



**June 1, 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.*

**-PRELUDE-**

*"God Will Take Care of You" – arr. P. Keveren*  
Brenda Gardiner

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Allelu"*

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!

Praise ye the Lord!

Alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!

Alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!

Alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!

**-WELCOME-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Allelu"*

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!

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Alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!

**-CALL TO WORSHIP-**

Break open our hearts to hear your word, O God.

LET OUR FEARS BE VANQUISHED,  
OUR SPIRITS RESTORED!

Let us hear you with great joy!

LET US DROP THE THINGS OF THE PAST  
WHICH WEIGH US DOWN.

God is about to do something new in our lives!

LET GOD'S WILL BECOME STRONG IN OUR LIVES!

AMEN.

**-OPENING PRAYER-**

**-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"The Church in the Wildwood"*

THERE'S A CHURCH IN THE VALLEY BY THE WILDWOOD,

NO LOVELIER SPOT IN THE DALE;

NO PLACE IS SO DEAR TO MY CHILDHOOD

AS THE LITTLE BROWN CHURCH IN THE VALE.

COME TO THE CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD,

OH, COME TO THE CHURCH IN THE VALE;

NO SPOT IS SO DEAR TO MY CHILDHOOD

AS THE LITTLE BROWN CHURCH IN THE VALE.

OH, COME TO THE CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD,

TO THE TREES WHERE THE WILD FLOWERS BLOOM;

WHERE THE PARTING HYMN WILL BE CHANTED,  
WE WILL WEEP BY THE SIDE OF THE TOMB.

HOW SWEET ON A CLEAR SABBATH MORNING,  
TO LIST TO THE CLEAR RINGING BELL;  
ITS TONES SO SWEETLY ARE CALLING,  
“OH, COME TO THE CHURCH IN THE VALE.”

FROM THE CHURCH IN THE VALLEY BY THE WILDWOOD,  
WHEN DAY FADES AWAY INTO NIGHT,  
I WOULD FAIN FROM THIS SPOT OF MY CHILDHOOD  
WING MY WAY TO THE MANSIONS OF LIGHT.

COME TO THE CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD,  
OH, COME TO THE CHURCH IN THE VALE;  
NO SPOT IS SO DEAR TO MY CHILDHOOD  
AS THE LITTLE BROWN CHURCH IN THE VALE.

#### **-SCRIPTURE-**

Philippians 3:1; 8-15

*So then, my brothers and sisters, be glad in the Lord. It's no trouble for me to repeat the same things to you because they will help keep you on track.*

*But even beyond that, I consider everything a loss in comparison with the superior value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost everything for him, but what I lost I think of as sewer trash, so that I might gain Christ and be found in him. In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ.*

*It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith. The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his sufferings. It includes being conformed to his death so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead.*

*It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. Brothers and sisters, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus. So all of us who are spiritually mature should think this way, and if anyone thinks differently, God will reveal it to him or her.*

#### **-THE MESSAGE-**

*“With Crooked Lines”*

Elder Deb Core

#### **-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”*

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD,  
HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD.  
INCLINE YOUR EAR TO US,  
AND GRANT US YOUR PEACE.

**-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-**

**-PASTORAL PRAYER-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD,  
HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD.  
INCLINE YOUR EAR TO US,  
AND GRANT US YOUR PEACE.  
AMEN.

**-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Fill My Cup, Lord"*

FILL MY CUP, LORD,  
I LIFT IT UP, LORD!  
COME AND QUENCH THIS THIRSTING OF MY SOUL;  
BREAD OF HEAVEN, FEED ME TILL I WANT NO MORE,  
FILL MY CUP,  
FILL IT UP AND MAKE ME WHOLE.

**-IN GRATITUDE-**

**-OFFERING-**

**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"The Trees of the Field (Go Out With Joy)"*

YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY  
AND BE LED FORTH WITH PEACE  
THE MOUNTAINS AND THE HILLS WILL BREAK FORTH BEFORE YOU  
THERE'LL BE SHOUTS OF JOY  
AND ALL THE TREES OF THE FIELD  
WILL CLAP, WILL CLAP THEIR HANDS.

AND ALL THE TREES OF THE FIELD WILL CLAP THEIR HANDS,  
THE TREES OF THE FIELD WILL CLAP THEIR HANDS,  
THE TREES OF THE FIELD WILL CLAP THEIR HANDS,  
WHILE YOU GO OUT WITH JOY!

YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY  
AND BE LED FORTH WITH PEACE  
THE MOUNTAINS AND THE HILLS WILL BREAK FORTH BEFORE YOU  
THERE'LL BE SHOUTS OF JOY  
AND ALL THE TREES OF THE FIELD  
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THE TREES OF THE FIELD WILL CLAP THEIR HANDS,  
THE TREES OF THE FIELD WILL CLAP THEIR HANDS,  
WHILE YOU GO OUT WITH JOY!

**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"*

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;  
THE LORD LIFT HIS COUNTENANCE UPON YOU,  
AND GIVE YOU PEACE,  
AND GIVE YOU PEACE.  
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON YOU,  
AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU,  
THE LORD BE GRACIOUS, GRACIOUS UNTO YOU.  
AMEN.