

First United Methodist Church of Saginaw
CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ
September 2, 2020 7:00 p.m. "Labor"

The beginning of the service will be denoted by the ringing of a bell.

Song: "GOD HAS CHOSEN ME"

words and music by John Bell, c 2008 WGRG, Iona Community

God has cho-sen me. — God has cho-sen me, — and in my
life is plant-ed a seed — God knows that I need:
— its fruit shall be joy. — (last time)

Scripture: Matthew 9: 37-38

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;
Therefore ask the overseer of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest.

Reading: *Harvest*

by Steve Garraas-Holmes, www.unfoldinglight.net

Maybe the harvest
is not bringing people to Christ
but gathering the fruits of the Spirit
God has sown in you
for the sake of the world.

Maybe it's not an act of taking,
but receiving.

The harvest is plentiful
but few are the people who have gathered,
who have received the gifts, the grace,
the love growing in your heart,

and feasted on those fruits
to be strengthened to go out
and heal the wounded,
and be good news
for the broken of the world.

The field stretches to the horizon.

There are more trees in this field
than stars in heaven.

What grace have you not yet harvested?

Go into that good harvest.

Here is a basket for your labors. Go.

Silence (2 minutes)

Song: WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION

Finnish folk tune, words by Rusty Edwards, c 1996 Hope Publishing Co.



1. We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call, our
2. We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name. Our
3. Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard. Now



var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all. A
min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same: To
let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word. We



sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove to
touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace, so
all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call, our



plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Reading: passages from *On Work* Kahlil Gibran

When you work, you are a flute through whose heart the whispering of the hours turns to music.
And when you work with love you bind yourself to yourself, and to one another, and to God.

And what is it to work with love?

It is to weave the cloth with threads drawn from your own heart,
even as if your beloved were to wear that cloth.

It is to build a house with affection,
even as if your beloved were to dwell in that house.

It is to sow seeds with tenderness and reap the harvest with joy,
even as if your beloved were to eat the fruit.

It is to charge all things you fashion with a breath of your own spirit,
and to know that all the blessed dead
are standing about you and watching.

Work is love made visible.

Song: "For One Great Peace" words by Shirley Erena Murray, music by Jim Strathdee, c 1992 Hope Publishing Co.



1. This thread I weave, this step I dance, this
2. this pot I shape, this fire I light, this
3. this check I write, this march I join, this



stone I carve, this ball I bounce, this nail I drive, this
fence I leap, this bone I knit, this seed I nurse, this
faith I state, this truth I sign, this is small part, in



pearl I string, this flag I wave, this note I sing,
rift I mend, this child I raise, this earth I tend,
one small place, of one heart's beat for one great Peace.

Time of Prayer *Pastor Amy Terhune*

Silence (10 minutes)

Song: THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and
joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and
o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.

Benediction

by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, www.unfoldinglight.net

God bless those who labor,
who with their bodies make this world a better place.
Bless those who labor too long, too young, or too hard,
who bear the danger, dirt, and drudgery we won't,
who pick our fruit and weave our shirts,
harvest chocolate, package shrimp,
and cleanse our cities of our waste.
Bless those who are exploited, enslaved or abused.
Bless them; satisfy them; give them rest.
Give us gratitude for all who labor for our sake.
And bless the labors of our hands and hearts,
the labors of our words and votes and dollars,
that by our labors and your grace
we too may make this world a better place.
Amen.

The conclusion of the service will be denoted by the ringing of a bell.

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JOIN US for the next contemplative service on Oct. 7th!
JOIN US for worship on Sundays at 10am!
Face coverings required. Limited space available.
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