

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: Inhabit

Our praise becomes your house your place

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[repeat]

Pre-chorus

We sing a song and You come in

Make a dance and You come in

Shout Your name and You come in

Give You praise and You come in

Chorus

You inhabit the praises of Your people

You inhabit the praises of Your people

[repeat]

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 18:8-14

There were some people who thought they were very good and looked down on everyone else. Jesus used this story to teach them: "One time there was a Pharisee and a tax collector. One day they both went to the Temple to pray. The Pharisee stood alone, away from the tax collector. When the Pharisee prayed, he said, 'O God, I thank you that I am not as bad as other people. I am not

like people who steal or cheat. I thank you that I am better than this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I give a tenth of everything I get!'

"The tax collector stood alone too. But when he prayed, he would not even look up to heaven. He felt very humble before God. He said, 'O God, have mercy on me. I am a sinner!' I tell you, when this man finished his prayer and went home, he was right with God. But the Pharisee, who felt that he was better than others, was not right with God. People who make themselves important will be made humble. But those who make themselves humble will be made important."

Those who have ears, let them hear.

Greet Your Neighbor

Dismiss the Kids

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

PRAYER FOR LOVED ONES

PRAYERS FOR LOVED ONES

Ginny, Mike, Ulrich, Maggie, Josh, Andy, Adam and family, Richard and Sue, Jeff, 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

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, Keshia 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.

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****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: 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

And 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

And 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

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

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

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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