

# 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/Third Sunday of Advent: JOY

- Scripture: Gospel of Luke 1:46 - 50  
- Prayer: by Cole Arthur Riley, [Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human](#)

## Advent Prayer

Loving God, we open ourselves to you,  
trusting that this is how you made us:  
you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives.  
Show us the creative power of hope.  
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.  
Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but  
must be shared.  
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:** Jawan Dallas, Leonard Allan Cure, Gary Jackson, George Floyd, Ruth Whitfield, Ryan White-Mountain Soft, Michelle Cusseau, Antonio Martin, Johnny Hollman, John Crawford III, Iris Santos, Tony McDade, Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells, Dijon Kizzee, Geraldine Talley, Soon Chung Park, Daunte Wright, Jasvinder Kaur, Ahmaud Arbery

**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

## 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.

### Such an Awesome God

You call the sun to rise  
And You lay it down to rest  
You hold this heart of mine  
And You hold my every breath

Chorus

Such an awesome God  
So mighty So holy So wonderful  
Such an awesome God  
So selfless So generous  
So faithful, You are

Seated in majesty  
Reigning in holiness  
The table is set for me  
For You are the living bread

(Chorus)

(Bridge [x2])

And nothing comes close to the Lord Almighty  
Nothing as sweet as His love and mercy  
Nothing comes close to the Lord Almighty  
And nothing as sweet as Your love and mercy

Jesus, the Son of God Hung on a Cross to die  
But not even death itself Could hold You down,  
for You rose to life

(Chorus [x2])

### Yes I Will

I count on one thing  
The same God that never fails  
Will not fail me now  
You won't fail me now  
In the waiting  
The same God who's never late  
Is working all things out  
Is working all things out

Chorus

Yes I will, lift You high in the lowest valley  
Yes I will, bless Your name  
Oh, yes I will, sing for joy when my heart is heavy  
For all my days, oh yes I will

Bridge

And I choose to praise  
To glorify, to glorify  
The Name of all names  
That nothing can stand against (3X)

Chorus

### Benediction

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