

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]

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 121

I look up to the hills,

but where will my help really come from?

My help will come from the Lord,

the Creator of heaven and earth.

They will not let you fall.

Your Protector will not fall asleep.

Our Protector does not get tired.

They never sleep.

The Lord is your Protector.

The Lord stands by your side, shading and protecting you.

The sun cannot harm you during the day,

and the moon cannot harm you at night.

The Lord will protect you from every danger.

They will protect your soul.

The Lord will protect you as you come and go,

both now and forever!

Those who have ears, let them hear.

Greet Your Neighbor

Dismiss the Kids

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

PRAYER FOR LOVED ONES

George, Andy, Adam and family, Jeff, Gwen and John, Jeanne and John, Lindi, Austin, Lydia, Ben, Dark Angel, Joseph, Zara, Ella, Fatema, Afsheen and family, 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

Ryan Gainer, Jordan Neely, Jayland Walker, Xiaojie Tan, Amelia Baca, Dontre Hamilton, Manuel Diaz, Eric Garner, Natasha McKenna, Sean Monterrosa, Loreal Tsingine, Laguan McDonald, Tyre Nichols, Cashay Henderson, Tiffany Banks, Whispering Wind Bear Spirit, Daniel Prude, Jaida Peterson, Jonathan Price, Antonio Valenzuela 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: Such An Awesome God

You called the sun to rise
And You lay it down to rest
You hold this heart of mine
You hold my ev'ry breath
Chorus
Such an Awesome God
So Mighty, so Holy, so Wonderful
Such an Awesome God
So Selfless, so generous
So faithful You are

Seated in Majesty
Reigning in Holiness
The table is set for me
For You are the Living Bread
And nothing comes close to the Lord Almighty
Nothing as sweet as His Love and Mercy
Nothing comes close to the Lord Almighty
Nothing as sweet as Your Love and Mercy
Jesus, the Son of God
Hung on a cross to die
But not even death itself
Could hold You down for You rose to life

CLOSING SONG: Glorious Day

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb, 'til I met You
I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb, 'til I met You

You called my name (and) I ran out of that place
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name and I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Now Your mercy I sing, my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new, Jesus when I met You
I needed rescue, my sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter, I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of heaven
When I was broken, You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future, my eyes are open,

'Cause when you called my name I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name and I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

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