
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: 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 awaits, your hope has come
We look to you, we long for you, oh Lord
Chorus-
Oh, our Lord, 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
[Chorus]
Bridge-
Oh, Your name is a light in the darkness
Oh, Your name is the word of truth
Oh Your name, oh Your name
(repeat)
[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 Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus went to all the towns and villages near Galilee. He taught many people, telling them the good news about God's kingdom. And he caused sick people to become well again from all their pains and illnesses.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them. They were troubled and had nobody to help them. Jesus thought, "These people are like sheep that have no shepherd to take care of them." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Many people are ready to believe God's good news. They are like crops in the fields at harvest time. But there are very few workers to bring in the crops. So pray to God to send out workers."

Those who have ears, let them hear.

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

Sandy, Colin, Diane, Patrick, Ryan, Julie, Katie, Dan, Ben, Josh, 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

Victor Diaz, Michael Brown, Roger Fortson, Sandra Bland, Miguel Medina, Sophie Lee, Jaswinder Singh, Ezell Ford, Hyun Jung Grant, Margus Morrison, Cornelius Fredericks, Corey Kanosh, Angela Carr, Irvo Otieno, Gary Jackson, Ta'Kiya Young 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: The Summons

Will you come and follow Me

If I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know

And never be the same?

Will you let My love be shown

Will you let My name be known

Will you let My life be grown

In you and you in Me?

Will you leave yourself behind

If I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind

And never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare

Should your life attract or scare

Will you let Me answer prayer

In you and you in Me

Will you love the "you" you hide

If I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside

And never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found

To reshape the world around

Through My sight and touch and sound

In you and you in Me

Lord Your summons echoes true

When You but call my name

Let me turn and follow You

And never be the same

In Your company I'll go

Where Your love and footsteps show

Thus I'll move and live and grow

In You and You in me

The Summons -

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CLOSING SONG: All the Poor and Powerless

All the poor and powerless

And all the lost and lonely

All the thieves will come confess

And know that You are holy

And know that You are holy

Chorus-

And all will sing out hallelujah

And we will cry out hallelujah

All the hearts who are content

And all who feel unworthy

And all who hurt with nothing left

Will know that You are holy

[Chorus]

Bridge-

Shout it

Go on scream it from the

mountains

Go on and tell it to the masses

That He is God

[Chorus]

Benediction

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