

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

Call to Worship: House of The Lord

We worship the God who was
 We worship the God who is
 We worship the God who evermore will be
 He opened the prison doors
 He parted the raging sea
 My God, He holds the victory, yeah

[Chorus]

There's joy in the house of the Lord
 There's joy in the house of the Lord today
 And we won't be quiet
 We shout out Your praise(2X)

We sing to the God who heals
 We sing to the God who saves
 We sing to the God who always makes a way
 'Cause He hung upon that cross
 Then He rose up from that grave
 My God's still rolling stones away

[Chorus]

[Bridge]

We were the beggars
 And now we're royalty
 We were the prisoners
 And now we're running free
 And we are forgiven, accepted
 Redeemed by His grace
 Let the house of the Lord sing praise(2X)

[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

Advent Candles/First Sunday of Advent: HOPE

- Scripture: Psalm 27:13
 - Prayer: by Cole Arthur Riley, [Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human](#)

Advent Prayer

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,
 We open all the broken places in our lives and memories
 to the healing light of Christ.
 Show us the creative power of hope.
 Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
 That we may walk in the light of Christ.
 Amen

Dismiss the Kids

Announcements

Sermon

Candles

We Remember: AJ Owens, 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

Prayers for Loved Ones: Claire, Ariya, Neo, Abby, Destiny, Claire's family, Dark Angel, Gloria, Sarr and Family, Karen, Elizabeth, Lisa and Jason, Yvonne, Steven, Diane, Christina, Sue, Haevyn, Rhonda & family, Jim, Kurt, Mindy, Janine, Calob, Janie, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Bishop Bonnie Perry, Bishop Darrell Goodwin, Bishop Tim Wolfe, Leah, David, Hope Clinic, JFS, Ozone House, Ypsilanti Youth Choir

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: This is a gift Jesus gave us, a ritual to remember God's love through him, so we think of him every time we eat and drink Communion.

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
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

[Bridge]

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

This is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power, of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory
The King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless, in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory
The King above all kings

[Chorus]

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory
The King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory
The King above all kings

[Bridge]

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain (Slain)
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (Conquered the grave)
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Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, Worthy, Worthy

Benediction