

TODAY'S SERVICE

CULTIVATING CONNECTION WITH SELF, OTHERS, THE WIDE WORLD, AND GOD

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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 shared stories and rituals inspires us to pursue justice and live out our values.

Call to Worship: Come Fall On Us (Psalm 50)

(Benoit Pasley Henry, Robin D Pasley)

A thankful heart prepares the way for you my God
 A thankful heart prepares the way for you my God
 Come fall on us, we fall on you
 A thankful heart will be our rhythm
 Come fall on us, we fall on you
 A thankful heart will be our song

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 138:

The Lord is in the highest place,
 but They still care for the humble.
 Even from so high above,
 They know what the proud do.
 If I am in trouble, God, you keep me alive.
 If my enemies are angry, you save me from them.
 Lord, I know you will do what you have promised.
 Lord, your faithful love will last forever.
 You are the one who made us, so don't leave us.

Liturgy

From the Jesus Sutras, written by a 7th century Christian community near Xi'an:

The highest skies are in love with You.
 The great Earth opens its palms in peace.
 Our truest being is anchored in Your goodness.
 You are God: Compassionate being of three.

Everything praises You, sounds its true note.
 All the Enlightened chant praises.
 Every being takes its refuge in You
 And the light of Your Holy Compassion frees us all.

Everything looks to you, without thinking.
 Shower us with Your Healing Rain!
 Help us to overcome, give life to what has withered,
 And water the roots of kindness in us.
 Amen.

A Reading from Psalm 93

The Lord is on High.
 The Lord wears majesty and strength like clothes.
 God is ready, so the whole world is safe.
 It will not be shaken.
 Your kin-dom has continued forever.
 You have lived forever!
 Lord, the ocean roars.
 The mighty ocean sounds like thunder
 as the waves crash on the shore.
 The crashing waves of the sea are loud and powerful,
 but the Lord above is even more powerful.
 Lord, your teachings will continue forever.
 Your holy Temple will stand for a long time.

From the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Leader 1: Creator God, whose love calls the whole creation into relationship with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, "*Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.*"

Leader 1: For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader 2: For the waters of the earth—including the Great Lakes that surround us here in Michigan; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader 1: For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader 2: For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader 1: For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader 2: For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures—especially our local leaders—that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader 1: For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting,

that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader 2: For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader 1: For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work; and that they may have the support they need, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader 2: For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader 1: Great Spirit God, we give you thanks for another day on this earth. We give you thanks for this day to enjoy the compassionate goodness of you, our Creator. We acknowledge with one mind our respect and gratefulness to all the sacred cycle of life. Bind us together in the circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and one another. Amen.

Candles

We Remember: Ryan Gainer, Jordan Neely, Jayland Walker, Xiaojie Tan, Amelia Baca, Dontre Hamilton, Manuel Diaz, Eric Garner, Natasha McKenna, Sean Monterrosa, Loreal Tsingine, Laguan McDonald, Tyre Nichols, Cashay Henderson, Tiffany Banks, Whispering Wind Bear Spirit, Daniel Prude, Jaida Peterson, Jonathan Price, Antonio Valenzuela

Prayer for Loved Ones: Julie, George, Ryan, Manoj, Shoba, Karen, Amy, Erika, Sarah, Bobbie, Corey, Glenn, Donovan, Karen, Jack, Yvonne, Steven, Diane, Christina, Sue, John, Marcia and family, Haevyn, Rhonda & family, Jim, Kurt, Mindy, Mike and Janine, Calob, Janie, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Bishop Bonnie Perry, Bishop Darrell Goodwin, Bishop Tim Wolfe, Leah, David, Hope Clinic, JFS, Ozone House, immigrants

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.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, God, my Creator
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great Are You Lord

(David Leonard / Jason Ingram / Leslie Jordan)

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken

Great are You, Lord

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

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry
These bones will sing
Great are you, Lord

Benediction

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