



February 8, 2026
Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

“Bind us Together” - 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-

“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-

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

We are called to light the world;

WE RADIATE GOD'S HOPE

INTO THE DARK SHADOWS OF THE WORLD.

We are called to salt the world with God flavor;

WE SHARE LIFE WITH OTHERS

ADDING FLAVOR TO THE

ORDINARINESS OF THE WORLD.

We are called to love ourself and love others

with the radical love of Jesus;

MAY WE EMBRACE OUR CALL

TO SPRINKLE AND SHINE AS GOD'S PARTNER

EVERYWHERE WE GO!

Let us worship God

and be fueled in this worship

to live into our calling.

MAY IT BE SO!

AMEN.

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-OPENING PRAYER-

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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

“We Are the Salt of the Earth, O People”

YOU ARE SALT FOR THE EARTH, O PEOPLE,

SALT FOR THE KIN-DOM OF GOD!

SHARE THE FLAVOR OF LIFE, O PEOPLE:

LIFE IN THE KIN-DOM OF GOD!

BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF MERCY,
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF PEACE;
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF JUSTICE,
BRING FORTH THE CITY OF GOD!

YOU ARE THE LIGHT ON THE HILL, O PEOPLE;
LIGHT FOR THE CITY OF GOD!
SHINE SOHOLY AND BRIGHT, O PEOPLE:
SHINE FOR THE CITY OF GOD!

BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF MERCY,
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF PEACE;
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF JUSTICE,
BRING FORTH THE CITY OF GOD!

WE ARE A BLESSED AND A PILGRIM PEOPLE;
BOUND FOR THE REIGN OF GOD!
LOVE OUR JOURNEY AND LOVE OUR HOMELAND;
LOVE IS THE CITY OF GOD!

BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF MERCY,
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF PEACE;
BRING FORTH THE KIN-DOM OF JUSTICE,
BRING FORTH THE CITY OF GOD!

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-SCRIPTURE-

Matthew 5:13-16 (NRSV)

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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-THE MESSAGE-

"Faith in Action: Salting and Shining"

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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-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-

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-PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

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-COMMUNION MEDITATION-

“For Everyone Born”

FOR EVERYONE BORN, A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
FOR EVERYONE BORN, CLEAN WATER AND BREAD,
A SHELTER, A SPACE, A SAFE PLACE FOR GROWING,
FOR EVERYONE BORN, A STAR OVERHEAD.

FOR YOUNG AND FOR OLD, A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
ALL GENDERS AND ROLES A PART OF THE SONG,
WITH WISDOM AND GRACE, DIVIDING THE POWER,
FOR EVERYONE BORN, THE RIGHT TO BELONG.

AND GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE
AND JOY, COMPASSION AND PEACE:
YES, GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
JUSTICE AND JOY!

FOR EVERYONE BORN,
A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR,
AND SIMPLY TO BE,
TO WORK, TO SPEAK OUT,
TO WITNESS AND WORSHIP,
FOR EVERYONE BORN,
THE RIGHT TO BE FREE.

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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-

“I Am the Light of the World”

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

YOU PEOPLE COME AND FOLLOW ME.

IF YOU FOLLOW AND LOVE, YOU'LL LEARN THE MYSTERY
OF WHAT YOU WERE MEANT TO DO AND BE.

WHEN THE SONG OF THE ANGELS IS STILLED.

WHEN THE STAR IN THE SKY IS GONE.

WHEN THE KINGS AND THE SHEPHERDS HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY HOME.
THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS IS BEGUN!

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OF WHAT YOU WERE MEANT TO DO AND BE.

TO FIND THE LOST AND LONELY ONE,

TO HEAL THAT BROKEN SOUL WITH LOVE,

TO FEED THE HUNGRY CHILDREN WITH WARMTH AND GOOD FOOD,
TO FEEL THE EARTH BELOW THE SKY ABOVE!

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TO BRING HOPE TO EVERY TASK YOU DO,

TO DANCE AT A BABY'S NEW BIRTH,

TO MAKE MUSIC IN AN OLD MAN'S HEART,

AND SING TO THE COLORS OF THE EARTH!

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

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