

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

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

Prayer for loved ones:

Zoë, Bob, Janey, Amy, Shannan, Sharonda, Joanne, Tyler, Rey and Micah, Diane, Vanessa, Bryce, Lindsey and Theresa, Janie, Ted, Mike and Janine, Brooke, Ben and Naomi, Natalie, Linda, Ken and Eleanor, Sarah Blackwood Family, Kevin, Holly Ann, Pat, Mindy, Allison, Kim, Jamie,

Rachel, Erika, Liam, William, Anne, Laretta, Bob, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Bishop Bonnie Perry, Bishop Darrell Goodwin, Brown, Lilliana, Leah, 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

Song: Angels We Have Heard On High/Go Tell It On The Mountain

Angels we have heard on high
 Sweetly singing o'er the plains
 And the mountains in reply
 Echoing their joyous strains

Glo-oria
 In excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee?
 Why your joyous strains prolong?
 What the gladsome tidings be
 That inspire your heavenly song?

Glo-ria
 In excelsis Deo

Go, tell it on the mountain
 Over the hills and everywhere
 Go, tell it on the mountain
 That Jesus Christ is born
 (repeat)

Benediction from Meister Eckhart, 13th Century**German Mystic:**

God is not what you think, or even what you believe, for God is a word unspoken, a thought unthought, a belief unbelieved. So if you wish to know this Go, practice wonder, do what is good, and cultivate silence. The rest will follow. [And don't forget to enjoy the rest of this day that the Lord hath made!]

Wash your hands

Love your neighbor.

We are not alone.