

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

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 Psalm 1:

Great blessings belong to those
 who don't listen to evil advice,
 who don't follow evil ways,
 and who don't join those who mock.
 Instead, they love the Lord's teachings
 and think about them day and night.

So they grow strong,
 like a tree planted by a stream—
 a tree that produces fruit when it should
 and has leaves that never fall.
 Everything they do is successful.

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. We hold them and their families in our hearts.

Prayer for Loved Ones: Jeaney and Sophia, Kabore, Kabore's business, Virginia, Jerry, Shawn, Jodi, Dilan, Dave and Heather, Kris, Carole and family, Kharin, Mike and Janine, Natalie, Linda, Ken and Eleanor, Eddie, Kevin, Holly Ann, Pat, Johnny, Amy, Mindy, William, Caleb, Anne, Loretta, 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

Blue Ocean

God I admit there's been times I've tried to pin you down
 Times I've made you small to fit my own reality
 And I repent Because certainty of when I've used you to
 exalt myself,

Get my way, or hurt someone else
I know that's not who I'm meant to be

Just can't compete with the mystery of You
So I'm done trying to box you in, instead I'll fall into

The deep deep waters of the big blue ocean
With it's power and its beauty
So wild and so free
I step out even further and the waves crash over me
I see trying to contain you is like trying to tame the sea

So now instead, we choose being loved over being right
Letting go of anything that doesn't set us free
And now we get to see the wonder in the simple things
Have open hands for what life brings
Trusting in the hope we've yet to see

(Bridge/Chorus)

Oh oh oh So Holy Spirit come
Eyes on you we walk on water
Going where you will, oh lead...
Have your way with us
As we join in dancing
To your rhythm to your beat

(Chorus)

You're wild and free

A benediction by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and
princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others
To make music in the heart.