

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: God of the Promise

Not gonna wait, wait for the walls to fall
'Cause I know a name that will bring them down
I've got a praise, waking within my soul
I'm not ashamed to declare it now

Light of the world, trample the darkness
Nothing can stop it, You are the God of the promise
Every word will be accomplished
Nothing can stop it, You are the God of the promise

Prepare the way, the King of Glory comes
Before His name, every fear must bow
Throw off your chains, Jesus destroyed them all
Up from the grave, He is with us now

The gates of hell will never stand a chance
Your name prevails, Jesus the great I am
No word will fail, no weapon formed against
Your name prevails, Jesus the great I am

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

SCRIPTURE READING:

A Reading from: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd.

I will always have everything I need.

The Lord gives me green pastures to lie in,

And leads me by calm pools of water.

The Lord restores my strength,

And leads me on the right paths to show that they are good.

Even if I walk through a valley as dark as the grave,

I will not be afraid of any danger, because you are with me.

Your rod and staff comfort me.

You prepared a meal for me in front of my enemies.

You welcomed me as an honored guest.

My cup is full and spilling over.

Your goodness and mercy will be with me all my life,
and I will live in the Lord's house a long, long time.

Those who have ears, let them hear.

WE REMEMBER

Robert Brooks, Sonya Massey, Niani Finlayson, Treyvon Martin, Joshua Spottedhorse, Roberta Drury, Rayshard Brooks, Naomie Skinner, Yong Ae Yue, Germane Reed, Heyward Patterson, Cameron Lamb, Nedra Sequence Morris, Adam Toledo, Nicolas Chavez, Kesha Webster, Maurice Gordon, Cypress Ramos, Latoya James, Semaj Billingslea, Robert Fuller and those we haven't named. We hold them and their families in our hearts.

PRAYER FOR LOVED ONES

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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.

Shared Communion Meal: This is a gift Jesus gave us, a
ritual to remember God's love through him, so we think of
him every time we eat and drink Communion.

COMMUNION SONG: Run To The Father

I've carried a burden for too long on my own

I wasn't created to bear it alone

I hear Your invitation to let it all go

I see it now, I'm laying it down

I know that I need You

Chorus 1

I run to the Father, I fall into grace

I'm done with the hiding, no reason to wait

My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend

So I'll run to the Father again and again

And again and again, ohoh, ohoh, ohoh

You saw my condition, had a plan from the start

Your Son for redemption, the price for my heart

And I don't have a context for that kind of love

I don't understand, I can't comprehend

All I know is I need You

My heart has been in Your sights, long before my first
breath

Running into Your arms is running to life from death

And I feel this rush deep in my chest, Your mercy is calling
out

Just as I am You pull me in, I know I need You now
Chorus 2

I run to the Father, I fall into grace

I'm done with the hiding, no reason to wait

My heart found a surgeon, my soul found a friend

So I'll run to the Father again and again

And again and again, ohoh, ohoh

Again and again and again and again, ohoh, ohoh, ohoh

Again and again

CLOSING SONG: Graves Into Gardens

I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough

Then You came along and put me back together

And every desire is now satisfied

Here in Your love

Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You

There's nothing better than You

Lord there's nothing, nothing is better

Than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness

My failures and flaws, Lord You've seen them all

And You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountain

Is the God of the valley

There's not a place, Your mercy and grace

Won't find me again

You turn mourning to dancing

You give beauty for ashes

You turn shame into glory

You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens

You turn bones into armies

You turn seas into highways

You're the only one who can

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