

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

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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
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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

Advent Lighting of Candles

Advent Prayer:

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,
 We open all the broken places in our lives and memories
 to the healing light of Christ.
 Show us the creative power of hope.
 Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
 That we may walk in the light of Christ.
 Amen

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

Remembering the Names: Jayland Walker, Xiaojie Tan, Dontre Hamilton, Manuel Diaz, Eric Garner, Natasha McKenna, Sean Monterrosa, Loreal 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.

Prayers for Loved Ones: Calob, Dixie, Alene, Diane, Tom and Marcia, the Hart family, the Diamond family, the McCormick family, Lisa & Jason, MJ, Jack & Mai (pronounced "my"), Rhonda & family, Jim, Kurt, Deb and Jim, Dave and Heather, Kris, Kharin, Mike and Janine, Brian, Natalie, Linda, Ken and Eleanor, Eddie, Kevin, Holly Ann, Pat, Mindy, William, 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: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my Creator, and I thy true child
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art

Benediction

Be people of hope. Let hope live in your heart, and share the hope of the Creator with all you meet. Share hope by noticing someone else's humanity. Share hope by listening to someone's story. Share hope by praying for our world. In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share hope. As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share hope with those you meet. Amen.

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