

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: This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
[Chorus]

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me
(Verse)

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory, the King above all kings
[Chorus]

[Bridge]
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
(repeat)
[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: Lamentation 3:20-25

I remember all my troubles,
and I am very sad.
But then I think about this,
and I have hope:
We are still alive because
the Lord's faithful love never ends.
Every morning they show it in new ways!
They are so very true and loyal!
I say to myself, "The Lord is my God,
and I trust them."
The Lord is good to those who wait for them.
They are good to those who look for them.
Those who have ears, let them hear.

Greet Your Neighbor

Dismiss the Kids

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

PRAYERS FOR LOVED ONES Meghan, Sara, Patrick, Martha, Ry'Ann's family, Samantha, Benjamin, the Kieler family, Emma, Mahsa, Barry, Odd, Tim and Kristy, Dark Angel, Joseph, Nicole, Wendi, Constance, Erica, Ashton, Landon, the Sarr family, George, Laura, Diane, Rae, 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

Coby Kenny, 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.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

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 is 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
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
(repeat)
Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
(repeat)

CLOSING SONG: Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.
Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,

Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we
met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we
forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

Benediction

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