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We Gather Together

C Dm7 G C

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask for God's bless - ing, to
 2 Be - side us to guide us, O God, we per - ceive you or -
 3 May all sing your prais - es, Re - deem - er tri - um - phant, de -

G C D G Am D7 G

turn to a wis - dom sur - pass - ing our own; the
 dain - ing, main - tain - ing the pow - er of life. Yes,
 fend us, be - friend us, what - ev - er may be. May

G7 C Dm7 G7 C

pow'rs that op - press us now cease to dis - tress us. O
 yours be the glo - ry; let all tell the sto - ry. Our
 your con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion. Your

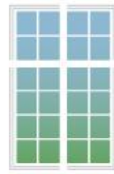
F G C Dm7 G7 C

God, be pres - ent with us, and make your will known.
 God, be ev - er with us, in glad - ness and strife.
 name be praised for - ev - er, O God, make us free!

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OUR AFFIRMATIONS

Open and Affirming

In response to the life and teachings of Jesus that we may all be one, we hereby declare our congregation to be open and affirming. We invite persons of every sexual orientation, gender identification and expression, racial and cultural identity, age, physical ability, economic circumstances, faith background, and family structure to share fully in the ministry, leadership, and fellowship of this congregation's life in Christ.

Land Acknowledgement

As followers of Christ and committed to Isaiah's charge to "maintain justice and do what is right," we acknowledge with gratitude and humility that we are learning, speaking, gathering, and worshiping on the ancestral homelands of the Mohican people, who are the indigenous peoples of this land. Despite tremendous hardship in being forced from here, today their community resides in Wisconsin and is known as the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. We pay honor and respect to their ancestors past and present as we commit to building a more inclusive and equitable space for all.