



April 27, 2025
Sunday Gathering

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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.

-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.

-WELCOME-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"For All the Children"

GOD, 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.

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.

-CALL TO WORSHIP-

God, we are grateful for your wisdom and your love;
HELP US SEEK MORE OF YOUR WISDOM
AND LIVE MORE FULLY INTO YOUR LOVE.
We want to know more about you, God.
OPEN OUR EYES TO WHO YOU ARE.

We want to know more about your world.
OPEN OUR EYES TO YOUR CREATION.

We want to know more about who you love.
OPEN OUR EYES TO YOUR PEOPLE.

-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS,
WRITE ON MY HEART EVERY WORD;
TELL ME THE STORY SO PRECIOUS,
SWEETER THAN EVER WAS HEARD.
TELL HOW THE ANGELS, IN CHORUS,
SANG AS THEY WELCOMED HIS BIRTH,
"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!
PEACE AND GOOD TIDINGS TO EARTH."

TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS,
WRITE ON MY HEART EVERY WORD;
TELL ME THE STORY SO PRECIOUS,
SWEETER THAN EVER WAS HEARD.

FASTING ALONE IN THE DESERT,
TELL OF THE DAYS THAT ARE PAST;
HOW FOR OUR SINS HE WAS TEMPTED,

YET WAS TRIUMPHANT AT LAST.
TELL OF THE YEARS OF HIS LABOR,
TELL OF THE SORROW HE BORE;
HE WAS DESPISED AND AFFLICTED,
ROAMING, REJECTED, AND POOR.

TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS,
WRITE ON MY HEART EVERY WORD;
TELL ME THE STORY MOST PRECIOUS,
SWEETEST THAT EVER WAS HEARD.

TELL OF THE CROSS THAT HE CARRIED,
HEAVY WITH ANGUISH AND PAIN;
TELL OF THE GRAVE WHERE THEY LAID HIM,
TELL HOW HE NOW LIVES AGAIN.
LOVE IN THAT STORY SO TENDER,
LOVE FOR THE WHOLE WORLD TO SEE:
LET US DECLARE IT FOREVER,
LOVE HAS BEEN GIVEN SO FREE!

TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS,
WRITE ON MY HEART EVERY WORD;
TELL ME THE STORY MOST PRECIOUS,
SWEETEST THAT EVER WAS HEARD.

-SCRIPTURE-

2 timothy 3: 16-17 (CEB)

Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good.

-THE MESSAGE-

Ask the Pastors

-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.

-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

-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.

-IN GRATITUDE-

-OFFERING-

-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.

GOD OF CREATION, WE LONG FOR YOUR TRUTH;
YOU ARE THE WATER OF LIFE THAT WE THIRST.
GRANT THAT YOUR LOVE AND YOUR PEACE TOUCH OUR HEARTS,
ALL OF OUR HOPE LIES IN YOU.

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"

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