# 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.

# Call to Worship: Come Fall On Us (Psalm 50)

(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

# **Advent 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.

#### **Dismiss the Kids**

# Announcements Sermon Candles

**Remembering the Names:** Jordan Neely, Jayland Walker, Xiaojie Tan, Amelia Baca, Dontre Hamilton, Manuel Diaz, Eric Garner, Natasha McKenna, Sean Monterrosa, Loreal Tsingine, Laguan McDonald, Tyre Nichols, Cashay Henderson, Tiffany Banks, Whispering Wind Bear Spirit, Daniel Prude, Jaida Peterson, Jonathan Price, Antonio Valenzuela

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**Prayer for Loved Ones:** Paul, Joe, the Enman family, Audrey, Kinley, Maggie, Cyril, Molly, Gwen, Katie, Gloria, Yvonne, Steven, Annie, Christina, John, Tyler and Courtney and family, Marcia and family, Evan, Michelle, Haevyn, Rhonda & family, Jim, Kurt, Dave and Heather, Mindy, Kris, 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

#### 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.

# 2301 Packard, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

# Blue Ocean Church Ann Arbor O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appears

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel Shall come to thee, oh, Israel

Oh come thou day-spring come and cheer Our spirits by thine advent here Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight

#### Faith

(By Semler)

When my religion turned against me They said my hopes and dreams were faulty I showed the holes inside my hands And they claimed they couldn't see

So I've been walking with a blindfold Towards the promise of revival And it's not the one you preach It's the one we need

You got me singing, "Hallelujah" And I don't even wanna do it I'm just trying to be free We're just dying for some peace

But I still have faith When you call my name Never been the same I still have faith How you comfort me When they come for me Call that mercy

Don't pretend like you don't know me Don't pretend I'm not your body I'm your friend, I am your kin Why won't you let me in?

You with power, lend an ear You with power, lend a hand What a lovely house you've built

#### bor, MI 48104 a2blue.org What a shame it's made of sand

Our God is good and able And our God is flipping tables At the mess of love we made

Mercy like I never knew But I don't wanna keep quiet Just to keep you I call that Mercy like I've been in bloom But I don't wanna get small To be in those rooms

# **Benediction**

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

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