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: Glorious Day

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb, 'Til I met You
I was breathing, but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb, 'Til I met You
[Chorus]
You called my name Then I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness Into Your glorious day
[Verse 3]
Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new Jesus, when I met You
[Bridge]
I needed rescue My sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter I was an orphan
But You call me a citizen of Heaven
When I was broken You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future My eyes are open

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 1 Peter 2:9-12

You are a chosen people, God's priests. You are a holy nation, people who belong to God. God chose you to tell everyone about the wonderful things they have done. God brought you out of darkness into amazing light. Once you were not a special people, but now you are God's people.
And so, dear friends, since you are immigrants and strangers in the world, be different. Live good lives so that all will see the good you do and give glory to God.
Those who have ears, let them hear.

Greet Your Neighbor
Dismiss the Kids
Announcements
Sermon
Candles

PRAYERS FOR LOVED ONES

Steve, Nancy, Vergil, Alex, Margie, Kinley, Susan, Rhonda, Ida, Faye, Emma, Erin, 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

Juan Alexis Tineo-Martinez, Robert Brooks, Cam Thompson, Sonya Massey, Huabing Xie, Dime Doe, Cameron Lamb, Nicolas Chavez, Maurice Gordon, Cypress Ramos, Roberta Drury, Robert Fuller 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: Great are You Lord

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You, Lord
[Chorus]
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only
You give life, You are love
[Verse]
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are You, Lord
[Bridge]
All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

CLOSING SONG: Stand in Your Love

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
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
[Chorus
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
[Chorus]

Benediction

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