

# 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 Isaiah 7 :

Then the Lord spoke to Ahaz again and said, "Ask for a sign from the Lord your God to prove to yourself that this is true. You can ask for any sign you want. The sign can come from a place as deep as Sheol or as high as the skies."

But Ahaz said, "I will not ask for a sign as proof. I will not test the Lord."

Then Isaiah said, "Family of David, listen very carefully! Is it not enough that you would test the patience of humans? Will you now test the patience of my God? But the Lord will still show you this sign:

The young woman is pregnant

and will give birth to a son.

She will name him Immanuel.

He will eat milk curds and honey

as he learns to choose good and refuse evil.

## Advent Candle Lighting

### Advent Prayer

Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

## Dismiss the Kids

## Announcements

## Sermon

## Candles

**Remembering the Names:** Ronald Greene, Patrick Lyoya, Clarence Leading Fighter, Tamir Rice, Delaina Ashley Yuan, Freddie Gray, Andre Mackneil, Mario Gonzalez, Diamond Sanders, Philando Castille, Sandra Bland, Amarjeet Johal, Daoyou Feng, Andre Hill, Hyun Jung Grant, Akai Gurley, Paul Castaway, Elijah McClain, Ramon Timothy Lopez, Katherine Massey, Jonathan Tubby, and those we haven't named. We hold them and their families in our hearts.

**Prayer for Loved Ones:** Audrey, Anita's Children's Organization, Ben and Eileen, Tarik (rhymes with Eric), John, Brown and Evelyn, Manoj, John and Sue, Donna and Penny, the McCormick family, 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, Calob, Anne, Lauretta, Bob, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Bishop Bonnie

Perry, Bishop Darrell Goodwin, Bishop Tim Wolfe, Lilliana, Leah, Alicia, Patrisse, Opal, Ozone House, 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 kin\_dom, the power, and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.

#### O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come O come Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel

That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appears

Rejoice rejoice

Emmanuel

Shall come to thee oh Israel

Oh come thou day-spring come and cheer

Our spirits by thine advent here

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night

And death's dark shadows put to flight

#### Little Drummer Boy

Come, they told me, pa rum pum pum pum

A newborn King to see, pa rum pum pum pum

Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum

To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum

Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.

So to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum

When we come.

Little baby, pa rum pum pum pum

I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum

I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum

That's fit to give a King, pa rum pum pum pum

Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.

Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum

On my drum?

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum

The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum

I played my drum for Him, pa rum pum pum pum

I played my best for Him, pa rum pum pum pum

Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.

Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum,

Me and my drum

#### Benediction

May you be a people of love.

May you let love live in your heart, and share the love of the Creator with everyone you meet.

As you enter this last week of Advent heading into

Christmas, may you experience love, joy, peace, and hope each day.

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

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