



**April 20, 2025**  
**Sunday Gathering**  
**Easter Sunday**

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**-PRELUDE-**

*"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*  
Brenda Gardiner & Lisa Loeffler

**-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.*

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Make Us One"*

MAKE US ONE, LORD, MAKE US ONE;  
HOLY SPIRIT, MAKE US ONE.  
LET YOUR LOVE FLOW SO THE WORLD WILL KNOW  
WE ARE ONE IN YOU.

**-WELCOME-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Make Us One"*

MAKE US ONE, LORD, MAKE US ONE;  
HOLY SPIRIT, MAKE US ONE.  
LET YOUR LOVE FLOW SO THE WORLD WILL KNOW  
WE ARE ONE IN YOU.

**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

My dear friends,  
we have known grief.  
We have known loss.  
We have known the long road, tired and winding.  
We have whispered prayers on bended knees.  
We have stared at the sky, empty of stars.  
But today...

But today—  
TODAY WE KNOW HOPE.  
Today we know life.  
TODAY WE KNOW THE SOUND OF ALLELUIAS.  
Today, we know that death does not have the last word.  
TODAY WE KNOW THAT NOTHING  
CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD.

It is Easter.  
May hope find you.  
And may you know, deep in your bones,  
that today is a new day.  
ALLELUIA!  
AMEN!

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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**-COMMUNAL PRAYER-**

FORGIVE US, GOD,  
WHEN GOOD NEWS LANDS IN OUR LAP  
AND WE REFUSE TO BELIEVE IT.  
  
FORGIVE US, GOD,  
WHEN GRIEF AND FEAR  
CROWD OUT ANY ROOM IN OUR HEARTS FOR HOPE.

FORGIVE US, GOD,  
WHEN WE DISMISS THE STORIES  
OF OTHERS AND MINIMIZE THE VOICES OF OUR NEIGHBORS.

IN A WORLD THAT TEETERS BETWEEN GRIEF AND HOPE,  
SHOW US HOW TO BE LIKE PETER.  
SHOW US HOW TO HOLD ONTO HOPE.  
SHOW US HOW TO RUN TOWARD YOU.

AMEN.

**-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA!  
ALL CREATION JOIN TO SAY, ALLELUIA!  
RAISE YOUR JOYS AND TRIUMPHS HIGH, ALLELUIA!  
SING, O HEAV'NS, AND EARTH REPLY, ALLELUIA!

LET THE VICTOR'S PEOPLE SING, ALLELUIA!  
WHERE, O DEATH, IS NOW YOUR STING? ALLELUIA!  
DYING ONCE, OUR WORLD TO SAVE, ALLELUIA!  
WHERE YOUR VICTORY, O GRAVE? ALLELUIA!

LOVE'S REDEEMING WORK IS DONE, ALLELUIA!  
FOUGHT THE FIGHT, THE BATTLE WON, ALLELUIA!  
DEATH IN VAIN FORBIDS HIM RISE, ALLELUIA!  
GOD HAS OPENED PARADISE. ALLELUIA!

SOAR WE NOW WHERE CHRIST WAS LED, ALLELUIA!  
FOLLOWING OUR EXALTED HEAD, ALLELUIA!  
MADE LIKE HIM, LIKE HIM WE RISE, ALLELUIA!  
OURS THE CROSS, THE GRAVE, THE SKIES, ALLELUIA!

**-SCRIPTURE-**

Luke 24: 1-12 (CEB)

*Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing.*

*The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words.*

*When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told*

*these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"Caught Between Grief and Hope!"*

Pam Lee-Miller

**-AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-**

In the dark before dawn,  
WE BELIEVE THAT GOD IS ALIVE.  
In the midst of our grief,  
WE BELIEVE THE SPIRIT IS AT WORK.  
In the chaos of our broken world,  
WE BELIEVE THAT LOVE IS ON THE LOOSE.  
For no stone could keep God at bay,  
AND NO VIOLENCE COULD KEEP GOD'S LOVE FROM US.  
So today we sing,  
ALLELUIA!  
For somewhere in between our belief and doubt,  
HOPE LIVES.  
Christ has died,  
AND CHRIST HAS ALSO RISEN.  
THANKS BE TO GOD!  
AMEN.

**-SPECIAL MUSIC-**

*"Clap Your Hands, Rejoice*

BUCC Choir

**-COMMUNION LITURGY-**

**-PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING-**

**-THE LORD'S PRAYER-**

**-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES;  
LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES.  
WHEN I FALL ON MY KNEES,

WITH MY FACE TO THE RISING SUN,  
MY GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME.

LET US DRINK WINE TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES;  
LET US DRINK WINE TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES.

WHEN I FALL ON MY KNEES,  
WITH MY FACE TO THE RISING SUN,  
MY GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME.

LET US PRAISE GOD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES;  
LET US PRAISE GOD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES.

WHEN I FALL ON MY KNEES,  
WITH MY FACE TO THE RISING SUN,  
MY GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME.

**-IN GRATITUDE-**

**-OFFERING-**

**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"He Lives"*

I SERVE A RISEN SAVIOR,  
HE'S IN THE WORLD TODAY;  
I KNOW THAT HE IS LIVING,  
WHATEVER OTHERS SAY;  
I SEE HIS HAND OF MERCY,  
I HEAR HIS VOICE OF CHEER,  
AND JUST THE TIME I NEED HIM  
HE'S ALWAYS NEAR.

HE LIVES, HE LIVES,  
CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY!  
HE WALKS WITH ME AND TALKS WITH ME  
ALONG LIFE'S NARROW WAY.  
HE LIVES, HE LIVES,  
SALVATION TO IMPART!  
YOU ASK ME HOW I KNOW HE LIVES?  
HE LIVES WITHIN MY HEART.

IN ALL THE WORLD AROUND ME  
I SEE HIS LOVING CARE.  
AND THOUGH MY HEART GROWS WEARY

I NEVER WILL DESPAIR;  
I KNOW THAT HE IS LEADING,  
THRO' ALL THE STORMY BLAST.  
I KNOW THAT HE IS FAITHFUL,  
HIS LOVE STEADFAST.

HE LIVES, HE LIVES,  
CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY!  
HE WALKS WITH ME AND TALKS WITH ME  
ALONG LIFE'S NARROW WAY.

HE LIVES, HE LIVES,  
SALVATION TO IMPART!  
YOU ASK ME HOW I KNOW HE LIVES?  
HE LIVES WITHIN MY HEART.

REJOICE, REJOICE, O CHRISTIAN,  
LIFT UP YOUR VOICE AND SING  
ETERNAL HALLELUJAHS  
TO JESUS CHRIST, THE KING!  
THE HOPE OF ALL WHO SEEK HIM,  
THE HELP OF ALL WHO FIND,  
HE IS SO RIGHT AND LOVING,  
SO GOOD AND KIND.

HE LIVES, HE LIVES,  
CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY!  
HE WALKS WITH ME AND TALKS WITH ME  
ALONG LIFE'S NARROW WAY.

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SALVATION TO IMPART!  
YOU ASK ME HOW I KNOW HE LIVES?  
HE LIVES WITHIN MY HEART.

### **-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

### **-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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ALONG LIFE'S NARROW WAY.

HE LIVES, HE LIVES,  
SALVATION TO IMPART!  
YOU ASK ME HOW I KNOW HE LIVES?  
HE LIVES WITHIN MY HEART.