

# 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 4:6-8  
 - Prayer: by Cole Arthur Riley, [Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human](#)

## Advent Prayer

Loving God, We thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us.  
 Show us the creative power of hope in the dark.  
 Teach us the peace that comes from justice.  
 Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
 That we may walk in the light of Christ.

## Dismiss the Kids

### Announcements

### Sermon

### Candles

**We Remember:** Michael Brown, Roger Fortson, Sandra Bland, Raymond Mattia, Jasmine Cannady, Jaswinder Singh, Ezell Ford, Hyun Jung Grant, Margus Morrison, Cornelius Fredericks, Corey Kanosh, Angela Carr, Walter Wallace Jr., Jerrald Gallion, Irvo Otieno, Gary Jackson, Ta'Kiya Young, Brandon Laducer, Brazil Johnson, Katherine Massey

**Prayers for Loved Ones:** Nancy, Andrew, Barb, Rebecca, Brian, MaryLou, Gregg, Maya, 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

All around you  
And within you  
He is with you  
He is with you

## 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.

In the morning  
In the evening  
In your coming  
And your going  
In your weeping  
And rejoicing  
He is for you  
He is for you

He is for you

### 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.

### My Testimony

I saw satan fall like lightning  
I saw darkness run for cover  
But the miracle that I just can't get over  
My name is registered in heaven

I believe in signs and wonders  
I have resurrection power  
Still the miracle that I just can't get over  
My name is registered in heaven  
My praise belongs to you forever

**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.

### The Blessing

The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His  
Face toward you  
And give you peace

This is my testimony from death to life  
Cause grace rewrote my story, I'll testify  
By Jesus Christ the Righteous  
I'm justified  
This is my testimony  
This is my testimony

Amen

Come together sons and daughters  
Bought with blood and washed in water  
Sing the praises of the Spirit, Son and Father  
Our God will finish what He started  
Our God will finish what He started

May His favor be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family  
And your children  
And their children  
And their children

If I'm not dead, You're not done  
Greater things are still to come  
Oh I believe

May His presence go before you  
And behind you  
And beside you

### Benediction