



November 16, 2025

Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

"Now Thank We All Our God" arr. S. Wilson

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-

"Give Thanks"

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JESUS CHRIST, THE SON.

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-WELCOME-

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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

We gather today, proclaiming God's love

and seeking God's blessing.

GOD LOVES US WITH IMMEASURABLE LOVE.

God is always with us, even when we are unaware,

even when we feel lost or alone.

IN GRATITUDE WE COME,

PROCLAIMING OUR THANKSGIVING.

Let us rejoice in the God of our hope and salvation.

WE REJOICE IN OUR GOD,

FOR OUR BLESSINGS, OUR LESSONS,

AND GOD'S PROMISES.

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-OPENING PRAYER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH,

FOR THE SPLENDOR OF THE SKIES,
FOR THE LOVE WHICH FROM OUR BIRTH
OVER AND AROUND LIES,

GOD OF ALL, TO YOU WE RAISE
THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE.

FOR THE WONDER OF EACH HOUR
OF THE DAY AND OF THE NIGHT,
HILL AND VALE, AND TREE AND FLOWER,
SUN AND MOON, AND STARS OF LIGHT,

GOD OF ALL, TO YOU WE RAISE
THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE.

FOR THE JOY OF HUMAN LOVE,
SIBLINGS, FRIENDS, A PARENT, CHILD,
THOSE ON EARTH, AND THOSE ABOVE,
FOR ALL GENTLE THOUGHTS AND MILD,

GOD OF ALL, TO YOU WE RAISE
THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE.

FOR THE GOOD THAT LOVE INSPIRES,
FOR A WORLD WHERE NONE EXCLUDE,
FOR A FAITH THAT NEVER TIRES,
AND FOR EVERY HEART RENEWED,

GOD OF ALL, TO YOU WE RAISE
THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE.

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-SCRIPTURE-

James 1:17 (CEB)

Every good gift, every perfect gift comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all. He chose to give us birth by his true word, and here is the result: we are like the first crop from the harvest of everything he created.

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-THE MESSAGE-

"Grateful Gifts"

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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-JOYS & CONCERNS-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

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-COMMUNION MEDITATION-

“As We Gather at Our Table”

Brenda Gardiner

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-OFFERING-

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-IN GRATITUDE-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

“Doxology (adapted)”

GOD BLESSES US SO WE CAN GIVE;
WITH ONE ANOTHER WE SHOULD LIVE.
GOD BLESSES US WITH EACH NEW DAY.
GOD’S VISION GUIDES AND LEADS OUR WAY.
AMEN.

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-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

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-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”

GOD OF THE SPARROW,
GOD OF THE WHALE,
GOD OF THE SWIRLING STARS.
HOW DOES THE CREATURE SAY AWE?
HOW DOES THE CREATURE SAY PRAISE?

GOD OF THE EARTHQUAKE,
GOD OF THE STORM,
GOD OF THE TRUMPET BLAST.

HOW DOES THE CREATURE CRY WOE?
HOW DOES THE CREATURE CRY SAVE?

GOD OF THE RAINBOW,
GOD OF THE CROSS,
GOD OF THE EMPTY GRAVE.
HOW DOES THE CREATURE SAY GRACE?
HOW DOES THE CREATURE SAY THANKS?

GOD OF THE HUNGRY,
GOD OF THE SICK,
GOD OF THE PRODIGAL.
HOW DOES THE CREATURE SAY CARE?
HOW DOES THE CREATURE SAY LIFE?

GOD OF THE NEIGHBOR,
GOD OF THE FOE,
GOD OF THE PRUNING HOOK.
HOW DOES THE CREATURE SAY LOVE?
HOW DOES THE CREATURE SAY PEACE?

GOD OF THE AGES,
GOD OF THE HAND,
GOD OF THE LOVING HEART.
HOW DO YOUR CHILDREN SAY JOY?
HOW DO YOUR CHILDREN SAY HOME?

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

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