
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

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

Children's Minute

A reading from Matthew 16:21-25

From that time Jesus began telling his followers that he must go to Jerusalem. He explained that the older Jewish leaders, the leading priests, and the teachers of the law would make him suffer many things. And he told his followers that he must be killed. Then, on the third day, he would be raised from death. Peter took Jesus away from the other followers to talk to him alone. He began to criticize him. He said, "God save you from those sufferings, Lord! That will never happen to you!" Then Jesus said to Peter, "Get away from me, Satan! You are not helping me! You don't care about the same things God does. You care only about things that people think are important." Then Jesus said to his followers, "If any of you want to be my follower, you must stop thinking about yourself and what you want. You must be willing to carry the cross that is given to you for following me. Any of you who try to save the life you have will lose it. But you who give up your life for me will find true life.

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

Prayer for loved ones: Craig, Perci & Jae, James Finn, Melody, Amberly and family, Mike and Janine, Brooke, Ben and Naomi, Natalie, Linda, Ken and Eleanor, Kevin, Holly Ann, Pat, Chio, Mindy, Allison, Kim, Jamie, Anne, Lauretta, Bob, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Bishop Bonnie Perry, Bishop Darrell Goodwin, Lilliana, James, Julia, Leah, Wanda, Tonya, Jacob Blake and family, 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 it is 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 Minute

Song: Stand In Your Love

When sorrow tries to roll over my bones
 And despair comes to steal the joy I own
 When brokenness and pain is all I know
 Oh, I won't be shaken,
 Because shame no longer has a place to hide
 And I am not a captive to the lies
 I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
 Oh, I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken!

(Chorus:) My fear doesn't stand a chance
 When I stand in Your love
 My fear doesn't stand a chance
 When I stand in Your love
 My fear doesn't stand a chance
 When I stand in Your love!
 (continued...)

There's power that can break off every chain

There's power that can empty out a grave

There's resurrection power that can save

There's power in Your name, power in Your name

(Chorus)

Benediction

May the Lord bless you with the freedom to relax into the art of being yourself, in the earthy, vulnerable, flesh and blood way of humanity. Yes, freedom to be your version of that glorious whatever-it-is. May the Lord grant you wisdom to acknowledge and accept who you are and the courage to present yourself to God and to the world around you without shame, regret, or apology. And may the Lord give you power, together with all God's children, to embrace and celebrate the different ways that each of us participates in this God-given splendor. As Scripture reminds us, "The whole creation waits with eager longing for the children of God to be revealed."

Go in peace.

Wash your hands.

Love your neighbors.

You are not alone.