

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 the teachings of Jesus, shared stories, and rituals–inspires us to pursue justice and live out our values.

CALL TO WORSHIP: So So Good

This is my story I'll Testify

Blessings on Blessings you poured in my life

When I start remembering

How good you've been

Verse 2

Fear turns to worship tears turn to praise

Chains of Depression Broken by grace

When I start remembering

How good you've been

Chorus 1

You've been so so so so so so good to me

so so so so so so good to me

Verse 3

The enemy's weapons fall to the ground

Armies of heaven always surround

When I start remembering

How you carried my cross

You called me by name

Loved me like I was

But you didn't leave me that way

Was dead now I live yea that's what you did

Chorus 2

You've been so so so so so so good to me

so so so so so so good to me

From morning to night

The Lows and the Highs

I look back on my life

And all that I see

You've been so so so so so so good to me

Verse 4

When I say God Is Good

You Say All the time

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 Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds of people there, he went up on a hill and sat down. His followers came and sat next to him. Then Jesus began teaching the people. He said, Blessed are the poor.

God's kingdom belongs to them.

Blessed are those who mourn.

God will comfort them.

Blessed are the humble.

They will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice.

They will be filled.

Blessed are those who show mercy to others.

Mercy will be given to them.

Blessed are the pure in heart.

They will see God.

Blessed are those who work for peace.

They will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer for doing what is right.

God's kingdom belongs to them.

Those who have ears, let them hear.

Dismiss the Kids

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

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.

PRAYER FOR LOVED ONES

Ted, Amy, Audry, John, Caroline, Danny, Dan, Zachary,
 Zoe Alexzandra, Joseph, Zara Ella, Nicole, Wendi,
 Constance, Erica, Audrey, Ashton, Landon, the Sarr family,
 Clark, Aine, Kat,, George,, Diane, Rae, Christina, Haevyn,
 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
 Verse 3

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
 Verse 4

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
 Verse 5

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: 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)

Verse 2
 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

Bridge
 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

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