



**May 11, 2025**  
**Sunday Gathering**

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**-PRELUDE-**

*"Amazing Grace" – arr. S. Eithun*  
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-**

*"Rain Down"*

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,  
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE.  
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,  
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

FAITHFUL AND TRUE IS THE LOVE OF OUR GOD,  
GIVEN SO FREELY FOR ME AND FOR YOU.  
WE COME REJOICING AS FAMILY HERE,  
SHARING THE LOVE WE HAVE KNOWN.

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,  
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE.  
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,  
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

**-WELCOME-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Rain Down"*

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,  
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE.  
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,  
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

Church, come hear the Word.  
WE ALSO COME TO DO THE WORD.  
Come experience Comfort.  
WE ALSO COME TO EXPERIENCE CHALLENGE.  
Come find Humanity.  
WE ALSO COME TO FIND COMMUNITY.  
Come find Church.  
WE COME TO THIS PLACE TO FIND GOD.

**-OPENING PRAYER-**

**-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Blest Are They"*

BLEST ARE THEY, THE POOR IN SPIRIT;  
THEIRS IS THE KIN-DOM OF GOD.  
BLEST ARE THEY, FULL OF SORROW;  
THEY SHALL BE CONSOLED.

BLEST ARE THEY, THE LOWLY ONES;  
THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH.  
BLEST ARE THEY, WHO HUNGER AND THIRST;  
THEY SHALL HAVE THEIR FILL.

REJOICE AND BE GLAD!  
BLESSED ARE YOU.  
HOLY ARE YOU.  
REJOICE AND BE GLAD!  
YOURS IS THE KIN-DOM OF GOD.

BLEST ARE THEY, WHO SHOW MERCY;  
MERCY SHALL BE THEIRS.  
BLEST ARE THEY, THE PURE OF HEART;  
THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

BLEST ARE THEY, WHO SEEK PEACE;  
THEY ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD.  
BLEST ARE THEY, WHO SUFFER IN FAITH;  
THE GLORY OF GOD IS THEIRS.

REJOICE AND BE GLAD!  
BLESSED ARE YOU.  
HOLY ARE YOU.  
REJOICE AND BE GLAD!  
YOURS IS THE KIN-DOM OF GOD.

**-SCRIPTURE-**

Matthew 3:13-16 (CEB)

*"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet.*

*You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house.*

*In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.*

**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"It's Who You Are"*

Kenny Bishop

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING,  
LORD, SEND YOUR SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE;  
LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING,  
SEND US LOVE, SEND US POW'R, SEND US GRACE.

**-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-**

**-PASTORAL PRAYER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

SEND US LOVE,  
SEND US POW'R,  
SEND US GRACE.

**-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"I'm Gonna Eat At the Welcome Table"*

I'M GONNA EAT AT THE WELCOME TABLE,  
I'M GONNA EAT AT THE WELCOME TABLE, ALLELU.

I'M GONNA EAT AT THE WELCOME TABLE,  
I'M GONNA EAT AT THE WELCOME TABLE, ALLELU.

I'M GONNA EAT AND DRINK WITH MY JESUS,  
I'M GONNA EAT AND DRINK WITH MY JESUS, ALLELU.

I'M GONNA EAT AND DRINK WITH MY JESUS,  
I'M GONNA EAT AND DRINK WITH MY JESUS, ALLELU.

I'M GONNA JOIN WITH SISTERS, BROTHERS,  
I'M GONNA JOIN WITH ALL THE OTHERS, ALLELU.

I'M GONNA JOIN WITH SISTERS, BROTHERS,  
I'M GONNA JOIN WITH ALL THE OTHERS, ALLELU.

HERE, ALL THE WORLD WILL FIND A WELCOME,  
HERE, ALL THE WORLD WILL FIND A WELCOME, ALLELU.

HERE, ALL THE WORLD WILL FIND A WELCOME,  
HERE, ALL THE WORLD WILL FIND A WELCOME, ALLELU.

**-IN GRATITUDE-**

**-OFFERING-**

**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"O For a World"*

O FOR A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE  
RESPECTS EACH OTHER'S WAYS,  
WHERE LOVE IS LIVED AND ALL IS DONE  
WITH JUSTICE AND WITH PRAISE.

O FOR A WORLD WHERE GOODS ARE SHARED  
AND MISERY RELIEVED,  
WHERE TRUTH IS SPOKEN, CHILDREN SPARED,  
EQUALITY ACHIEVED.

WE WELCOME ONE WORLD FAMILY  
AND STRUGGLE WITH EACH CHOICE

THAT OPENS US TO UNITY  
AND GIVES OUR VISION VOICE.

THE POOR ARE RICH, THE WEAK ARE STRONG,  
THE FOOLISH ONES ARE WISE.  
TELL ALL WHO MOURN: OUTCASTS BELONG,  
WHO PERISHES WILL RISE.

O FOR A WORLD PREPARING FOR  
GOD'S GLORIOUS DAY OF PEACE,  
WHERE TIME AND TEARS WILL BE NO MORE,  
AND ALL BUT LOVE WILL CEASE.

**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"We Are Called"*

WE ARE CALLED TO ACT WITH JUSTICE,  
WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE TENDERLY,  
WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER,  
TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD!