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# TODAY'S SERVICE

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*CULTIVATING CONNECTION WITH SELF, OTHERS, THE WIDE WORLD, AND GOD*

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*FEEL FREE TO USE PRONOUNS OF YOUR CHOICE FOR ALL SONGS AND PRAYERS*

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## 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 open ourselves to you,  
trusting that this is how you made us:  
you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives.  
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.  
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

## Children's Minute

## Announcements

## Sermon

## Candles

**Remembering the Names:** Clarence Leading Fighter, Delaina Ashley Yuan, Freddie Gray, Mario Gonzalez, Diamond Sanders, Philando Castille, Sandra Bland, Adam Toledo, Amarjeet Johal, Daoyou Feng, Andre Hill, Hyun Jung Grant, Anthony Alvarez, Akai Gurley, Tamir Rice, Iris Santos, Paul Castaway, Malcolm Harsch, Elijah McClain, Ramon Timothy Lopez, Antonio Martin, Germane Reed, Jonathan Tubby, and those we haven't named.

**Prayer for Loved Ones:** Kabore, Virginia, Dilan, Dustin, Pete and Joan, Lottie, Lina, Janee, Jesse, Ellie, Audrey, Anne, Dave and Heather, Kris, Kharin, Mike and Janine, Natalie, Linda, Ken and Eleanor, Eddie, Kevin, Holly Ann, Pat, Johnny, Amy, Mindy, William, Caleb, Anne, Laretta, Bob, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Bishop Bonnie Perry, Bishop Darrell Goodwin, Bishop Tim Wolfe, 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: Light of the World

The world waits for a miracle  
The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel  
A child prays for peace on Earth  
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt  
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel

And can you hear the angels singing  
Glory to the light of the world  
Glory the light of the world is here

The drought breaks with the tears of a mother  
A baby's cry is the sound of love  
Come down, come down, Emmanuel  
Oh, He is the song for the suffering  
He is Messiah, the Prince of Peace has come  
He has come, Emmanuel

Glory to the light of the world  
(x4)

For all who wait  
For all who hunger  
For all who've prayed  
For all who wonder  
Behold your King  
Behold Messiah  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Glory to the light of the world  
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The world waits for the miracle  
The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
Oh come, oh come Emmanuel

**Benediction (from: Guigo the Carthusian [12th century monk])**

A Grape, a Well, a Spark, a See  
Lord, how much juice you can squeeze from a single grape.  
How much water you can draw from a single well.  
How great a fire you can kindle from a single spark.  
How great a tree you can grow from a tiny seed.  
My soul is so dry that by itself it cannot pray;  
Yet you can squeeze from it the juice of a thousand prayers.  
My soul is so parched that by itself it cannot love;  
Yet you can draw from it boundless love for you and for my neighbour.  
My soul is so cold that by itself it has no joy;  
Yet you can light the fire of heavenly joy within me.  
My soul is so feeble that by itself it has no faith;  
Yet by your power my faith grows to a great height.  
Thank you for prayer, for love, for joy, for faith;  
Let me always be prayerful, loving, joyful, faithful.

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