

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: Praise

Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord
I'll praise in the valley, praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure, praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered, praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the waters my enemies drown in
As long as I'm breathing, I've got a reason to...

Chorus

Praise the Lord, oh my soul [x2]

Verse 2

I'll praise when I feel it, I'll praise when I don't
I'll praise 'cause I know You're still in control
My praise is a weapon, it's more than a sound
My praise is the shout that brings Jericho down
As long as I'm breathing, I've got a reason to...
I won't be quiet, my God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord, oh my soul
I'll praise cause You're sovereign, praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I'll praise cause You're faithful, praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You

[repeat]

I won't be quiet, my God is alive

How could I keep it inside

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 37

Don't get upset when people are wicked. Don't be jealous of those who do wrong. They are like grass that dries up quickly and fades away. So trust in the Lord and do good. Trust in the Lord and wait patiently for God's help. Don't fret when people make evil plans and get away with them. Don't become so angry and upset that you, too, want to do evil things. The wicked will not last, but those who call to God for help will receive what God has promised. And they will enjoy peace.

Those who have ears, let them hear.

Greet Your Neighbor

Dismiss the Kids

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

PRAYER FOR LOVED ONES

Lydia, Bill and family, Mike, Bruce, Ben, Dark Angel, Josh, Gwen, Seitu, Maggie, Kinley, Fatema, Afsheen and family, Ted, Amy, Audrey, John, Danny, Dan, Zachary, Zoe, Alexandra, Joseph, Zara, Ella, Nicole, Wendi, Constance, Erica, Ashton, Landon, the Sarr family, Clark, Aine, Kat, George, Diane, Rae, Christina, Haevyn, Mindy, Calob, Janine, 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.

WE REMEMBER

Victor Perez, Jawan Dallas, Leonard Allan Cure, Gary Jackson, George Floyd, Ruth Whitfield, Ryan White-Mountain Soft, Michelle Cusseau, Antonio Martin, Johnny Hollman, John Crawford III, Iris Santos, Tony McDade, Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells, Dijon Kizzee, Geraldine Talley, Soon Chung Park, Daunte Wright, Jasvinder Kaur, Ahmaud Arbery and those we haven't named. We hold them and their families in our hearts.

Confession

Merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are sorry and we repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution**Communion Instructions****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:**Invitation to the Lord's Table****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: Lord I need you

Lord I come I confess, bowing here I find my rest
 And without You I fall apart
 You're the One that guides my heart
 Chorus
 Lord I need You oh I need You
 Ev'ry hour I need You
 My one defense my righteousness
 Oh God how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
 Where grace is found is where You are
 And where You are Lord I am free
 Holiness is Christ in me
 Where You are Lord I am free
 Holiness is Christ in me
 So teach my song to rise to You
 When temptation comes my way
 And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
 Jesus You're my hope and stay
 And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
 Jesus You're my hope and stay

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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