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 31

Lord, I come to you for protection. Don't let me be disappointed.

You always do what is right, so save me.

Listen to me. Come quickly and save me.

Be my Rock, my place of safety.

Be my fortress and protect me!

Yes, you are my Rock and my protection.

For the good of your name, lead me and guide me.

Save me from the traps my enemy has set.

You are my place of safety.

Lord, you are the God we can trust.

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, Andre Hill, Hyun Jung Grant, Akai Gurley, Ramon Timothy Lopez, Katherine Massey, Jonathan Tubby, Keenan Anderson and those we haven't named. We hold them and their families in our hearts.

Prayer for Loved Ones: Crystal, Sheila, Bobbie, Jack and Joe, Joann's family, Manoj, Jackie, Nate, Ron, Eleanor's family, John, Audrey, Tyler and Courtney and family, Marcia and Tom, MJ, Lydi, Evan, Michelle, Donna and Penny, Haevyn, Rhonda & family, Jim, Kurt, Deb and Jim, Dave and Heather, Mindy, Kris, Kharin, Mike and Janine, Calob, Janie, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Bishop Bonnie Perry, Bishop Darrell Goodwin, Bishop Tim Wolfe, Lilliana, Zooey, 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,

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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.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, God, my Creator There is no shadow of turning with Thee Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not As Thou hast been Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Skeleton Bones

(John Mark McMillan)

Peel back our ribs again and Stand inside of our chest We just want to love You We just want to love You, yeah

Peel back the veil of time and Let us see You with our naked eyes We just want to love You We just want to love You, yeah

Skeleton bones
Stand at the sound of eternity
On the lips of the found
Yeah, and grave stones roll
To the rhythm of the sound of You
Skeleton bones
Stand at the sound of eternity
On the lips of the found
Yeah, so separate those doors
And let the Son of resurrection in

Oh, let us adore the One of glory dressed in love

Open up your gates before Them Crown Them, stand Them up

We want Your love to flow inside our body and We want Your wind inside our lungs We just want to love You We just want to love You, yeah

Everything that breathes

Benediction

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

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