



**May 17, 2026**  
**Sunday Gathering**

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**-PRELUDE-**

*"It Is Well With My Soul" – arr. P. Hamm*  
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-**

*"Love Has Broken Down the Wall"*  
LOVE HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALL,  
LOVE HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALL.  
LET US JOIN OUR HEARTS AS ONE.  
LOVE HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALL.

WE'RE ACCEPTED AS WE ARE,  
WE'RE ACCEPTED AS WE ARE.  
THROUGH LOVE'S POW'R WE'RE RECONCILED.  
WE'RE ACCEPTED AS WE ARE.

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**-WELCOME-**

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**-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Love Has Broken Down the Wall"*

WE WILL TEAR DOWN THE WALLS!  
WE WILL TEAR DOWN EVERY WALL!  
LOVE HAS CALLED US ONE AND ALL.  
LOVE HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALLS.  
LOVE HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALLS.

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**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

So now what?  
How do we follow Jesus now?  
We have so many questions...  
Where do we find our answers?

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

The disciples gathered,  
Together, people of God,  
Followers of Christ in Holy Conferencing  
Where will we find our answer?

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Who will we call into God's work with us?  
Who will be working alongside God's will?  
Who are our neighbors?  
Where will we find our answers?

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

We gather in worship,  
We lift our voices in one song,  
We hold hands together in communion and service to others,  
We give generously to one another in Christ's name,  
How will we worship our God this morning?  
Where will we find these answers?

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Let us worship in the sacredness of this hour.

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**-OPENING PRAYER-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"There's A Spirit in the Air"*

THERE'S A SPIRIT IN THE AIR,  
TELLING CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE:  
"PRAISE THE LOVE THAT CHRIST REVEALED,  
LIVING, WORKING IN OUR WORLD."

WHEN BELIEVERS BREAK THE BREAD,  
WHEN A HUNGRY CHILD IS FED,  
PRAISE THE LOVE THAT CHRIST REVEALED,  
LIVING, WORKING, IN OUR WORLD.

WHEN A STRANGER'S NOT ALONE,  
WHERE THE HOMELESS FIND A HOME,  
PRAISE THE LOVE THAT CHRIST REVEALED,  
LIVING, WORKING, IN OUR WORLD.

THERE'S A SPIRIT IN THE AIR,  
CALLING PEOPLE EVERYWHERE:  
PRAISE THE LOVE THAT CHRIST REVEALED,  
LIVING, WORKING, IN OUR WORLD.

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**-SCRIPTURE-**

Acts 1:1-11 (NCV)

*To Theophilus.*

*The first book I wrote was about everything Jesus began to do and teach until the day he was taken up into heaven. Before this, with the help of the Holy Spirit, Jesus told the apostles he had chosen what they should do. After his death, he showed himself to them and proved in many ways that he was alive. The apostles saw Jesus during the forty days after he was raised from the dead, and he spoke to them about the kingdom of God. Once when he was eating with them, he told them not to leave Jerusalem. He said, "Wait here to receive the promise from the Father which I told you about.*

*John baptized people with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."*

*When the apostles were all together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, are you now going to give the kingdom back to Israel?"*

*Jesus said to them, "[GOD] is the only One who has the authority to decide dates and times. These things are not for you to know. But when the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will receive power. You will be my witnesses—in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world."*

*After he said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud hid him from their sight. As he was going, they were looking into the sky. Suddenly, two men wearing white clothes stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus, whom you saw taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you saw him go.*

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**-THE MESSAGE-**

"The Waiting Game"

Pam Lee-Miller

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

"Spirit of the Living God"

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,

FALL AFRESH ON ME,  
SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,  
FALL AFRESH ON ME.  
BREAK ME, MELT ME, MOLD ME, FILL ME.  
SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,  
FALL AFRESH ON ME.

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**-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-**

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**-PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"As We Gather At Your Table"*  
AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE,  
AS WE LISTEN TO YOUR WORD,  
HELP US KNOW, O GOD, YOUR PRESENCE;  
LET OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE STIRRED.  
NOURISH US WITH SACRED STORY  
TILL WE CLAIM IT AS OUR OWN;  
TEACH US THROUGH THIS HOLY BANQUET  
HOW TO MAKE LOVE'S VICTORY KNOWN.

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**-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-**

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**-COMMUNION MEDITATION-**

*"Break Thou the Bread of Life" -arr. P. Hamm*  
Brenda Gardiner

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**-OFFERING-**

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**-IN GRATITUDE-**

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**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

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**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*  
O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING  
MY GREAT REDEEMER'S PRAISE,  
THE GLORIES OF MY GOD ABOVE;  
THE TRIUMPHS OF GOD'S GRACE.

MY GRACIOUS MAKER AND MY GOD,  
ASSIST ME TO PROCLAIM  
TO SPREAD THROUGH ALL THE EARTH ABROAD  
THE HONORS OF YOUR NAME,  
THE HONORS OF YOUR NAME.

JESUS! THE NAME THAT CHARMS OUR FEARS,  
THAT BIDS OUR SORROWS CEASE;  
'TIS MUSIC IN THE SINNER'S EARS,  
'TIS LIFE AND HEALTH AND PEACE,  
'TIS LIFE AND HEALTH AND PEACE.

HE SPEAKS, AND LISTENING TO HIS VOICE,  
NEW LIFE THE DEAD RECEIVE,  
THE MOURNFUL BROKEN HEARTS REJOICE,  
THE HUMBLE POOR BELIEVE,  
THE HUMBLE POOR BELIEVE.

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THE GLORIES OF MY GOD ABOVE;  
THE TRIUMPHS OF GOD'S GRACE.  
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**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

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