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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 the Book of Ezekiel:

This is what the Lord God says: "I will take a branch from a tall cedar tree. I will take a small branch from the top of the tree, and I myself will plant it on a very high mountain.

I myself will plant it on a high mountain in Israel. That branch will grow into a tree. It will grow branches and make fruit and become a beautiful cedar tree.

Many birds will sit on its branches

and live in the shadows under its branches.

Dismiss the Kids

Announcements Sermon Candles

We Remember: Breonna Taylor, Keenan Anderson, AJ Laguerre Jr., Jaheim McMillan, Aidan Ellison, James Williams, Pearl Young, Daoyou Feng, Riah Milton, Paul Castaway, Winston Smith, Elcias Hernandez-Ortiz, Elijah McClain, Aaron Salter, Anthony Alvarez, Duvall Princess, Malcolm Harsch, Andrew Brown Jr., Suncha Kim, Amir Locke

Prayer for Loved Ones: Constance and family, Zaghmout family, Jo, Neil, Audrey, Kathleen, Julie, George, Ryan, Manoj, Shoba, Amy, Erika, Sarah, Bobbie, Corey, Karen, Elizabeth, 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. 2301 Packard, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand .

When darkness seems to hide Your face, I rest on Your unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

God's oath, God's covenant, and love supports me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, God then is all my hope and stay.

Beautiful Things

(Lisa Gungor/Michael Gungor)

All this pain I wonder if I'll ever find my way I wonder if my life could really change, at all

All this earth Could all that is lost ever be found? Could a garden come up from this ground, at all?

You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of the dust You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of us

All around, Hope is springing up from this old ground Out of chaos life is being found, in You

You make me new, You are making me new

Benediction

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