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# TODAY'S SERVICE

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*CULTIVATING CONNECTION WITH SELF, OTHERS, THE WIDE WORLD, AND GOD*

*FEEL FREE TO USE PRONOUNS OF YOUR CHOICE FOR ALL SONGS AND PRAYERS*

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**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: O Come All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem

Come and behold Him

Born the King of Angels

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God

Glory in the highest

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

Christ the Lord!

**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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE**

Advent Prayer

Loving God, We thank you for the hope and peace you offer us.

Show us the creative power of hope in the dark.

Teach us the peace that comes from justice.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, That we may walk in the light of Christ.

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

Patrick, Maria, Julie, Robert, Latisha, Sally, Bev, Josh, Maeve, Jeff, Lydia, Ben, Dark Angel, Joseph, Zara, Ella, Nicole, Wendi, Constance, Erica, Ashton, Landon, the Sarr family, Clark, Aine, George, Laura, 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, Kesha 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:** We take communion to  
remember the story of Jesus and the radical love He  
embodied. We do this each Sunday to nourish our spirits  
and to symbolize becoming the Beloved Community God  
calls us to be.**COMMUNION SONG: Beautiful Things**

All this pain

I wonder if I'll ever find my way?

I wonder if my life could really change at all?

All this Earth

Could all that is lost ever be found?

Could a garden come up from this ground at all?

Chorus

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of the dust

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of us

verse

All around

Hope is springing up from this old ground

Out of chaos, life is being found in You

Chorus

(repeat)

Bridge

You make me new, You are making me new

You make me new, You are making me new

Making me new

Chorus

**CLOSING SONG: What A Beautiful Name**

You were the Word at the beginning

One with God the Lord Most High

Your hidden glory in creation

Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is

What a beautiful name it is

The name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful name it is

Nothing compares to this

What a beautiful name it is

The name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us

So Jesus, You brought heaven down

My sin was great, Your love was greater

What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is

What a wonderful name it is

The name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful name it is

Nothing compares to this

What a wonderful name it is

The name of Jesus

Death could not hold You

The veil tore before You

You silenced the boast, of sin and grave

The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory

For You are raised to life again

You have no rival

You have no equal

Now and forever, God You reign

Yours is the Kin\_dom

Yours is the Glory

Yours is the name, above all names

What a powerful name it is

What a powerful name it is

The name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful name it is

Nothing can stand against

What a powerful name it is

The name of Jesus

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