

First United Methodist Church of Saginaw

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

October 7, 2020 7:00 p.m.

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

Song: "NOTHING CAN TROUBLE" c 1991, Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community

♩ = 72

Am *p* Dm7 G Em/C 1. F *mf* Dm6

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne
 Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

E Am *f* 2. F Dm6 E Am

na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
 nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

Scripture: Romans 8: 38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
 nor things present, nor things to come,
 nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
 will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reading: *Autumn Prayer* by Christine C. Robinson,, www.uua.org

God of the Autumn, help us to live
with the grace of falling leaves
the enthusiasm of the flaming Aspens
with the serenity of the old trees,
whose roots reach deep into the earth.

God of the Autumn, help us to know
that living and dying are one

that life is precious, and beautiful,
and limited
that nothing good is ever lost.

God of the Autumn, help us to see
in the ways of nature a way for ourselves.
Amen.

Silence (2 minutes)

Song: "GOD, FILL OUR LIVES" w/m by John Bell, c 2008 Wild Goose Resource Group, Ionia Community

God, fill our lives to o - ver - flow - ing and give us
D A Em A D

6
grace_ to_ share_ all_ that we are and
Em Asus4 A G D/F#

11
are be - com - ing through love_ and_ care_ _____
Em A Bm G D

Scripture: 1 John 4: 7-9

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Reading: *For Life* Steven Garnaas-Holmes, www.unfoldinglight.net

For the empty seat, we hold silence.
Love, have mercy.
For the two hundred thousand, we weep.
Love, have mercy.
For the homes incinerated, we mourn.
Love, have mercy.
For the rule of law, we lament.
Love, have mercy.
For kindness and nonviolence, we pray.
Love, have mercy.
For courage to stand, to speak, to act,
we pray.
Love, have mercy.

For faith in one another, that we still hold the
future in our hands, we pray.
Love, have mercy.
For justice that dismantles oppression,
hope that overcomes despair,
for faith that overpowers dread,
for love that defeats fear,
for joy that will not be taken from us,
we pray.
Love, have mercy.
In the face of all that oppresses,
give us trust in grace unseen;
give us hearts to rise, to serve,
yes, to even sing for life, for life.

Song: "O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER" c1991 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a tempo marking of quarter note = 72. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Em, C6, D, G, C, Am6, B. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God. The Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well - spring of life. The". The score ends with a "fine" marking and a fermata over the final chord.

Time of Prayer *Pastor Amy Terhune*

Silence (10 minutes)

Song: "LET YOUR SERVANT NOW GO IN PEACE" c 1991 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community

Nunc di - mit - tis ser - vum tu - um Do - mi - ne, se -
Let your ser - vant now - go in peace, O Lord, now -

ne, Do - mi - ne,
Lord, O Lord,

cun - dum ver - bum tu - um in - pa - ce, Nunc di -
go in peace ac - cord - ing to your word, Let your

(Do - mi - ne.)
(to your word.)

Benediction: *Go In Peace, Seeking Justice* Jim Magaw, www.uua.org

When I say *go in peace*, I don't mean "go in mindless oblivion."
When I say *go in peace*, I don't mean "go without challenging yourself or others."
When I say *go in peace*, I don't mean "go in utter ease and comfort."

When I say *go in peace*, I mean "go in peace, seeking justice."
I mean, "go in peace, committed to equal rights and opportunities for all."

When I say *go in peace*, I mean "Go in the peace that is created when, together,
We build communities of true solidarity, deep compassion, and fierce, unrelenting love."

Go in peace.

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

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