# 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 today 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

#### A Reading from 1 John 3:16-18

This is how we know what real love is: Jesus gave his life for us. So we should give our lives for each other as brothers and sisters. Suppose a believer who is rich enough to have all the necessities of life sees a fellow believer who is poor and does not have even basic needs. What if the rich believer does not help the poor one? Then it is clear that God's love is not in that person's heart. My children, our love should not be only words and talk. No, our love must be real. We must show our love by the things we do.

#### **Dismiss the Kids**

# Announcements Sermon Candles

**We Remember:** Angelo Quinto, Ronald Greene, Patrick Lyoya, Clarence Leading Fighter, Tamir Rice, Delaina Ashley Yuan, Freddie Gray, Andre Mackneil, Mario Gonzalez, Diamond Sanders, Philando Castille, Atatiana Jefferson, Amarjeet Johal, Andre Hill, Akai Gurley, Ramon Timothy Lopez, Jonathan Tubby, Chyna Long, Keenan Anderson

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**Prayer for Loved Ones:** Mike, Kathleen, Erika, Sarah, Derek, Julie, Jo, Joshua, The Lyons Family, Jack, Yvonne, Steven, Diane, Annie, Christina, Sue, John, Tyler, JL, Marcia and family, 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.

#### Blue Ocean Church Ann Arbor 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

#### **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 sun of resurrection in bor, MI 48104 a2blue.org April 21 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

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