All Congregational Gathering
October 2, 2021

Gathering in Jesus’ Name
Matthew 18: 20
Opening Worship
Gather Us In

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Here in this place,
The new light is streaming
Shadows of doubt
Are vanished away
See in this space
Our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you
In the light of this day
Gather us in
The lost and forsaken
Gather us in
Out spirits inflame
Call to us now
And we shall awaken
We shall arise
At the sound of our name
We are the young
Our lives are a mystery
We are the old
Who yearn for your face
We have been sung
Throughout all of history
Called to be light
To the whole human race.
Gather us in
The rich and the haughty
Gather us in
The proud and the strong
Give us a heart
So meek and so lowly
Give us the courage
To enter the song.
Here we receive
New life in the waters
Here we receive
The bread of new birth
Here you shall call
Your sons and your daughters
Call us anew
To be salt for the earth
Give us to drink
The wine of compassion
Give us to eat
The bread that is you
Nourish us well
And teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy
And hearts that are true.
Not just in buildings
Small and confining
Not in some heaven
Light years away
Here in this place
The new light is shining
Now is God present
And now is the day.
Gather us in
And hold us forever
Gather us in
And make us your own
Gather us in
All peoples together
Fire of love
In our flesh and our bone.
Opening Worship
Psalm 116 (I Love You, Lord)

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