



August 9, 2026
Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

"Wade in the Water" – arr. M. Hayes

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-

"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 & GREETING-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"For All the Children"

GOD, WE SING FOR ALL THE CHILDREN,
THAT ONE DAY THEY BE FREE;
AND WE SING FOR GENERATIONS YET TO BE,
THAT THEY NEVER HAVE A REASON
TO DOUBT THAT THEY ARE BLEST.
MAY THEY, IN YOUR LOVE, FIND REST.

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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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

When the waters rise, and the winds blow,
we gather, not because we are brave,
but because we face the storms together.
CHRIST IS WITH US IN THE STORM.

When fear tells us to stay safely in the boat,
and certainty becomes safer than compassion,
CHRIST CALLS US TO COME.

When we stumble,
when our courage fails,
JESUS REACHES FOR US.

When we feel ourselves sinking
beneath grief, injustice, loneliness,
and a world that feels too broken to repair,
Christ reaches for us.
SO WE WORSHIP.
AMEN.

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-OPENING PRAYER-

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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME
OVER LIFE'S TEMPESTUOUS SEA;
UNKNOWN WAVES BEFORE ME ROLL,
HIDING ROCK AND TREACHEROUS SHOAL;
CHART AND COMPASS EVER BE;
JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME.

AS A MOTHER STILLS HER CHILD,
YOU CAN HUSH THE OCEAN WILD;
BOISTEROUS WAVES OBEY YOUR WILL
WHEN YOU SAY TO THEM, "BE STILL."
WONDROUS SOVEREIGN OF THE SEA,
JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME.

WHEN AT LAST I NEAR THE SHORE,
AND THE FEARFUL BREAKERS ROAR,
KEEPING ME FROM PEACEFUL REST,
THEN, WHILE LEANING ON YOUR BREAST,
MAY I HEAR YOUR WORDS SO TRUE,
"FEAR NOT, I WILL PILOT YOU."

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-SCRIPTURE-

Matthew 14:22-33 (CEB)

Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" They were so frightened they screamed.

Just then Jesus spoke to them, "Be encouraged! It's me. Don't be afraid."

Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water."

And Jesus said, "Come."

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, "Lord, rescue me!"

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, "You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?" When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, "You must be God's Son!"

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-THE MESSAGE-

"The Storm"

Kenny Blshop

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"God Comes to Us"

GOD COMES TO US ON SUMMER 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"

GOD COMES TO US AMIDST OUR FEARS,
UNSPOKEN JOYS, UNENDING TEARS,
GOD COMES TO US WHERE WE ARE.

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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 YOUNG AND FOR OLD, A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
ALL GENDERS AND ROLES A PART OF THE SONG,
WITH WISDOM AND GRACE, DIVIDING THE POWER,
FOR EVERYONE BORN, THE RIGHT TO BELONG.

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 EVERYONE BORN, A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR, AND SIMPLY TO BE,
TO WORK, TO SPEAK OUT, TO WITNESS AND WORSHIP,
FOR EVERYONE BORN, THE RIGHT TO BE FREE.

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!

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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-

"Love Lifted Me"

I WAS SINKING DEEP IN FEAR,
FAR FROM THE PEACEFUL SHORE,
VERY DEEPLY DRAINED WITHIN,
SINKING TO RISE NO MORE.
BUT THE MAKER OF THE SEA
HEARD MY DESPAIRING CRY,
FROM THE WATERS LIFTED ME,
NOW SAFE AM I.

LOVE LIFTED ME! LOVE LIFTED ME!
WHEN NOTHING ELSE COULD HELP,
LOVE LIFTED ME.
LOVE LIFTED ME! LOVE LIFTED ME!
WHEN NOTHING ELSE COULD HELP,
LOVE LIFTED ME.

ALL MY HEART TO HIM I GIVE,
EVER TO HIM I'LL CLING,
IN HIS BLESSED PRESENCE LIVE,
EVER HIS PRAISES SING,
LOVE SO MIGHTY AND SO TRUE,
MERITS MY SOUL'S BEST SONGS,

FAITHFUL, LOVING SERVICE, TOO,
TO HIM BELONG.

LOVE LIFTED ME! LOVE LIFTED ME!
WHEN NOTHING ELSE COULD HELP,
LOVE LIFTED ME.

LOVE LIFTED ME! LOVE LIFTED ME!
WHEN NOTHING ELSE COULD HELP,
LOVE LIFTED ME.

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Love Lifted Me"

LOVE LIFTED ME! LOVE LIFTED ME!
WHEN NOTHING ELSE COULD HELP,
LOVE LIFTED ME.

LOVE LIFTED ME! LOVE LIFTED ME!
WHEN NOTHING ELSE COULD HELP,
LOVE LIFTED ME.