

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
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 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

Lighting of the Advent Candles: Hope and Peace

Loving God, We thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, That we may walk in the light of Christ.

Children's Minute

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

Remembering the Names: Treyvon Martin, Ryan White-Mountain Soft, Michelle Cusseaux, John Crawford III, Michael Brown, Sean Monterrosa, Jasmine Cannady, Maurice Gordon, Tony McDade, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells, Dijon Kizzee, Soon Chung Park, Suncha Kim, Ma'Khia Bryant, Daunte Wright, Jasvinder Kaur, Elcias Hernandez-Ortiz, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and those we haven't named. We hold them and their families in our hearts.

Prayer for Loved Ones:

Jesse, Dilan, Kabore, Virginia, Ellie, Anne, Dave and Heather, Kris, Kharin, Mike and Janine, Natalie, Linda, Ken and Eleanor, Eddie, Kevin, Holly Ann, Pat, Amy, Mindy, William, Caleb, Anne, Loretta, 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

Youth Minute

Song: The First Noel

The First Noel the angel did say
 Was to certain poor shepherds
 in fields as they lay;
 In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
 On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
 Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
 Shining in the east beyond them far,
 And to the earth it gave great light,
 And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star
 Three wise men came from country far;
 To seek for a king was their intent,
 And to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Then entered in those wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought

Benediction

**Go in peace, wash your hands, love your neighbor, you
are not alone.**