
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: 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
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
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
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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

A Reading from Romans 8:33-39

I am sure that nothing can separate us from God's love—not death, life, angels, or other spirits. I am sure that nothing now, nothing in the future, no powers, nothing above us or nothing below us—nothing in the whole created world—will ever be able to separate us from the love God has shown us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Those who have ears, let them hear.

Greet Your Neighbor**Dismiss the Kids****Announcements****Sermon****Candles****PRAYERS FOR LOVED ONES**

Jack, Brad and Desirae, Seong-Guk, Junior, Patrick, Lisa, Shaphan, Naomi, Victor, Sophia, Adeline, Katie, Dan, Ben, Josh, Katie, Abby, Joann, Kinley, 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, Bishop Lesley Jones, Leah, David, Hope Clinic, JFS, Ozone House, immigrants, the Ypsilanti Youth Choir and those we lift up in silence.

WE REMEMBER

Francisco Gaspar-Andres, Ryan Gainer, Jordan Neely, Jayland Walker, Xiaojie Tan, Amelia Baca, Dontre Hamilton, Eric Garner, Natasha McKenna, Sean Monterrosa, Loreal Tsingine, Abelardo Delgado, Tyre Nichols, Ruben Martinez, Cashay Henderson, Tiffany Banks, Whispering Wind Bear Spirit, 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:**

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: Beautiful Things

[Verse]

All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change at all
All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground at all?

[Chorus]

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

[Verse]

All around
Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found in You

[Bridge]

You make me new, You are making me new

CLOSING SONG: Stand in Your Love

[Verse]

When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken

[Chorus]

'Cause my fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love

[Verse]

Shame no longer has a place to hide
And I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
Oh, I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken

[Bridge]

There's power that can break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name, power in Your name

Benediction

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