EASTER SUNDAY
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 the gospel of Luke, chapter 9:
Jesus decided to head to Jerusalem for the last time. He arrived near a village in the country of Samaria. He sent some people into the village with a message. They went to ask for a place to stay for the night. But the people in the village would not let him stay there. This was because he was going to Jerusalem. Then James and John heard about what had happened. They asked Jesus, ‘Do you want us to ask God to send fire down from the sky? Jesus turned round. ‘No!’ he said, ‘Do not do that! And he took them to task.

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

Prayer for Loved Ones:
The Hooper Family, Betty and Elizabeth, Levi Patrick, Sharon, Todd, Alice, Tobin, Kaila, the whole Ramade family, Charlotte, Olivia, Zoë, Laura, Becca, Clara, Jason, Nancy, Justin, Orneal & Family, Kharin, Ted, Mike and Janine, Brooke, Ben and Naomi, Natalie, Linda, Ken and Eleanor, Angelia, Eddie, Kevin, Holly Ann, Pat, Mindy, Allison, Kim, Jamie, Rachel, Erika, Liam, William, Anne, Lauretta, Bob, Gio, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Bishop Bonnie Perry, Bishop Darrell Goodwin, Bishop Phyllis Pennese, Brown, Lilliana, Leah, Alicia, Patrisse, Opal, Ozone House, immigrants.

The 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: Death In Reverse
You descend upon me like a rolling stone
Like black swan raging on for all that I know
You know it unnerves me when I lose control
And I’m, all out of options
And I’m, out of my head

Then I build my life around
Someone who I thought that I was
But it turns out
All the things I do to feel young
They only make me old

(song continued…)
But You raise me
Like a baby
Like a fiery Phoenix bird
Oh, and You lift me up
Like Lazarus
You love me like death in reverse

You unearth me like a vein of gold
With the powers that drive up the flowers from the fold
You cast me, uncursed, unearth my body and my soul
Like fire from my ashes, like fire from my coals

And I build my life around
Someone who I thought that I was
But it turns out
All the things I do to feel young
They only make me old

But You raise me
Like a baby
Like a fiery Phoenix bird
Oh, and You lift me up
Like Lazarus
You love me like death
You love me like death
You love me like death in reverse

And all my life I’ve been
Fighting for a place I could thrive
But it turns out
All the things I do to survive
They only make me old

But You raise me
Like a baby
Like a fiery Phoenix bird
Oh, and You lift me up
Like Lazarus
You love me like death
You love me like death
You love me like death in reverse

**A Franciscan Benediction by Sister Ruth Marlene Fox**

May God bless you with discomfort,
At easy answers, half-truths,
And superficial relationships
So that you may live
Deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger
At injustice, oppression,
And exploitation of people,
So that you may work for
Justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears,
To shed for those who suffer pain,
Rejection, hunger and war,
So that you may reach out your hand
To comfort them and
To turn their pain to joy

And may God bless you
With enough foolishness
To believe that you can
Make a difference in the world,
So that you can do
What others claim cannot be done
To bring justice and kindness
To all our children and the poor.

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