



**October 11, 2026
Sunday Gathering**

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-PRELUDE-

*"Finlandia" - arr. J. Bjork
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-

"I Dream of A Church"

I DREAM OF A CHURCH WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME,
I DREAM OF A PLACE WE ALL CAN CALL HOME.
I DREAM OF A WORLD WHERE JUSTICE IS FLOWING,
WITH HOPE AND PEACE GROWING,
WHERE GOD'S WILL IS DONE.

MAKE IT SO, MAKE IT SO,
WE PRAY FOR THAT DAY, MAKE IT SO.
WE DREAM OF A WORLD
WHERE LOVE REIGNS AMONG US
AND YOUR WILL IS DONE,
O GOD, MAKE IT SO!

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-WELCOME & GREETING-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"I Dream of a Church"

O GOD, FILL OUR HEARTS
TO REACH OUT IN WELCOME,
MAKE US TO SEE YOUR VISION ONCE MORE.
LET'S DREAM OF A WORLD
WHERE OUR HANDS ARE YOUR HANDS,
WE OFFER OURSELVES,
O GOD, MAKE IT SO.

MAKE IT SO, MAKE IT SO,
WE PRAY FOR THAT DAY, MAKE IT SO.
WE DREAM OF A WORLD
WHERE LOVE REIGNS AMONG US
AND YOUR WILL IS DONE,
O GOD, MAKE IT SO!

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

God Comes! So don't let go of all the reasons to rejoice.
WE WILL SING A SONG TO THE ONE
WHO FILLS OUR LIFE WITH JOY.

God Comes! So don't stop lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.
WE WILL SING A SONG TO THE ONE
WHO HEARS OUR WORDS AND OUR SILENCE.

God Comes! So don't stop giving your hearts to God.
WE WILL SING A SONG TO THE ONE
WHO GRACES US WITH A PEACE
WE CANNOT BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND.

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-OPENING PRAYER-

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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU,
GOD OF GLORY, GOD OF LOVE;
HEARTS UNFOLD LIKE FLOWERS BEFORE YOU,
OPENING TO THE SUN ABOVE.
MELT THE CLOUDS OF SIN AND SADNESS,
DRIVE THE STORMS OF DOUBT AWAY;

GIVER OF IMMORTAL GLADNESS,
FILL US WITH THE LIGHT OF DAY.

ALL YOUR WORKS WITH JOY SURROUND YOU,
EARTH AND HEAVEN REFLECT YOUR RAYS,
STARS AND ANGELS SING AROUND YOU,
CENTER OF UNBROKEN PRAISE.
FIELD AND FOREST, VALE AND MOUNTAIN,
FLOWERY MEADOW, FLASHING SEA,
CHANTING BIRD AND FLOWING FOUNTAIN,
TEACH US WHAT OUR PRAISE SHOULD BE.

YOU ARE GIVING AND FORGIVING,
EVER BLESSING, EVER BLESSED,
WELLSPRING OF THE JOY OF LIVING,
OCEAN DEPTH OF HAPPY REST!
LOVING SPIRIT, FATHER, MOTHER,
ALL WHO LOVE BELONG TO YOU;
TEACH US HOW TO LOVE EACH OTHER,
BY THAT LOVE OUR JOY RENEW.

MORTALS, JOIN THE MIGHTY CHORUS
WHICH THE MORNING STARS BEGAN;
BOUNDLESS LOVE IS REIGNING O'ER US,
RECONCILING RACE AND CLAN.
EVER SINGING, MOVE WE FORWARD,
FAITHFUL IN THE MIDST OF STRIFE,
JOYFUL MUSIC LEADS US ONWARD
IN THE TRIUMPH SONG OF LIFE.

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-SCRIPTURE-

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (CEB)

Dear friends, I love you and long to see you. Please keep on being faithful to the Lord. You are my pride and joy.

Euodia and Syntyche, you belong to the Lord, so I beg you to stop arguing with each other. And, my true partner, I ask you to help them. These women have worked together with me and with Clement and with the others in spreading the good news. Their names are now written in the book of life.

Always be glad because of the Lord! I will say it again: Be glad. ⁵ Always be gentle with others. The Lord will soon be here. Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel.

Finally, my friends, keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right, holy, friendly, and proper. Don't ever stop thinking about what is truly worthwhile and worthy of praise. You know the teachings I gave you, and you know what you heard me say and saw me do. So follow my example. And God, who gives peace, will be with you.

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-THE MESSAGE-

"Rejoice & Follow"

Pam Lee-Miller

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

Dona Nobis Pacem" (Give us Peace}

DONA NOBIS PACEM, PACEM.

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-JOYS & CONCERNS-

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-PASTORAL PRAYER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

O ALLELUIA,

SING ALLELUIA!

WE BLESS YOUR HOLY NAME.

O ALLELUIA,

SING ALLELUIA!

THERE'S A SPIRIT OF LOVE IN THIS PLACE.

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-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"For Everyone Born"

FOR EVERYONE BORN,

A PLACE AT THE TABLE,

FOR EVERYONE BORN CLEAN WATER AND BREAD.

A SHELTER, A SPACE,

A SAFE PLACE FOR GROWING,

FOR EVERYONE BORN,

A STAR OVERHEAD.

AND GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
AND JOY, COMPASSION AND PEACE;
YES, GOD WILL DELIGHT WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
JUSTICE AND JOY.

FOR WOMAN AND MAN,
A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
AND ALL THOSE BETWEEN,
BEYOND AND BESIDES;
EXPANDING OUR WORLD,
DISMANTLING THE POWER,
EACH VALUED FOR WHAT THEIR VOICE CAN PROVIDE.

AND GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
AND JOY, COMPASSION AND PEACE;
YES, GOD WILL DELIGHT WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
JUSTICE AND JOY.

FOR GAY, BI AND STRAIGHT,
A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
INVITED TO WED, TO BAPTIZE AND PREACH,
A RAINBOW OF RACE AND GENDER AND COLOR,
FOR QUEER, TRANS, AND ACE,
GOD'S JUSTICE IN REACH.

AND GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
AND JOY, COMPASSION AND PEACE;
YES, GOD WILL DELIGHT WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
JUSTICE AND JOY.

FOR BODIES DIVERSE,
A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
ALL MANNER OF SPEECH
AND MOVEMENT AND MINDS;
ENABLED TO LEAD AND TEACH US NEW LANGUAGE,
FOR BODIES DIVERSE,
A CHURCH REDESIGNED.

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WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
AND JOY, COMPASSION AND PEACE;
YES, GOD WILL DELIGHT WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
JUSTICE AND 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-

"Pass It On"

IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK
TO GET A FIRE GOING,
AND SOON ALL THOSE AROUND
CAN WARM UP IN ITS GLOWING.

THAT'S HOW IT IS WITH GOD'S LOVE
ONCE YOU'VE EXPERIENCED IT;
YOU SPREAD THE LOVE TO EVERYONE;
YOU WANT TO PASS IT ON.

WHAT A WONDROUS TIME IS SPRING,
WHEN ALL THE TREES ARE BUDDING.
THE BIRDS BEGIN TO SING,
THE FLOWERS START THEIR BLOOMING.

THAT'S HOW IT IS WITH GOD'S LOVE
ONCE YOU'VE EXPERIENCED IT;
YOU SPREAD THE LOVE TO EVERYONE;
YOU WANT TO PASS IT ON.

I WISH FOR YOU, MY FRIEND
THIS HAPPINESS THAT I'VE FOUND.
YOU CAN DEPEND ON GOD,
IT MATTERS NOT WHERE YOU'RE BOUND.

I'LL SHOUT IT FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP
I WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW
THE LORD OF LOVE HAS COME TO ME
I WANT TO PASS IT ON.

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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I WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW
THE LORD OF LOVE HAS COME TO ME
I WANT TO PASS IT ON.