

TAIZÉ

prayer that quiets the mind
opens the heart
feeds the soul



SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 AT FIVE O'CLOCK

GATHERING IN HARMONY

Welcome..... Will McLeane

Meditative Song Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Dm G Dm Bb C Dm

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Lord of All Goodness

Do - mi - ne De - us Fi - li - us Pa - tris, do - na no - bis pa - cem.
Lord of all good - ness, Son of the Fa - ther, may your peace sur - round us.
(hum)

The Lord is my Light

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CONTEMPLATION AND MEDITATION

Short Silence

Contemplative Reading For Beauty

As stillness in stone to silence is wed,
may solitude foster your truth in word.
As a river flows in ideal sequence,
may your soul reveal where time is presence.
As the moon absolves the dark of distance,
may your style of thought bridge the difference.
As the breath of light awakens color,
may the dawn anoint your eyes with wonder.
As spring rain softens the earth with surprise,
may your winter places be kissed by light.
As the ocean dreams to the joy of dance,
may the grace of change bring you elegance.
As clay anchors a tree in light and wind,
may your outer life grow from peace within.
As twilight pervades the belief of night,
may beauty sleep lightly within your heart.
(John O'Donohue)

Short Silence

Contemplative Reading Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
 reviving the soul;
 the decrees of the Lord are sure,
 making wise the simple;
 the precepts of the Lord are right,
 rejoicing the heart;
 the commandment of the Lord is clear,
 enlightening the eyes;
 the fear of the Lord is pure,
 enduring for ever;
 the ordinances of the Lord are true
 and righteous altogether.
 More to be desired are they than gold,
 even much fine gold;
 sweeter also than honey,
 and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned;
 in keeping them there is great reward.
 But who can detect their errors?
 Clear me from hidden faults.
 Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
 do not let them have dominion over me.
 Then I shall be blameless,
 and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
 be acceptable to you,
 O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Sung Response

When the night becomes dark

When the night be - comes dark, your love, O Lord,
 is a fire; your love, O Lord, is a fire.

Short Silence

Guided Meditation

Extended Silence

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Our Common Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Short Silence

Invitation for Healing Prayer James 5:14

Are any among you sick?
 They should call for the elders of the church
 and have them pray over them,
 anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

Songs for Healing

With You, O Lord

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full-ness, and in your light, we shall see true light.
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Lord Jesus Christ

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us. Let not my doubts nor my dark-ness speak to me.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us. Let my heart al-ways wel - come your love.

Raise a Song of Gladness

Ju - bi - la - te De - o om - nis ter - ra.
 Raise a song of glad - ness, peo - ples of the earth.

Ser - vi - te Do - mi - no in lae - ti - ti - a.
 Christ has come, bring - ing peace, joy to ev - 'ry heart.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - 'ry heart!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - 'ry heart!

Grant Us Your Peace, O Lord

Da pa - cem, Do - mi - ne, da pa - cem,
 Grant us your peace, O Lord, grant us your

O Chri - ste, in di - e - bus no - stris.
 peace, O Lord, may it fill all our days.

Coda
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

Holy Spirit, come to us

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 Ve - ni san - cte Spi - ri - tus.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

Silence

BLESSING GOD'S PRESENCE

Blessing Prayer

Song of Blessing Sing out, my soul

Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num.
 Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord who sets us free.

Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!
 Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord God!

THE TAIZÉ PILGRIMAGE COMMUNITY

Healing is a journey toward spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental wholeness. Healing happens in relationship with Self, Others, and God. Healing brings peace. Taizé [teh-ZAY] is a tiny village hidden away in the hills of Burgundy in the eastern part of France. Since 1940, it has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers and sisters whose prayer, three times daily, is at the center of their life. Today, Taizé is a place to which visitors of all ages and backgrounds travel as pilgrims to participate in international meetings of prayer, Bible study, and reflection.

The music of the Taizé community is designed as short responses which are sung over and over again by the congregation. This repetition of a short phrase or two quiets the busy, everyday chatter of the mind so worshipers can access the deeper realms of heart and soul. As the congregation repeats this response (ostinato), the cantor and instrumentalists overlay this melody with their own, either composed or improvised. Some of the texts are in Latin. The sound of the Latin vowels is especially clear and simple, helping to create the beauty and calm of the music. If you prefer, however, you may sing all the chants in English.

THE ICON

In our service this evening, we are featuring an icon painted by local artist Suzan Sommers, entitled "The Black Madonna." The history of figures of women with dark skin which appeared in Europe during the Middle Ages is not clear. Some feel these figures represented the Earth Mother, as a complement to Mary, the mother of Jesus, who was the "Queen of Heaven." Some say these figures are the result of the way the materials used to create them aged. Others say the inspiration for these figures is from *Song of Songs* 1:5, "I am black and beautiful." Since no one knows for sure, you may select your favorite among these interpretations or come up with your own. Closer inspection of the painting reveals small figures of the infant Jesus and an angel. You are welcome to approach the painting after the service to view it at closer range.

COVER ART

Today's bulletin cover art depicts a simple setting in nature. The photo illustrates a bright, blue, cloudless sky with the radiating sun in the upper left corner. At the horizon line of the yellow, barren field, we see a row of trees that mark a boundary between field and sky. In the foreground, a lone tree stands in the wide-open field with a few tree stumps lined in the near-distance, symbolizing the line from the John O'Donohue poem from the Contemplative Reading, "As clay anchors a tree in light and wind, may your outer life grow from peace within." The photograph was taken by Andrew Callis in Trappist, Kentucky at the Abbey of Gethsemane.

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