



**May 31, 2026**  
**Sunday Gathering**

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**-PRELUDE-**

*“The Rainbow Connection” – Williams/Ascher*

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-**

*“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.

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**-WELCOME & GREETING-**

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**-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.

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THE LOVE OF GOD TO SHARE.  
'CAUSE ALL OF US ARE WELCOME HERE;  
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**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

Come, all who have known joy  
and all who have carried sorrow.  
Come, all who have been welcomed  
and all who have been turned away.

WE COME SEEKING THE GOD  
WHOSE LOVE KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES.

Come, beloved children of God:  
Gay, straight, transgender, bisexual,  
queer, questioning, and allied,  
for each of us bears the sacred image of our Creator.

WE COME AS WE ARE,  
FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE.

Today we remember those who marched for dignity,  
spoke truth to power, and refused to disappear.  
We honor the saints of courage who paved the way  
toward greater justice and freedom.

THEIR STORIES INSPIRE US TO LIVE  
WITH COMPASSION, COURAGE, AND HOPE.

Jesus welcomed those the world rejected.  
Jesus broke down barriers  
that divided people from one another.  
In Christ, no one stands outside the circle of grace.

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE  
GOD'S RADICAL LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE.

Let this be a place of healing for the wounded,  
belonging for the excluded,  
and joy for every searching soul.

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS  
TO THE SPIRIT OF LOVE AND LIBERATION.

Come, let us worship the God who created diversity,  
delights in authenticity, and calls all creation good.

LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER TODAY AND ALWAYS  
WITH PRIDE, GRATITUDE, AND HOPE.

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**-OPENING PRAYER-**

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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.

OH, 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.

OH, WE PRAY FOR ALL THE YOUNG LIVES  
CUT SHORT BY FEAR AND SHAME  
SO AFRAID OF WHO THEY ARE AND WHOM THEY LOVE.  
MAY THE MESSAGE NOW BE BANISHED  
THAT YOUR LOVE IS FOR THE FEW,  
MAY THEIR FAITH IN YOU RENEW.

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.

GOD, WE'RE WORKING FOR A FUTURE  
WHEN CHILDREN FAR AND WIDE  
CAN LIVE THEIR LIVES WITH DIGNITY AND PRIDE.  
AS THEY GROW IN STRENGTH AND STATURE,  
MAY THEY JOIN US HAND IN HAND,  
AS AGAINST ALL HATE WE STAND.

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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**-SCRIPTURE-**

Galatians 3:26-28 (NRSVA)

*...for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.*

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**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"Pride"*

Kenny Bishop

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**-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.

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**-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-**

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**-PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"The Open Table"*

COME, OH COME, COME TO THE TABLE.  
GATHER 'ROUND, COME WITHOUT FEAR.  
KNOWN BY NAME HERE AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;  
WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

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**-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"The Open Table"*

COME, OH COME, COME TO THE TABLE.  
GATHER 'ROUND, COME WITHOUT FEAR.  
KNOWN BY NAME HERE AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;  
WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.  
CIRCLE 'ROUND, LET'S JOIN TOGETHER.  
SHARE YOUR JOYS, AND BRING YOUR TEARS.  
STRENGTH AND HOPE FOUND AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;  
WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

GOD IS LOVE; LOVE IS CREATING  
SOMETHING NEW, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.  
WE'RE CHILDREN OF GOD, HERE AT THE TABLE, THIS TABLE;  
WELCOME HERE, TO THE TABLE OF LOVE.

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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-**

*"Draw the Circle Wide"*

DRAW THE CIRCLE,  
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.  
DRAW THE CIRCLE,

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.  
NO ONE STANDS ALONE,  
WE'LL STAND SIDE BY SIDE.

DRAW THE CIRCLE,  
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE,  
DRAW IT WIDER STILL.

LET THIS BE OUR SONG:  
NO ONE STANDS ALONE.  
STANDING SIDE BY SIDE,

DRAW THE CIRCLE,  
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE.

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DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE,  
DRAW IT WIDER STILL.

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**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

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DRAW IT WIDER STILL.

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