

July 20, 2025 Sunday Gathering

-ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-

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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.

-PRELUDE-

"Joyful, Joyful" - arr. P. Keveren Brenda Gardiner

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-

-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,
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.

-CALL TO WORSHIP-

God has shown us what is good;
TO ACT JUSTLY, TO LOVE MERCY, TO WALK HUMBLY.
Jesus, the radical, has challenged us to do the hard work;
TO LOVE OUR ENEMIES, TO PRAY FOR OUR PERSECUTORS.
We are committed to that hard task;
TO LOVE, IN JUSTICE, IN MERCY, IN HUMILITY.

-OPENING PRAYER-

-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"You Are Mine"
I WILL COME TO YOU IN THE SILENCE,
I WILL WALK WITH YOU IN YOUR FEAR.
YOU WILL HEAR MY VOICE,
I CLAIM YOU AS MY CHOICE,
BE STILL AND KNOW I AM HERE.

I AM HOPE FOR ALL WHO ARE HOPELESS,
I AM EYES FOR ALL WHO LONG TO SEE.
IN THE SHADOWS OF THE NIGHT,
I WILL BE YOUR LIGHT,
COME AND REST IN ME.

DO NOT BE AFRAID, I AM WITH YOU.
I HAVE CALLED YOU EACH BY NAME.
COME AND FOLLOW ME,
I WILL BRING YOU HOME;
I LOVE YOU AND YOU ARE MINE.

I AM STRENGTH FOR ALL THOSE DESPAIRING,
HEALING FOR THE ONES WHO DWELL IN SHAME.
ALL THE BLIND WILL SEE,
THE LAME WILL ALL RUN FREE,
AND ALL WILL KNOW MY NAME.

I AM THE WORD THAT LEADS ALL TO FREEDOM,
I AM THE PEACE THE WORLD CANNOT GIVE.
I WILL CALL YOUR NAME,
EMBRACING ALL YOUR PAIN.
STAND UP, NOW WALK, AND LIVE.

DO NOT BE AFRAID, I AM WITH YOU.
I HAVE CALLED YOU EACH BY NAME.
COME AND FOLLOW ME,
I WILL BRING YOU HOME;
I LOVE YOU AND YOU ARE MINE.

-THE MESSAGE-

"The Art of Cherry Picking"

Josh Scott

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"The Open Table"

COME, OH COME, COME TO THE TABLE.

GATHER 'ROUND, COME WITHOUT FEAR.

KNOWN BY NAME HERE AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;

WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"The Open Table"

COME, OH COME, COME TO THE TABLE.

GATHER 'ROUND, COME WITHOUT FEAR.

KNOWN BY NAME HERE AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;

WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

CIRCLE 'ROUND, LET'S JOIN TOGETHER. SHARE YOUR JOYS, AND BRING YOUR TEARS. STRENGTH AND HOPE FOUND AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE; WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

GOD IS LOVE; LOVE IS CREATING SOMETHING NEW, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW. WE'RE CHILDREN OF GOD, HERE AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE; WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

-IN GRATITUDE-

-OFFERING-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"We Are Called"

COME! LIVE IN THE LIGHT!

SHINE WITH THE JOY AND THE LOVE OF THE LORD!

WE ARE CALLED TO BE LIGHT FOR THE KIN-DOM,

TO LIVE IN THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF GOD.

WE ARE CALLED TO ACT WITH JUSTICE,
WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE TENDERLY,
WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER,
TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD!

COME! OPEN YOUR HEART! SHOW YOUR MERCY TO ALL THOSE IN FEAR! WE ARE CALLED TO BE HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS, SO HATRED AND BLINDNESS WILL BE NO MORE!

WE ARE CALLED TO ACT WITH JUSTICE,
WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE TENDERLY,
WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER,
TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD!

SING! SING A NEW SONG!
SING OF THAT GREAT DAY WHEN ALL WILL BE ONE!
LOVE WILL REIGN, AND WE'LL WALK WITH EACH OTHER
SISTERS, BROTHERS, AND OTHERS UNITED IN LOVE!

WE ARE CALLED TO ACT WITH JUSTICE, WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE TENDERLY, WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER,

TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD!

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"We Are Called"

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WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER,

TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD!