



August 16, 2026
Sunday Gathering

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-PRELUDE-

"Reflection" – 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-

"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 & GREETING-

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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-

We do not know what the week will bring-
BUT WE TRUST THE ONE WHO WALKS BESIDE US.

We are not promised certainty-
BUT WE ARE PROMISED PRESENCE.

So we gather in hope-
AND WORSHIP GOD.

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-OPENING PRAYER-

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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY
GREAT WONDERS TO PERFORM;
GOD PLANTS FIRM FOOTSTEPS IN THE SEA
AND RIDES UPON THE STORM.

O FEARFUL SAINTS, FRESH COURAGE TAKE,
THE CLOUDS YOU SO MUCH DREAD
ARE BIG WITH MERCY AND SHALL BREAK
IN BLESSINGS ON YOUR HEAD.

GOD'S PURPOSES WILL RIPEN FAST,
UNFOLDING EVERY HOUR;
THE BUD MAY HAVE A BITTER TASTE,
BUT SWEET WILL BE THE FLOWER.

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-SCRIPTURE-

Genesis 45:1-5 (CEV)

Since Joseph could no longer control his feelings in front of his servants, he sent them out of the room. When he was alone with his brothers, he told them, "I am Joseph." Then he cried so loudly that the Egyptians heard him and told about it in the king's palace.

Joseph asked his brothers if his father was still alive, but they were too frightened to answer. Joseph told them to come closer to him, and when they did, he said:

Yes, I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt. Don't worry or blame yourselves for what you did. God is the one who sent me ahead of you to save lives.

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-THE MESSAGE-

"An Unexpected Family Reunion"

Pam Lee-Miller

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Spirit of the Living God"

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,
FALL AFRESH ON ME,
SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,
FALL AFRESH ON ME.
BREAK ME, MELT ME, MOLD ME, FILL ME.
SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,
FALL AFRESH ON ME.

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-JOYS & CONCERNS-

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-PASTORAL PRAYER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Spirit of the Living God"

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,

FALL AFRESH ON ME,
SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,
FALL AFRESH ON ME.
BREAK ME, MELT ME, MOLD ME, FILL ME.
SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,
FALL AFRESH ON ME.

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-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"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.

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 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.

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!

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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-

"God Made From One Blood"

GOD MADE FROM ONE BLOOD ALL THE FAMILIES OF EARTH.
THE CIRCLES OF NURTURE THAT RAISE US FROM BIRTH,
COMPANIONS WHO JOIN US TO WORK THROUGH EACH STAGE
OF CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH AND ADULTHOOD AND AGE.

WE TURN TO YOU GOD, WITH THANKS AND OUR TEARS
FOR ALL OF THE FAMILIES WE'VE KNOWN THROUGH THE YEARS,
THE INTIMATE NETWORKS ON WHOM WE DEPEND
OF PARENTS AND PARTNERS AND CHILDREN AND FRIENDS.

NOW GIVE TO EACH FAMILY IN CONFLICT AND STORM
A SENSE OF YOUR WISDOM AND GRACE THAT TRANSFORM
SHARP ANGER TO INSIGHT WHICH STRENGTHENS THE HEART
AND MAKES CLEAR THE PLACE WHERE REBUILDING CAN START.

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"God Made From One Blood"

THEN WIDEN THAT WISDOM AND GRACE TO INCLUDE
THE RACES AND VIEWPOINTS OUR FAMILIES EXCLUDE
TILL PEACE IN EACH HOME BEARS AND NURTURES THE BUD
OF PEACE SHARED BY ALL YOU HAVE MADE FROM ONE BLOOD.