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April 9, 2023

# EASTER SUNDAY 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 118:19-24

Open wide to me the gates of justice so that I may walk through them and offer praise and worship to the Eternal. This is the gate of the Eternal;

the righteous children of God will go through it. I will praise You because You answered me when I was in trouble.

You have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very stone that holds together the entire foundation.

This is the work of the Eternal, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Eternal God has made; let us celebrate and be happy today.

**Dismiss the Kids** 

#### Announcements

#### Sermon

#### Candles

**Remembering the Names:** Jayland Walker, Xiaojie Tan, Amelia Baca, Dontre Hamilton, Manuel Diaz, Eric Garner, Natasha McKenna, Sean Monterrosa, Loreal Tsingine, Laguan McDonald, Tyre Nichols, Ezell Ford, Corey Kanosh, Tiffany Banks, Whispering Wind Bear Spirit, Jaswinder Singh, Daniel Prude, Jaida Peterson, Jonathan Price, Antonio Valenzuela, Brandon Laducer, and those we haven't named. We hold them and their families in our hearts.

**Prayer for Loved Ones:** John and Joann and family, Manoj, Jackie, Nate, John, Audrey, MJ, Lydi, Evan, Michelle, Donna and Penny, Haevyn, 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, Sheila, 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.

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# 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.

# All the Poor and Powerless

(Leslie Jordan, David Leonard)

All the poor and powerless And all the lost and lonely And all the thieves will come confess And know that You are holy And know that You are holy

And all will sing out Hallelujah And we will cry out Hallelujah

All the hearts who are content And all who feel unworthy And all who hurt with nothing left Will know that You are holy

Shout it Go on and scream it from the mountains Go on and tell it to the masses That He is God

## Stand in Your Love

(Josh Baldwin)

When darkness tries to roll over my bones When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own When brokenness and pain is all I know I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken

'Cause my fear doesn't stand a chance When I stand in Your love My fear doesn't stand a chance When I stand in Your love My fear doesn't stand a chance When I stand in Your love

Shame no longer has a place to hide And I am not a captive to the lies I'm not afraid to leave my past behind Oh, I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken

There's power that can break off every chain There's power that can empty out a grave There's resurrection power that can save There's power in Your name, power in Your name

# Benediction

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

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