
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.

OPENING SONG: 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]
I won't be quiet, my God is alive
So how could I keep it inside?
Praise the Lord
Oh, my soul
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 Philippians 2:1-4

Jesus comforts you and helps you to be strong. You are able to help each other since God's Spirit is in you. You can be kind to each other, and you can forgive each other. Love each other. Work together. Do not only think only about yourself. Think also about how you can help each other. This is how Jesus taught us to live.

Those who have ears, let them hear.

Greet Your Neighbor

Dismiss the Kids

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

PRAYERS FOR LOVED ONES

Sandy, Colin, Patrick, Ryan, Julie, Katie, Dan, Ben, Josh, Susan, Barry, 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

Emmanuel Damas, AJ Owens, Breonna Taylor, Keenan Anderson, Jaheim McMillan, Aidan Ellison, Geraldo Lunas Campos, James Williams, Pearl Young, Daoyou Feng, Kirby Paradise, Winston Smith, Elijah McClain, Aaron Salter, Andrew Brown Jr., Ma'Khia Bryant 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. All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way

COMMUNION SONG: Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown, where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep, my faith will stand
Chorus-
And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours, You are mine
Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now
[Chorus]

Bridge-

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior
(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
Oh, yes I will, sing for joy when my heart is heavy
All my days, oh yes I will
(repeat)
Bridge-
And I choose to praise
To glorify, glorify
The Name of all names
That nothing can stand against
And I choose to praise
To glorify, glorify

The Name of all names
That nothing can stand against
And I choose to praise
[Chorus]

Benediction

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