



July 26, 2026
Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

"On the Wind of the Spirit" – 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-

Come, let us worship God, whose ways are higher than our ways
and whose love endures forever.

WE COME WITH BAGGAGE WE CARRY,
THE GRIEFS WE BEAR, AND THE WORRIES WE HOLD.

Even when human deceit creates heavy trials,
God's grace remains our foundation.

THOUGH WE MAY STUMBLE AND FACE THE STORMS OF LIFE,
GOD REMAINS FAITHFUL AND TRUE.

Let us set aside our striving and seek the One
who abides in us and beckons us toward goodness and love.

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO THE GOD OF GRACE.
LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER!

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-OPENING PRAYER-
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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O GOD CREATOR,
THERE IS NO SHADOW OF TURNING WITH THEE;
THOU CHANGEST NOT, THY COMPASSIONS, THEY FAIL NOT;

AS THOU HAST BEEN FOREVER WILL BE.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS!

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS!

MORNING BY MORNING NEW MERCIES I SEE;
ALL I HAVE NEEDED THEY HAND HATH PROVIDED.
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, LORD, UNTO ME!

SUMMER AND WINTER AND SPRINGTIME AND HARVEST
SUN, MOON, AND STARS IN THEIR COURSES ABOVE
JOIN WITH ALL NATURE IN MANIFOLD WITNESS
TO GREAT FAITHFULNESS, MERCY AND LOVE.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS!

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS!

MORNING BY MORNING NEW MERCIES I SEE;
ALL I HAVE NEEDED THEY HAND HATH PROVIDED.
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, LORD, UNTO ME!

PARDON FOR SIN AND A PEACE THAT ENDURETH,
THY OWN DEAR PRESENCE TO CHEER AND TO GUIDE,
STRENGTH FOR TODAY AND BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW
BLESSINGS ALL MINE, WITH TEN THOUSAND BESIDE!

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS!

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS!

MORNING BY MORNING NEW MERCIES I SEE;
ALL I HAVE NEEDED THEY HAND HATH PROVIDED.
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, LORD, UNTO ME!

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-SCRIPTURE-

Genesis 29:15-30 (MSG)

Laban said, "You're family! My flesh and blood!" When Jacob had been with him for a month, Laban said, "Just because you're my nephew, you shouldn't work for me for nothing. Tell me what you want to be paid. What's a fair wage?"

Now Laban had two daughters; Leah was the older and Rachel the younger. Leah had nice eyes, but Rachel was stunningly beautiful. And it was Rachel that Jacob loved.

So Jacob answered, "I will work for you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel."

"It is far better," said Laban, "that I give her to you than marry her to some outsider. Yes. Stay here with me."

So Jacob worked seven years for Rachel. But it only seemed like a few days, he loved her *So much*.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife; I've completed what we agreed I'd do. I'm ready to consummate my marriage."

Laban invited everyone around and threw a big feast. At evening, though, he got his daughter Leah and brought her to the marriage bed, and Jacob slept with her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah as her maid.)

Morning came: There was Leah in the marriage bed!

Jacob confronted Laban, "What have you done to me? Didn't I work all this time for the hand of Rachel? Why did you cheat me?"

"We don't do it that way in our country," said Laban. "We don't marry off the younger daughter before the older. Enjoy your week of honeymoon, and then we'll give you the other one also. But it will cost you another seven years of work."

Jacob agreed. When he'd completed the honeymoon week, Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. (Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her maid.) Jacob then slept with her. And he loved Rachel more than Leah. He worked for Laban another seven years.

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-THE MESSAGE-

"All in the Family: Twisted Lies and God's Amazing Grace"

Pam Lee-Miller

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"God Comes to Us"

GOD COMES TO US ON WINTER 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-

"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 FAITH TO THE RISING SUN
O LORD, 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
O LORD, 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
O LORD, HAVE MERCY ON ME

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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.