KNEW THIS WAS A PLACE WHERE LOVE ABOUNDS.
FOR THIS IS THE TEMPLE,
JEHOVAH GOD ABIDES HERE
WE ARE STANDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE ON HOLY GROUND.

WE ARE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND,
AND I KNOW THAT THERE ARE ANGELS ALL AROUND.
LET US PRAISE JESUS NOW;
WE ARE STANDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE ON HOLY GROUND.

IN HIS PRESENCE THERE IS JOY BEYOND MEASURE
AND AT HIS FEET PEACE OF MIND CAN STILL BE FOUND.
WHEN WE HAVE A NEED WE KNOW HE HAS THE ANSWER.
REACH OUT AND CLAIM IT
FOR WE ARE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND.

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-SCRIPTURE-

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 (CEB)

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like someone who planted good seed in his field. While people were sleeping, an enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and went away. When the stalks sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared.

"The servants of the landowner came and said to him, 'Master, didn't you plant good seed in your field? Then how is it that it has weeds?' "An enemy has done this,' he answered. "The servants said to him, 'Do you want us to go and gather them?'"

"But the landowner said, 'No, because if you gather the weeds, you'll pull up the wheat along with them. Let both grow side by side until the harvest. And at harvesttime I'll say to the harvesters, "First gather the weeds and tie them together in bundles to be burned. But bring the wheat into my barn."'"

Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

Jesus replied, "The one who plants the good seed is the Human One. The field is the world. And the good seeds are the followers of the kingdom. But the weeds are the followers of the evil one. The enemy who planted them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the present age. The harvesters are the angels.

Just as people gather weeds and burn them in the fire, so it will be at the end of the present age. The Human One will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that cause people to fall away and all people who sin. He will throw them into a burning furnace. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom. Those who have ears should hear."

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-THE MESSAGE-

"Seeds"

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"God Comes to Us"

GOD COMES TO US ON WINTER NIGHT,
IN BABY'S BREATH, BY FIRELIGHT,
GOD COMES TO US ON A STAR.
GOD COMES TO US AMIDST OUR FEARS,
UNSPOKEN JOYS, UNENDING TEARS,
GOD COMES TO US WHERE WE ARE.

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-JOYS & CONCERNS-

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-PASTORAL PRAYER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"God Comes to Us"

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UNSpOKEN JOYS, UNENDING TEARS,
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-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come, You Thankful People, Come"

COME, YOU THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME,
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME;
ALL IS SAFELY GATHERED IN,
ERE THE WINTER STORMS BEGIN.
GOD OUR MAKER DOES PROVIDE
FOR OUR WANTS TO BE SUPPLIED;
COME TO GOD'S OWN TEMPLE, COME,
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME.

ALL THE BLESSINGS OF THE FIELD,
ALL THE STORES THE GARDENS YIELD,
ALL THE FRUITS IN FULL SUPPLY,
RIPENED 'NEATH THE SUMMER SKY,
ALL THE SPRING WITH BOUNTEOUS HAND
SCATTERS O'ER THE SMILING LAND,
ALL THAT LIBERAL AUTUMN POURS
FROM ITS RICH O'ERFLOWING STORES.

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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-

"(This is) Holy Ground"

THIS IS HOLY GROUND,
WE'RE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND,
FOR THE LORD IS PRESENT
AND WHERE HE IS, IS HOLY.
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WE'RE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND,

FOR THE LORD IS PRESENT
AND WHERE HE IS, IS HOLY.

THESE ARE HOLY HANDS,
WE'RE LIFTING UP HOLY HANDS,
GOD WORKS THROUGH THESE HANDS,
AND SO THESE HANDS ARE HOLY.

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

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