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
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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

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

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, Lauretta, 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
You love me like death
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

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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.