



November 24, 2024

Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

"Holy Ground" – arr. M. Hayes

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-

"I Dream of a Church"

I DREAM OF A CHURCH WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME,

I DREAM OF A PLACE WE ALL CAN CALL HOME.

I 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!

-WELCOME-

-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!

-CALL TO WORSHIP-

The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say,
THANK YOU!

The hills and valleys are filled with color, and we say,
THANK YOU!

The vines and trees are filled with fruit, and we say,
THANK YOU!

Because we have food to put on the table, we say,
THANK YOU!

Because we have this community that loves us, we say,
THANK YOU!

We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,
THANK YOU!

Because we have been blessed over and over, we say,
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!

*(Leading in Worship, Thanksgiving Call to Worship, Oct. 4, 2012, *adapted))*

-OPENING PRAYER-

-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come O Thankful People, Come"

COME, O THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME,
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME;
ALL IS SAFELY GATHERED IN,
AS THE WINTER STORMS BEGIN;
GOD, OUR MAKER, DOES PROVIDE
FOR OUR WANTS TO BE SUPPLIED;
COME TO GOD'S OWN TEMPLE, COME,
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME.

ALL THE BLESSINGS OF THE FIELD,
ALL THE STORES THE GARDENS YIELD,
ALL THE FRUITS IN FULL SUPPLY,
RIPENED 'NEATH THE SUMMER SKY,
ALL THAT SPRING WITH BOUNTEOUS HAND
SCATTERS O'ER THE SMILING LAND,
ALL THAT LIBERAL AUTUMN POURS
FROM ITS RICH O'ERFLOWING STORES,

THESE TO YOU, MY GOD, WE OWE,
SOURCE FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW;
AND FOR THESE OUR SONGS WE RAISE
GRATEFUL VOWS AND SOLEMN PRAISE.
COME, THEN THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME,
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME;
COME TO GOD'S OWN TEMPLE, COME,
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME.

-SCRIPTURE-

Luke 17: 11-19 (MSG)

It happened that as he made his way toward Jerusalem, he crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

Taking a good look at them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests."

They went, and while still on their way, became clean. One of them, when he realized that he was healed, turned around and came back, shouting his gratitude, glorifying God. He kneeled at Jesus' feet, so grateful. He couldn't thank him enough—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus said, "Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider?" Then he said to him, "Get up. On your way. Your faith has healed and saved you."

-THE MESSAGE-

"A Letter of Gratitude"

Pam Lee-Miller

-CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS-

-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 FACE TO THE RISING SUN,
O LOD, 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 LOD, 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 LOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME.

-COMMUNION-

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" – arr. M. Hayes

-OFFERING-

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-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 WORD OF OUR GOD.
ALL OF GOD'S WORKS ARE SO WORTHY OF TRUST.

GOD'S MERCY FALLS ON THE JUST AND THE RIGHT;
FULL OF GOD'S LOVE IS THE EARTH.

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

WE WHO REVERE AND FIND HOPE IN OUR GOD
LIVE IN THE KINDNESS AND JOY OF GOD'S WING.
GOD WILL PROTECT US FROM DARKNESS AND DEATH;
GOD WILL NOT LEAVE US TO STARVE.

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

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Rain Down"

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