
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: PRAISE

I'll praise in the valley
Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure
And praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered
Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water
My enemies drown in
As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to
[Chorus]
Praise the Lord
Oh, my soul
Praise the Lord
Oh, my soul
I'll praise when I feel it
And I'll praise when I don't
I'll praise 'cause I know
You're still in control
Because my praise is a weapon
It's more than a sound
Oh, my praise is the shout
That brings Jericho down
As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to
[Chorus]
[Bridge]
I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You
[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

A Reading from Psalm 96:1-4, 11-12

Sing a new song to the Lord!
Let the whole world sing to the Lord!
Tell the good news every day about how they save us!
Tell all the nations how wonderful the Lord is!
Tell people everywhere about the amazing things the Lord does.
The Lord is great and worthy of praise.
Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be happy!
Let the sea and everything in it shout for joy!
Let the fields and everything in them be happy!
Let the trees in the forest sing for joy when they see the Lord coming!
Those who have ears, let them hear.

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

Michael, Katie, Dan, Ben, Josh, Robert and his firefighting team, Mary, Sophie, Philip, Abby, Tim, Kristy, Dark Angel, Joseph, Nicole, Wendi, Constance, Erica, Ashton, Landon, Aine, 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

Victor Diaz, Michael Brown, Roger Fortson, Sandra Bland, Miguel Medina, Jasmine Cannady, Jaswinder Singh, Ezell Ford, Hyun Jung Grant, Margus Morrison, Cornelius Fredericks, Corey Kanosh, Serawit Dejene, Angela Carr, Walter Wallace Jr., Irvo Otieno, Gary Jackson, Ta'Kiya Young, Brandon Laducer, Brazil Johnson, Katherine Massey 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: Jesus We Love You

Old things have passed away
Your love has stayed the same
Your constant grace remains the cornerstone

Things that we thought were dead
Are breathing in life again
You cause Your sun to shine on darkest nights
For all that You've done, we will pour out our love
This will be our anthem song
[Chorus]
Jesus we love You
Oh, how we love You
You are the one our, our hearts adore
The hopeless have found their hope
The orphans now have a home
All that was lost has found its place in You
You lift our weary head
You make us strong instead
You took these rags and made us beautiful
For all that You've done, we will pour out our love
This will be our anthem song

[Chorus]

[Bridge]

Our affection, our devotion
Poured out on the feet of Jesus
(repeat)

[Chorus]

CLOSING SONG: Yes I Will

I count on one thing
The same God that never fails
Will not fail me now
You won't fail me now
In the waiting
The same God who's never late
Is working all things out
You're working all things out
[Chorus]
Yes I will lift You high in the lowest valley
Yes I will bless Your name
Yes I will, sing for joy when my heart is heavy
All my days, yes I will

(repeat)

[Bridge]

And I choose to praise
To glorify, glorify
The Name of all names
That nothing can stand against
(repeat)

Benediction

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