TAIZÉ

prayer that quiets the mind opens the heart feeds the soul

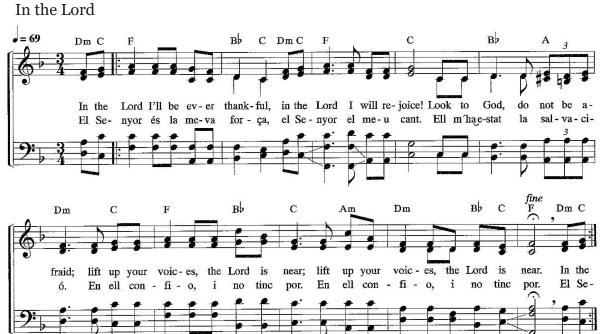


SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING NOVEMBER 17, 2024 AT FIVE O'CLOCK

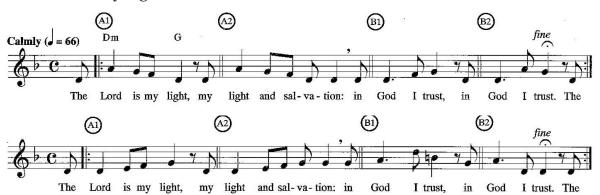
GATHERING IN HARMONY

Welcome......Pastor

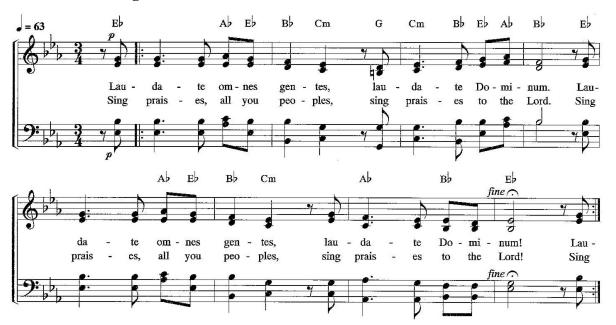
Meditative Song



The Lord Is My Light



Laudate omnes gentes



CONTEMPLATION AND MEDITATION

Short Silence

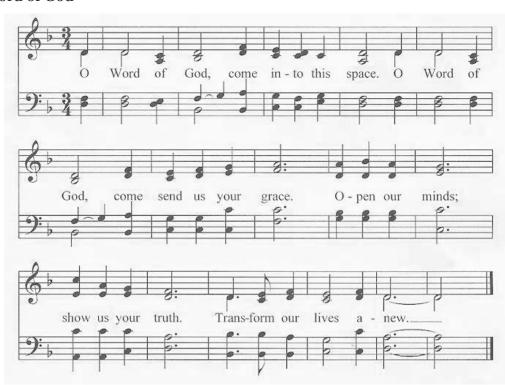
Contemplative Reading

And David came to Saul, and entered his service. And Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer. And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight." And whenever the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand; so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

Short Silence

Contemplative Reading

Sung Response to Reading O Word of God



Short Silence

Guided Meditation

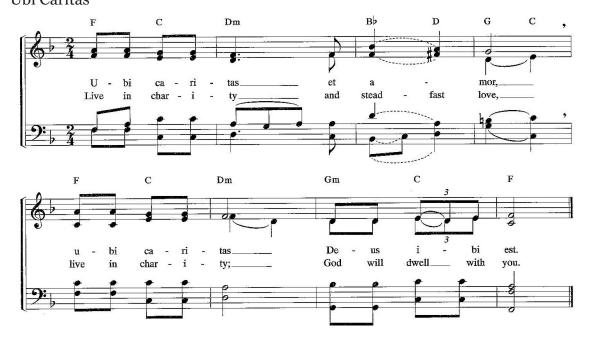
Extended Silence

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

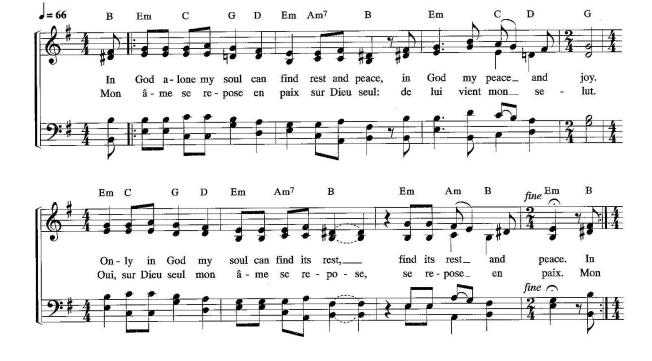
Songs for Healing Ubi Caritas



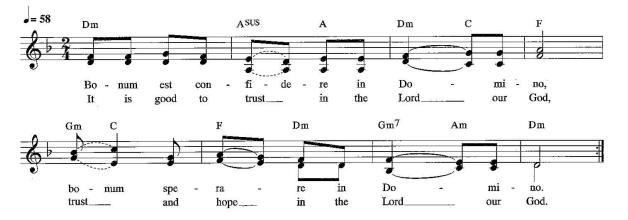
Nothing Can Trouble



In God Alone



It Is Good to Trust



The Lord is My Song





Silence

BLESSING GOD'S PRESENCE

Blessing Prayer

O Christ,

you take upon yourself all our burdens so that,

freed of all that weighs us down,

we can constantly begin anew to walk with the lightened step;

from worry towards trusting,

from the shadows towards the clear flowing water,

from our own will towards the vision of the coming Kingdom.

And then we know, though we hardly dared to hope it,

that you offer to make every human being

a reflection of your face. Amen.

Song of Blessing

Let Your Servant Now Go In Peace



THE TAIZÉ PILGRIMAGE COMMUNITY

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.

Healing is a journey toward spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental wholeness. Healing happens in relationship with Self, Others, and God. Healing brings peace.

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 "Oueen 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 the "Song of Songs," chapter 1, verse 5: "I am black but 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.

Bulletin Cover Art

The image for today's bulletin cover art depicts a lyre, an ancient string instrument similar to a harp but held in one's hands, being played by someone wearing a tunic, vest, and leather cuffs. (Stock photo ID:969115650, June 05, 2018, Italy)

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