

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

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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

A reading from the Gospel of Luke :

The angels left the shepherds and went back to heaven. The shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this great event the Lord has told us about."

So they went running and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. When they saw the baby, they told what the angels said about this child.

Everyone was surprised when they heard what the shepherds told them. Mary continued to think about these things, trying to understand them. The shepherds

went back to their sheep, praising God and thanking him for everything they had seen and heard. It was just as the angel had told them.

When the baby was eight days old, he was circumcised, and he was named Jesus. This name was given by the angel before the baby began to grow inside Mary.

Those who have ears, let them hear.

Dismiss the Kids

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.

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, Laretta, 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.**Song: True religion**

You came for the lost, the sick and the blind

With salvation and hope

You gave to us for free

So what will we do with this treasure we hold

Let justice roll on like a river

Let mercy shine bright as the sun

Take care of the orphan and widow

Take care of our own flesh and blood

'Cause this is the way that You've called us to love

To share what we have with the hungry and poor

Put clothes on the naked and heal up the broken and torn

True religion

Song: Mighty To Save

Everyone needs compassion

A love that's never failing, let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Savior, the Hope of nations

Savior, He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever, author of Salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

I give my life to follow

Everything I believe in

And now I surrender (I surrender)

Shine Your light and let the whole world see

We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus

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We're singing for the glory of the risen King

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.****Scan to Give Online with EasyTithe:**