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 the Letter to the Hebrews:
Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses we, too, should run the race that is before us and never quit. We should remove from our lives anything that would slow us down and the sin that so often makes us fall. We must never stop looking to Jesus. He is the leader of our faith, and he is the one who makes our faith complete. He suffered death on a cross. But he accepted the shame of the cross as if it were nothing because of the joy he could see waiting for him. And now he is sitting at the right side of God’s throne. Think about Jesus. He patiently endured the angry insults that sinful people were shouting at him. Think about him so that you won’t get discouraged and stop trying.

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

Remembering the Names: Jayland Walker, Xiaojie Tan, Dontre Hamilton, Manuel Diaz, Eric Garner, Natasha McKenna, Sean Monterrosa, Loral Tsingine, Pearl Young, Laguan McDonald, Riah Milton, Anthony Alvarez, Ezell Ford, Corey Kanosh, Aaron Salter, Whispering Wind Bear Spirit, Jaswinder Singh, Daniel Prude, Jaida Peterson, Jonathan Price, Antonio Valenzuela, Andrew Brown Jr., Brandon Laducer, and those we haven’t named. We hold them and their families in our hearts.

Prayer for Loved Ones:
Manoj, Nancy, Emily, Grandpa Barry, Grandpa Tarek, Rachel, the Diamond family, the McCormick family, Lisa & Jason, MJ, Jack & Mai (pronounced “my”), Rhonda & family, Jim, Kurt, Tom, Brookdale Memory Care, Deb and Jim, Dave and Heather, Kris, Kharin, Mike and Janine, Brian, Natalie, Linda, Ken and Eleanor, Eddie, Kevin, Holly Ann, Pat, 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.

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 kinDom, the power, and the glory are yours. Now 
and forever. Amen.

**Song: Set a Fire (C)**
(Will Reagan)

No place I would rather be
No place I would rather be
No place I would rather be
Than here in your love, 
here in your love

So set a fire down in my soul
That I can’t contain and I can’t control
I want more of you God
I want more of you God

I want more, I want more
I want more, I want more
I want more, I want more
Won’t you pour it out

**Song: Holy Spirit**
(Katie Torwalt, Bryan Wilson)

There’s nothing worth more 
that would ever come close, 
No thing can compare, 
You’re our living Hope, 
Your presence, Lord.

I’ve tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves, 
When my heart becomes free and my shame is undone, 
Your presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit You are welcome here, 
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere. 
Your glory God is what our hearts long for, 
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord.

Let us become more aware of Your presence. 
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.

**Benediction**
May you go on your way encouraged, Surrounded as you 
are by such a great cloud of witnesses. May you take 
courage as you face new challenges, comfort when life is 
messy rest when you are weary heartening when you 
despair and company when you rejoice.

The blessing of the Creator, whom the saints have long 
trusted as the Source, Wellspring and Living Water, be 
with you through the week.

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

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