

# 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

### Gathering Statement

We gather this morning to connect with the Divine, with ourselves, with each other, and with the Oneness of all Creation. We gather because inclusive community built around shared stories and rituals inspires us to pursue justice and live out our values.

### 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

### Lighting of the first Advent Candle: Hope

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,  
 We open all the broken places in our lives and memories  
 to the healing light of Christ.  
 Show us the creative power of hope.  
 Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
 That we may walk in the light of Christ.  
 Amen

## Kid's Minute

### Announcements

### A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

"So judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. At that time each will receive [their] praise from God."  
 (1 Corinthians 4:5)

## Sermon

### Candles

### Remembering the Names:

Xiaojie Tan, Dontre Hamilton, Manuel Diaz, Eric Garner, Joshua Spottedhorse, Natasha McKenna, Loreal Tsingine, Laguan McDonald, Riah Milton, Walter Wallace Jr, Aidan Ellison, Ezell Ford, Corey Kanosh, Yong Ae Yue, Robert Fuller, Whispering Wind Bear Spirit, Jaswinder Singh, Daniel Prude, Jaida Peterson, Jonathan Price, Antonio Valenzuela, Andrew Brown Jr., Cornelius Fredericks, Brandon Laducer, and those we haven't named.

### Prayer for Loved Ones:

Dilan, Kabore, Virginia, Ellie, Anne, Dave and Heather, Kharin, Mike and Janine, Natalie, Linda, Ken and Eleanor, Eddie, Kevin, Holly Ann, Pat, Mindy, William, Caleb, Anne, Lauretta, Bob, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Bishop Bonnie Perry, Bishop Darrell Goodwin, Bishop Phyllis Pennese, Brown, Lilliana, Leah, Alicia, Patrisse, Opal, Ozone House, immigrants and those we lift up in silence.

### 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: O Come O Come Emmanuel**

O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appears

Rejoice rejoice  
Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee oh Israel

Oh come thou day-spring come and cheer  
Our spirits by thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Rejoice rejoice  
Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee oh Israel

Oh come desire of nations bind  
In one the hearts of all humankind  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease  
And be thyself our king of peace

Rejoice rejoice  
Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee oh Israel

**Benediction**

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. Go in peace, wash your hands, love your neighbor, you are not alone.