

# 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 Lamentations chapter 3:

Remember, I am very sad, and I have no home.

Remember the bitter poison that you gave me.

I remember well all my troubles, and I am very sad.

But then I think about this, and I have hope:

We are still alive because

the Lord's faithful love never ends.

Every morning they show it in new ways!

You are so very true and loyal!

I say to myself, "The Lord is my God,

and I trust them."

## Announcements

### Sermon

### Tributes

### The Retirement

**Celebrant:** Do you, members of Blue Ocean Church, release Ken from the duties as your pastor?

**Congregation:** We do, with God's help.

**Celebrant:** Do you offer encouragement for his continued calling as it unfolds in his retirement?

**Congregation:** We do, with God's help.

**Celebrant:** Each of us is given gifts by the Holy Spirit for the community's good. These gifts do not diminish or end with retirement from employment. We give thanks for the accomplishments of the past, for all the Creator has done in and through you, Ken, and we now look to the future as you enter the next chapter of life.

**Congregation:** Thank you, Creator, for Ken. We are grateful for his service and bless this next stage of his life.

### [Gifts]

**Celebrant:** Do you, Ken, release Blue Ocean Church from turning to you for spiritual care?

**Ken:** I do, with God's help.

**Celebrant:** Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry and community here?

**Ken:** I do, with God's help.

**Emily:** We will hold you in our prayers until you re-join us as a congregant this time next year. We pledge our support and love to you, and wish you God's blessing.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray. Creator, you have sustained Ken throughout his decades of service to the church and now I thank you for the strength you have given him to have reached retirement and the opportunity to redirect his life in new ways of serving you and the community. As the future unfolds, may any fear be set aside through deepening trust in your daily grace, through Jesus. Amen.

**Emily:** In the name of this congregation, I commend you to this new life, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, continued friendship, and support, through the Holy Trinity: Source, Wellspring, and Living Water.

**Everyone:** Amen.

### Communion

#### 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.

#### 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: Come Thou Fount (Robert Robinson)

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above

Praise the Mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I've come  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God,  
So to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be,  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

#### Song: This is Amazing Grace (Jeremy Riddle / Josh Farro / Phil Wickham)

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross

You lay down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for

All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

### **Benediction**

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

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