**TODAY’S SERVICE**

**Cultivating Connection with Self, Others, the Wide World, and God**

*Feel free to use pronouns of your choice for all songs and prayers*

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**Chimes**

**Call to Worship: Come Fall On Us**
A thankful heart prepares the way for you my God
A thankful heart prepares the way for you my God
Come fall on us, we fall on you,
A thankful heart will be our rhythm
Come fall on us, we fall on you,
A thankful heart will be our song

**Sarum Prayer:**
God be in my head
    and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes
    and in my looking;
God be in my mouth
    and in my speaking;
God be in my heart
    and in my thinking;
God be at my end
    and at my departing

**A reading from 1 Peter 3:13-17**
If you are always trying to do good, no one can really harm you. But you may suffer for doing right. If that happens, you have God's blessing. “Don't be afraid of the people who make you suffer; don't be worried.” But keep the Lord Christ holy in your hearts. Always be ready to answer everyone who asks you to explain about the hope you have. But answer them in a gentle way with respect. Keep your conscience clear. Then people will see the good way you live as followers of Christ, and those who say bad things about you will be ashamed of what they said. It is better to suffer for doing good than for doing wrong. Yes, it is better if that is what God wants.

**Prayer for loved ones:** Mike, Dikran, Linda, Greg, Andy, Lisa, Janee, Mary, Emma, Maureen, Jackie, Mike, Perci and Jae, Danielle, Len, Mike and Janine, Brooke, Ben, and Naomi, Natalie, Ray, Linda, Ken and Eleanor, Kevin, Holly Ann, Pat, Chio, Mindy, Allison, Kim, Jamie, Anne, Bob, Bishop Flunder, Bishop Bonnie Perry, Bishop Darrell Goodwin, Lilliana, James, Julia, Leah, Wanda, Tonya, Alicia, Patrisse, Opal, Ozone House, immigrants.

**Lord’s Prayer**
Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kin_dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kin_dom, the power, and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.

**Communion**

**Youth Group Minute**

**Children’s Ministry Minute**

**Song: Song: Alive In You**
From beginning to the end
All my life is in Your hands
This whole world may hold me down
But it can never drown You out
I'm not merely flesh and bone
I was made for something more

You are God, You’re the Great “I Am”
Breath of life I breathe You in
Even in the fire, I'm alive in You
You are strong in my brokenness
Sovereign over every step
Even in the fire, I'm alive
I'm alive in You

Through the dark I hear Your voice
Rising up I will rejoice
For I was lost but now I'm found
‘Cause even death can’t hold You down
A Benediction from The View From Lazy Point, by Carl Safina, Environmental Scientist

“The most appropriate response to the world is to realize, with awe, the ferocious mystery of being alive in it. And act accordingly”

Go in peace.
Wash your hands.
Love your neighbors.
You are not alone.