

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

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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: Joyful (The One Who Saves)

Joyful, Joyful, we adore You
 God of glory, Lord of Love
 Hearts unfold like flowers before You
 Opening to the sun above
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
 Drive the dark of doubt away
 Giver of eternal gladness
 Fill us with the light of day
 [Chorus]
 You are the One who saves
 You are the One who saves
 You are the One whose hands
 Lift us from the grave
 You are the Light of Life
 The Everlasting Day
 You are the One who takes, all our sins away

You are giving and forgiving
 Ever blessing, ever blessed
 Fountain of the joy of living
 Ocean depths of happy rest
 [Chorus]
 (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: Matthew 25:35-40

The king will say, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see that you were a stranger and invite you in, or that you needed clothes and clothe you?"

The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Those who have ears, let them hear.

Greet Your Neighbor

Dismiss the Kids

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

PRAYERS FOR LOVED ONES

Cliff, Odd, Sue, Alexander, Cheryl, Mandy, Adam, Andrew, Helen, Tim and Kristy, Gwen and John, Taylor and Damian, Laynie, Emma, Dark Angel, Joseph, Nicole, Wendi, Constance, Erica, Ashton, Landon, the Sarr family, 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.in silence.

WE REMEMBER

Angelo Quinto, Ronald Greene, Patrick Lyoya, Clarence Leading Fighter, Tamir Rice, Delaina Ashley Yuan, Freddie Gray, Andre Mackneil, Mario Gonzalez, Diamond Sanders, Garrett Foster, Philando Castille, Atatiana Jefferson, Amarjeet Johal, Andre Hill, Akai Gurley, Ramon Timothy Lopez, Jonathan Tubby, Chyna Long, Keenan Anderson

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.

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: Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more
That will ever come close
No thing can compare

You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord
I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of love
When my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord
[Chorus]
Holy spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord
[Bridge]
Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
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CLOSING SONG: Graves Into Gardens

I searched the world
But it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise
And treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along
And put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied
Here in Your love
[Chorus]
Oh, there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord, there's nothing
Nothing is better than You
I'm not afraid
To show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord, You've seen 'em all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
There's not a place
Your mercy and grace
Won't find me again
[Chorus]
[Bridge]
You turn mourning to dancing

You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can
You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can
You turn graves into garden
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can
[Chorus]

Benediction

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