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# TODAY'S SERVICE

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*CULTIVATING CONNECTION WITH SELF, OTHERS, THE WIDE WORLD, AND GOD*

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*FEEL FREE TO USE PRONOUNS OF YOUR CHOICE FOR ALL SONGS AND PRAYERS*

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## 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.

### Call to Worship: Come Fall On Us

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

### Advent Lighting of Candles

#### Advent Prayer:

Loving God, we open ourselves to you,  
trusting that this is how you made us:  
you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives.  
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.  
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

### Announcements

## Sermon

### Candles

**Remembering the Names:** George Floyd, Ruth Whitfield, Treyvon Martin, Ryan White-Mountain Soft, Michelle Cusseaux, Antonio Martin, John Crawford III, Jasmine Cannady, Maurice Gordon, Iris Santos, Tony McDade, Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells, Dijon Kizzee, Geraldine Talley, Soon Chung Park, Daunte Wright, Jasvinder Kaur, Elcias Hernandez-Ortiz, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Margus Morrison, and those we haven't named. We hold them and their families in our hearts.

**Prayers for Loved Ones:** Brown and Evelyn, Tarik (rhymes with Eric), Audrey, John, Nour, Calob, Dixie, Alene, Diane, Tom and Marcia, the Hart family, 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, Anne, Loretta, Bob, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Bishop Bonnie Perry, Bishop Darrell Goodwin, Bishop Tim Wolfe, Lilliana, Leah, Alicia, Patrisse, Opal, Ozone House, immigrants and those we lift up in silence.

### 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.

### Communion

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Day and night I will meditate on Your Word

**Song: By the Streams**

By Jonathan Ogden

I have found my soul's delight  
In You, Lord  
In You, Lord

I have found my soul's delight  
In Your eyes  
In Your eyes

And Your Word is water to my soul  
Your Word is life to me  
Your Word is water to my soul  
Your Word is life to me

So plant me like a tree  
By the streams of living water  
Plant me like a tree  
By the streams  
By the streams

Plant me like a tree  
By the streams of living water  
Oh, plant me like a tree  
By the streams  
By the streams

'Cause Your Word is water to my soul  
Your Word is life to me  
Your Word is water to my soul  
Your Word is life to me

Plant me like a tree  
By the streams of living water  
Oh, plant me like a tree  
By the streams  
By the streams

Plant me like a tree  
By the streams of living water  
Oh, plant me like a tree  
By the streams  
By the streams

Day and night I will meditate on Your Word  
Day and night I will meditate on Your Word  
Day and night I will meditate on Your Word

Plant me like a tree  
By the streams of living water  
Oh, plant me like a tree  
By the streams  
By the streams

Plant me like a tree  
By the streams of living water  
Oh, plant me like a tree  
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**Benediction**

*Go in peace, wash your hands, love your neighbor, you are not alone.*