



**September 22, 2024**  
**Sunday Gathering**

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**-PRELUDE-**

*“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” – arr. P. Hamm  
Brenda Gardiner*

**-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-**

*“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-**

**-GREETING EACH OTHER-**

**-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-**

Thinking we know all the answers,  
but have we missed something:  
WE ENTER THIS SANCTUARY OF TRUTH.

In the company of saints and sinners:  
WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE.

Standing by folks of deep faith;  
seated with those who stumble through the Kin-dom.  
WE LIFT OUR PRAISE TO GOD.

**-OPENING PRAYER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Gather Us In"*

HERE IN THIS PLACE A NEW LIGHT IS STREAMING,  
NOW IS THE DARKNESS VANISHED AWAY,  
SEE IN THIS SPACE OUR FEARS AND OUR DREAMINGS,  
BROUGHT HERE TO YOU IN THE LIGHT OF THIS DAY.

GATHER US IN, THE LOST AND FORSAKEN,  
GATHER US IN, THE BLIND AND THE LAME;  
CALL TO US NOW, AND WE SHALL AWAKEN,  
WE SHALL ARISE AT THE SOUND OF YOUR NAME.

WE ARE THE YOUNG, OUR LIVES ARE A MYST'RY  
WE ARE THE OLD WHO YEARN FOR YOUR FACE,  
WE HAVE BEEN SUNG THROUGHOUT ALL OF HIST'RY,  
CALLED TO BE LIGHT TO THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE.

GATHER US IN THE RICH AND THE HAUGHTY,  
GATHER US IN, THE PROUD AND THE STRONG;  
GIVE US A HEART SO MEEK AND SO LOWLY,  
GIVE US THE COURAGE TO ENTER THE SONG.

HERE WE WILL TAKE THE WINE AND THE WATER,  
HERE WE WILL TAKE THE BREAD OF NEW BIRTH,  
HERE YOU SHALL CALL YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS,  
CALL US ANEW TO BE SALT OF THE EARTH.

GIVE US TO DRINK THE WINE OF COMPASSION,  
GIVE US TO EAT THE BREAD THAT IS YOU;  
NOURISH US WELL, AND TEACH US TO FASHION  
LIVES THAT ARE HOLY AND HEARTS THAT ARE TRUE.

NOT IN THE DARK OF BUILDINGS CONFINING,  
NOT IN SOME HEAVEN, LIGHT YEARS AWAY,  
BUT HERE IN THIS PLACE THE NEW LIGHT IS SHINING,  
NOW IS THE KINGDOM AND NOW IS THE DAY.

GATHER US IN AND HOLD US FOREVER,  
GATHER US IN AND MAKE US YOUR OWN;  
GATHER US IN, ALL PEOPLES TOGETHER,  
FIRE OF LOVE IN OUR FLESH AND OUR BONE.

#### **-SCRIPTURE-**

Mark 9: 33-37 (CEB)

*They entered Capernaum. When they had come into a house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about during the journey?" They didn't respond, since on the way they had been debating with each other about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all." Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him. Then he said, "Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me isn't actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me."*

#### **-THE MESSAGE-**

"No Need to Be the G.O.A.T."

Pam Lee-Miller

**-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 YOUR OWN;  
TEACH US THROUGH THIS HOLY BANQUET  
HOW TO MAKE LOVE'S VICTORY KNOWN.

GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HELP US SUMMON  
OTHER GUESTS TO SHARE THE FEAST  
WHERE TRIUMPHANT LOVE WILL WELCOME  
THOSE WHO HAD BEEN LAST AND LEAST.  
THERE NO MORE WILL ENVY BIND US  
NOR WILL PRIDE OUR PEACE DESTROY,  
AS WE JOIN WITH THOSE AROUND US  
TO PARTAKE IN HEAVEN'S JOY.

**-SHARING AROUND THE TABLE-**

**-COMMUNION-**

*"Jesu, Word of God Incarnate"* - W. X. Mozart

**-OFFERING-**

**-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-**

**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Jesu, Jesu"*

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE,  
SHOW US HOW TO SERVE  
THE NEIGHBORS WE HAVE FROM YOU.

KNEELS AT THE FEET OF HIS FRIENDS,  
SILENTLY WASHES THEIR FEET,  
MASTER WHO ACTS AS A SLAVE TO THEM.

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE,  
SHOW US HOW TO SERVE  
THE NEIGHBORS WE HAVE FROM YOU.

NEIGHBORS ARE RICH AND POOR,  
VARIED IN COLOR AND RACE,  
NEIGHBORS ARE NEAR AND FAR AWAY.

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE,  
SHOW US HOW TO SERVE  
THE NEIGHBORS WE HAVE FROM YOU.

THESE ARE THE ONES WE SHOULD SERVE,  
THESE ARE THE ONES WE SHOULD LOVE;  
ALL THESE ARE NEIGHBORS TO US AND YOU.

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE,  
SHOW US HOW TO SERVE  
THE NEIGHBORS WE HAVE FROM YOU.

LOVING PUTS US ON OUR KNEES,  
SERVING AS THOUGH WE ARE SLAVES,  
THIS IS THE WAY WE SHOULD LIVE WITH YOU.

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE,  
SHOW US HOW TO SERVE  
THE NEIGHBORS WE HAVE FROM YOU.

**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Jesu, Jesu"*

KNEEL AT THE FEET OF OUR FRIENDS,  
SILENTLY WASHING THEIR FEET,  
THIS IS THE WAY WE SHOULD LIVE WITH YOU.

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE,  
SHOW US HOW TO SERVE  
THE NEIGHBORS WE HAVE FROM YOU.