
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
[Chorus]
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
[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 Philippians 2:5-11

In your life together, be like Jesus. He was like God in every way, but gave up everything to become a humble servant, even to death. So God raised him up to the most important place and gave him the name that is greater than any other name so that everyone will give honor to him and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Those who have ears, let them hear.

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Greet Your Neighbor

Dismiss the Kids

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

PRAYERS FOR LOVED ONES

Susan, Barry, Dean, Emma, Willis, Kathleen, Michael, Katie, Dan, Ben, Josh, Robert, Abby, 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

Ismael Uribe, 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, Atatiana Jefferson, Amarjeet Johal, Andre Hill, Akai Gurley, Ramon Timothy Lopez, 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:**

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's 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
[Chorus]
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
[Bridge]
Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
(repeat)

CLOSING SONG: It Is Well

When peace like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
[Chorus]
It is well, (it is well), with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul!
[Chorus]

Benediction

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