2301 Packard, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

# 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 Psalm 23:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. In grass meadows They make me lie down, by quiet waters guide me. My life They bring back. They lead me on pathways of justice for Their name's sake. Though I walk in the vale of death's shadow, I fear no harm, for You are with me. Your rod and Your staffit is they that console me. You set out a table before me in the face of my foes. You moisten my head with oil, my cup overflows. Let but goodness and kindness pursue me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for many long days.

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#### **Dismiss the Kids**

#### Announcements

#### Sermon

#### Candles

**Remembering the Names:** Latoya James, Breonna Taylor, Keenan Anderson, Jaheim McMillan, Aidan Ellison, James Williams, Pearl Young, Daoyou Feng, Riah Milton, Paul Castaway, Atatiana Jefferson, Winston Smith, Elcias Hernandez-Ortiz, Elijah McClain, Aaron Salter, Anthony Alvarez, Duvall Princess, Andrew Brown Jr., Suncha Kim, Amir Locke, and those we haven't named. We hold them and their families in our hearts.

**Prayer for Loved Ones:** Dilan, Sean, Amanda, Darryl, the McArdle Family, MJ, Lydi, Evan, Michelle, Donna and Penny, 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, Sheila, 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.

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**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.

# 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

# **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.

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

# Benediction

And now may the God who seeks you find you when you fall,

May the God who loves you take delight in your living, And may the God who sends you send you now in joy; For in your gladness and in your grieving, In your brokenness and in your healing, In your faithfulness and in your leaving, The God who made you and redeemed you,

Is the God who loves you still.

# Go in peace. Rest with joy. Love your neighbors. You are not alone.

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