

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

I'll praise in the valley
 Praise on the mountain
 I'll praise when I'm sure
 And praise when I'm doubting
 I'll praise when outnumbered
 Praise when surrounded
 'Cause praise is the water
 My enemies drown in
 As long as I'm breathing
 I've got a reason to
 Chorus
 Praise the Lord
 Oh, my soul
 Praise the Lord
 Oh, my soul

I'll praise when I feel it
 And I'll praise when I don't
 I'll praise 'cause I know
 You're still in control
 Because 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
 Praise the Lord
 Oh, my soul
 (So I'm gonna) praise the Lord
 Oh, my soul
 I won't be quiet, my God is alive
 So 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)
 Praise the Lord
 Oh, my soul
 I gotta praise the Lord
 Oh, my soul
 Chorus

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 7:1-5, 12

Don't judge, so that you won't be judged. You'll receive the same judgment you give. Whatever you deal out will be dealt out to you.

Why do you see the splinter that's in your brother's or sister's eye, but don't notice the log in your own eye? How can you say to your brother or sister, 'Let me take the splinter out of your eye,' when there's a log in your eye? You deceive yourself! First take the log out of your eye, and then you'll see clearly to take the splinter out of your brother's or sister's eye.

Therefore, you should treat people in the same way that you want people to treat you; this is the Law and the Prophets.

Those who have ears, let them hear.

Greet Your Neighbor**Dismiss the Kids****Announcements****Sermon****Candles****PRAYER FOR LOVED ONES**

Tim and Kristy, Bev, The Quinton family, Ulrich, Maggie, Kinley, Josh, Maeve, Andy, Adam and family, Richard and Sue, Jeff, 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

Michael Brown, Roger Fortson, Sandra Bland, Raymond Mattia, Jasmine Cannady, Jaswinder Singh, Ezell Ford, Hyun Jung Grant, Margus Morrison, Cornelius Fredericks, Corey Kanosh, Angela Carr, Walter Wallace Jr., Jerrald Gallion, Irvo Otieno, Gary Jackson, Ta'Kiya Young, Brandon Laducer, Brazil Johnson, Katherine Massey 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: Lord I Need You

Lord I come, I confess

Bowing here, I find my rest

Without You, I fall apart

You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You

Every hour, I need You

My one defense, my righteousness

Oh God, how I need You

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

[Chorus]

Bridge

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

[Chorus]

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
Then I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day
(repeat)

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new
Jesus, when I met You

You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day
(repeat)

I needed rescue
My sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter
I was an orphan
But 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
(repeat)

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