
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: Oh Our Lord

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 awakes, your hope has come
 As we look to you
 We long for you oh Lord
 Oh, oh, oh Our Lord
 Oh, oh, oh 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 your name is a light in the darkness
 Oh your name is the word of truth
 Oh your name, oh your name

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: Acts 1:1, 4-8

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he talked to his disciples. With the help of the Holy Spirit, he told them what they should do. One time when Jesus was eating with them, he told them not to leave Jerusalem. He said, "Wait here until you receive what the Father promised to send. Remember, I told you about it before. John baptized people with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit comes, they will give you power and you will be my witnesses. You will tell people everywhere about me — in Jerusalem, in the rest of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world."

Those who have ears, let them hear.

Greet Your Neighbor

Dismiss the Kids

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

PRAYERS FOR LOVED ONES

Sarah, April, Joseph, Evan, Julie, Ben, Gwen, John, Joshua, Jennifer, Tim, Kristy, Dark Angel, Joseph, Nicole, Wendi, Constance, Erica, Ashton, Landon, the Sarr family, George, Laura, Haevyn, Mindy, Calob, 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

Juan Alexis Tineo-Martinez, Robert Brooks, Sonya Massey, Huabing Xie, Treyvon Martin, Joshua Spottedhorse, Roberta Drury, Rayshard Brooks, Naomie Skinner, Germane Reed, Cameron Lamb, Nedra Sequence Morris, Adam Toledo, Nicolas Chavez, Keshia Webster, Maurice Gordon, Cypress Ramos, 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.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**COMMUNION:**

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: Vapor

Oh the vapor of it all
 It's a chasing of the wind
 The substance of the form
 So pale and thin
 Let the veil of earth
 Be stretched again
 [Chorus]
 Holy
 All behold the holy

Trees clap their hands for you
 Oceans, they dance for you
 [Verse 2]
 Heaven taunts the hearts of men
 We can feel it from within
 The beauty of it all
 The mystery
 The swelling of a voice
 A rising sea
 [Chorus]
 [Bridge]

You are holy
 Infinite and holy
 A billion suns rise for you
 Clouds paint the skies for you
 Mountains stand tall for you
 Valleys bow down to you
 Everything rising to
 Sing all our songs to you
 [Chorus 2]
 Holy
 The impossible and holy
 Kings become fools for you
 Kingdoms to ruins for you
 Vapor finds ground in you
 Music finds sound in you
 Everything rising

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
 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)

Benediction

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