

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

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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: Stand In Your Love

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

Chorus

'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
(When I'm standing 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
[Chorus]

And 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

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: Luke 12:22-28

Jesus said to his followers, "So I tell you, don't worry about the things you need to live—what you will eat or what you will wear. Life is more important than food, and the body is more important than what you put on it. Look at the birds. They don't plant, harvest, or save food in houses or barns, but God feeds them. And you are worth much more than crows. None of you can add any time to your life by worrying about it. And if you can't do the little things, why worry about the big things?"

"Think about how the wildflowers grow. They don't work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that even Solomon, the great and rich king, was not dressed as beautifully as one of these flowers. If God makes what grows in the field so beautiful, what do you think God will do for you? That's just grass—one day it's alive, and the next day someone throws it into a fire. But God cares enough to make it beautiful. Surely God will do much more for you.

Those who have ears, let them hear.

WE REMEMBER

AJ Owens, Breonna Taylor, Keenan Anderson, AJ Laguerre Jr., Jaheim McMillan, Aidan Ellison, James Williams, Pearl Young, Daoyou Feng, Riah Milton, Paul Castaway, Winston Smith, Elcias Hernandez-Ortiz, Elijah McClain, Aaron Salter, Anthony Alvarez, Duvall Princess, Malcolm Harsch, Andrew Brown Jr., Suncha Kim, Amir Locke, Ma'Khia Bryant and those we haven't named. We hold them and their families in our hearts.

Dismiss the Kids

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

PRAYER FOR LOVED ONES

Vanessa, Mar, Lottie, Lina, Mike, Julie, George, Ryan, Manoj, Shoba, Karen, Amy, Erika, Sarah, Bobbie, Corey, Glenn, Donovan, Karen, Jack, Yvonne, Steven, Diane,

Rae, Christina, Sue, John, Haevyn, Rhonda & family, Jim, Kurt, Mindy, Calob, Janie, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Bishop Bonnie Perry, Bishop Darrell Goodwin, Bishop Tim Wolfe, Leah, David, Hope Clinic, JFS, Ozone House, immigrants, the Ypsilanti Youth Choir and those we lift up in silence.

Song to Welcome Kids

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Stranger, friend, and neighbor too,
He loves them as he loves you.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.
Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Every color, every race
They're all covered by his grace.
Jesus loves the little children of the world

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: The Kingdom Is Yours

Blessed are the ones who do not bury
All the broken pieces of their heart
Blessed are the tears of all the weary
Pouring like a sky of falling stars

Blessed are the wounded ones in mourning

Brave enough to show the Lord their scars
Blessed are the hurts that are not hidden
Open to the healing touch of God
Chorus

The kingdom is yours, the kingdom is yours
Hold on a little more, this is not the end
Hope is in the Lord, keep your eyes on Him

Blessed are the ones who walk in kindness
Even in the face of great abuse
Blessed are the deeds that go unnoticed
Serving with unguarded gratitude

Blessed are the ones who fight for justice
Longing for the coming day of peace
Blessed is the soul that thirsts for righteousness
Welcoming the last, the lost, the least

[Chorus]

[Chorus]

Blessed are the ones who suffer violence
And still have strength to love their enemies
Blessed is the faith of those who persevere
For though they fall, they'll never know defeat

CLOSING SONG: See A Victory

The weapon may be formed, but it won't prosper
When the darkness falls, it won't prevail
'Cause the God I serve knows only how to triumph
My God will never fail, oh, my God will never fail
Chorus

I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You, Lord
[1st time x2][2nd, 3rd time x4]

There's power in the mighty name of Jesus
Every war He wages He will win
I'm not backing down from any giant
'Cause I know how this story ends
Yes, I know how this story ends
[Chorus]

You take what the enemy meant for evil
And You turn it for good, You
turn it for good [x6]

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