

# 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.

### Song: Come Fall On Us

(Benoit Pasley Henry, Robin D Pasley)

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

### A reading from Isaiah 43:16-20:

The Lord is making roads through the sea. They are making a path for their people, even through rough waters. The Lord says, "Those who fight against me with their chariots, horses, and armies will be defeated ... So don't remember what happened in earlier times. Don't think about what happened a long time ago, because I am doing something new! Now you will grow like a new plant. Surely you know this is true. I will even make a road in the desert, and rivers will flow through that dry land."

Announcements

## 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. We hold them and their families in our hearts.

**Prayer for Loved Ones:** Tim's family, Vince & family, Marjorie, Janeane and Mary, Johnny, Aaron, Dilan, Kabore, Virginia, Chris, Kaiden, Jodi, Ellie, 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, Laurreta, 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.

### Call and Response

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

## Communion

### 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.

**Song: Death In Reverse**

(by John Mark McMillan)

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

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

**Communal Prayer Call & Response**

Leader: The highest skies are in love with You.  
 The great Earth opens its palms in peace.

**Everyone:**

**Our truest being is anchored in Your goodness.  
 You are God, Compassionate being of three.**

Leader: Everything praises You, sound its true note.  
 All the Enlightened chant praises.

**Everyone:**

**Every being takes its refuge in You, And the  
 light of Your Holy Compassion frees us all.**

Leader: Everything looks to you, without thinking.  
 Shower us with Your Healing Rain!

**Everyone:**

**Help us to overcome, give life to what has  
 withered, And water the roots of kindness in  
 us.**

**The Immigrant**

(by John Lyzenga)

You shall not wrong, you shall not harm  
 The immigrant in a new land  
 For your mothers and your fathers  
 Were once strangers here too

No matter gods nor religion  
 Nor language that they speak  
 You shall welcome, you shall love them  
 Just as I so loved you

Let us see God in each culture  
 Each language, each child  
 Let us gather all together  
 In union of life

When we wrong you, when we harm you  
 May we confess our oppression  
 How we've judged you and enslaved you  
 And imprisoned your child (song continued...)

Release us from our nation's pride  
Forgive us for our violence  
Liberate us from indifference  
May your justice be done

Let us build your holy kingdom  
Of diversity  
Let us mirror your example  
Holy Trinity

Let us welcome one another  
In kindness, in love  
With thanksgiving for the blessing  
Of each child of God

**Benediction**

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

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