



September 28, 2025

Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

"The Prayer" arr. S. Wilson

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-

"I Dream of a Church"

WE DREAM OF A CHURCH
WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME,
WE DREAM OF A PLACE
WE ALL CAN CALL HOME.
WE DREAM OF A WORLD
WHERE JUSTICE IS FLOWING
WITH HOPE AND PEACE GROWING,
WHERE GOD'S WILL IS DONE.

MAKE IT SO, MAKE IT SO!
WE PRAY FOR THAT DAY,
MAKE IT SO.

WE DREAM OF A WORLD
WHERE LOVE REIGNS AMONG US
AND YOUR WILL IS DONE,

O GOD, MAKE IT SO.

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-WELCOME-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"I Dream of a Church"

O GOD, FILL OUR HEARTS
TO REACH OUT IN WELCOME,
MAKE US TO SEE
YOUR VISION ONCE MORE.
LET'S DREAM OF A WORLD
WHERE OUR HANDS ARE YOUR HANDS,
WE OFFER OURSELVES,
O GOD, MAKE IT SO.

MAKE IT SO, MAKE IT SO!
WE PRAY FOR THAT DAY,
MAKE IT SO.

WE DREAM OF A WORLD
WHERE LOVE REIGNS AMONG US
AND YOUR WILL IS DONE,
O GOD, MAKE IT SO.

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

You call us to you, O God,
that we may worship together.

YOU CALL US AWAY FROM OUR
PREOCCUPATIONS AND PRECONCEPTIONS,

That we might hear the words of life;
WORDS THAT CALL US TO REFLECT,
TO REPENT, AND TO BE REPLENISHED.

May we hear your Word to us as we worship.

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-OPENING PRAYER-

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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Rooted and Gounded in Love"

A BLESSED LIGHT, A LOVE SO WIDE,
THAT SHINES SO DARKNESS CAN'T RESIDE;
A BAFFLING LOVE WE BARELY GRASP,
A MYSTERY REVEALED.

GOD'S GIFT TO US, A PROMISE BOLD;
THE SPIRIT'S WORD, A POW'R UNTOLD.
GOD'S SEED OF FAITH LIVES IN OUR HEARTS
AS WE'RE ROOTED AND GROUNDED
ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE.

THE RICHNESS OF GOD'S LOVE DISPLAYED,
GOD'S WISDOM SET IN FULL ARRAY,
THE TAPROOT OF OUR STRENGTH TO SERVE
EXCEEDS THE DREAMS WE HAVE.
WITH VERVE AND LIFE WE GROW BEYOND.
THIS FERTILE SOIL IN US HAS SPAWNED
A VITAL SENSE OF WHAT CAN BE
WHEN WE'RE ROOTED AND GROUNDED,
ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE.

TO US IS GIVEN AN INNER STRENGTH.
GOD'S LOVE: ITS HEIGHT AND DEPTH AND LENGTH;
THE SOURCE OF OUR SERENITY
IS BEDROCK 'NEATH OUR LIVES.
A SOIL WHERE DEEPLY WE REMAIN,
THIS RICH, WARM EARTH OUR LIFE SUSTAINS.
WE RISE, WE GROW, GOD'S VINTAGE ALL,
EVER ROOTED AND GROUNDED,
ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE.

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-SCRIPTURE-

Luke 16:19-31 (CEV)

"There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day. At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores.

"The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. While being tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. He shouted, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I'm suffering in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain. Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.'

"The rich man said, 'Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father's house. I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don't come to this place of agony.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.' The rich man said, 'No, Father Abraham! But if

someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.' Abraham said, 'If they don't listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.'"

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-THE MESSAGE-

Pam Lee-Miller

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"In the Quiet Curve of Evening (You Are There)"

IN THE QUIET CURVE OF EVENING,
IN THE CLOSING OF THE DAYS,
IN THE MOMENTS OF MY DARKNESS,
YOU ARE THERE.

IN THE RHYTHMS OF MY BREATHING,
IN THE SPACE BETWEEN MY WAYS,
IN THE WEARY TIMES OF SADNESS,
YOU ARE THERE.

YOU ARE THERE. YOU ARE THERE. YOU ARE THERE.

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-JOYS & CONCERNS-

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-PASTORAL PRAYER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"In the Quiet Curve of Evening (You Are There)"

YOU ARE THERE.
YOU ARE THERE.
YOU ARE THERE.

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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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-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-

"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.

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

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-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.