

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
 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 Deuteronomy 15

"If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. 8 You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. [...]10 Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. 11 Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

Remembering the Names: George Floyd, Ruth Whitfield, Treyvon Martin, Ryan White-Mountain Soft, Michelle Cusseaux, Antonio Martin, John Crawford III, Jasmine Cannady, Maurice Gordon, Iris Santos, Tony McDade, Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells, Dijon Kizzee, Geraldine Talley, Soon Chung Park, Daunte Wright, Jasvinder Kaur, Elcias Hernandez-Ortiz, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Margus Morrison, and those we haven't named. We hold them and their families in our hearts.

Prayers for Loved Ones: Tom and Marcia, the Hart family, 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, Laretta, 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

Song: The Road, The Rocks, and The Weeds

(John Mark McMillan)

[Verse 1]

Come down from the stars, show your human scars
Tell me what it's like to believe
Through my Christ haunted thoughts that the losses you
bought
Are the nights that you peopled with your dreams
Well, I've got no answers for heartbreaks or cancers
But a Savior who suffers them with me
Singing goodbye, Olympus, the heart of my Maker
Is spread out on the road, the rocks, and the weeds

[Verse 2]

Come down from your mountain, your high-rise
apartment
And tell me of the God you know who bleeds
And what to tell my daughter when she asks so many
questions
And I fail to fill her heaviness with peace
When I've got no answers for hurt knees or cancers
But a Savior who suffers them with me
Singing goodbye, Olympus, the heart of my Maker
Is spread out on the road, the rocks, and the weeds

[Chorus]

And Aphrodite would not weep, nor Zeus would suffer for
the weak
But have you come to stand inside my pain?
And all the things I've begged you for, eternity and
evermore
Are hidden with me here beneath the rain
The rain

[Verse 3]

So shall I plant sequoias and revel in the soil
Of a crop I know I'll never live to reap?
Then sow my body to my Maker, and my heart unto my
savior
And spread me on the road, the rocks, and the weeds
Spread me on the road

Benediction

*Go in peace, wash your hands, love your neighbor, you
are not alone.*