

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: Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY

Advent Prayer
Loving God, we open ourselves to you,
trusting that this is how you made us:
you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives.

Show us the creative power of hope.

Teach us the peace that comes from justice.

Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared.

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

Greet Your Neighbor

Dismiss the Kids

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

PRAYER FOR LOVED ONES

Rick, 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

AJ Owens, Breonna Taylor, Keenan Anderson, AJ Laguerre Jr., Jaheim McMillan, Aidan Ellison, James Williams, Pearl Young, Daoyou Feng, Riah Milton, Paul Castaway, Winston Smith, Elcias Hernandez-Ortiz, Elijah McClain, Aaron Salter, Anthony Alvarez, Duvall Princess, Malcolm Harsch, Andrew Brown Jr., Suncha Kim, Amir Locke, Ma'Khia Bryant 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: 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

CLOSING SONG: Great Are You Lord

You give life, You are love

You bring light to the darkness

You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken

And great are You, Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise to You only

[Repeat]

Bridge

All the earth will shout Your praise

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing

Great are You, Lord

[Repeat]

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