
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: Oh Our Lord

Oh, our Lord, Oh our Lord
How majestic is Your name in all the earth

We behold the breaking dawn

The light that shines over everyone

We look to You, we long for You, oh Lord

We behold the rising sun

The earth awaits, Your hope has come

We look to You, we long for You, oh Lord

[Chorus]

Oh our Lord, Of our Lord

How majestic is Your name in all the earth

We behold the falling rain

Like waters rise, flood this place

We reach for You, we cling to You, oh Lord

Oh our Lord, Oh our Lord

How majestic is Your name in all the earth

[Bridge]

Oh, Your name is a light in the darkness

Oh, Your name is the word of truth

Oh Your name, oh Your name

(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: Psalm 121

I look up to the hills,

but where will my help really come from?

My help will come from the Lord,

the Creator of heaven and earth.

They will not let you fall.

Your Protector will not fall asleep.

The Lord will protect you from every danger.

They will protect your soul.

The Lord will protect you as you come and go,

both now and forever!

Those who have ears, let them hear.

Greet Your Neighbor

Dismiss the Kids

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

PRAYERS FOR LOVED ONES Tasha, Meghan, Sara, Patrick, Martha, Ry'Ann's family, Samantha, Benjamin, 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

Ruben Martinez, Ryan Gainer, Jordan Neely, Jayland Walker, Xiaojie Tan, Amelia Baca, Dontre Hamilton, Manuel Diaz, Eric Garner, Natasha McKenna, Sean Monterrosa, Loreal Tsingine, Laguan McDonald, Tyre Nichols, Cashay Henderson, Tiffany Banks, Whispering Wind Bear Spirit, Daniel Prude, Jaida Peterson, Jonathan Price, Antonio Valenzuela 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: 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

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

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You

Every hour, I need You

My one defense, my righteousness

Oh God, how I need You

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

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You

Every hour, I need You

My one defense, my righteousness

Oh God, how I need You

You're my one defense, my righteousness

Oh God, how I need You

My one defense, my righteousness

Oh God, how I need You

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

[Chorus]

You called my name

Then I ran out of that grave

Out of the darkness

Into Your glorious day

You called my name

And I ran out of that grave

Out of the darkness

Into Your glorious day

Now Your mercy has saved my soul

Now Your freedom is all that I know

The old made new

Jesus, when I met You

[Chorus]

[Bridge]

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

[Chorus]

Benediction

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