

First United Methodist Church of Saginaw

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

November 4, 2020 7:00 p.m.

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

Song: "GOD HAS CHOSEN ME" w/m by John Bell, c 2008 WGRG, Iona Community, Scotland

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: Colossians 1: 9b-12

May you be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Reading: *All Saints Day* by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, www.unfoldinglight.net

To be a saint is to be sanctified;
set apart for a sacred purpose.
That would be you.
Every breath of your life is for a sacred purpose:
to shed light, to radiate God's love.
You don't have to be influential,
or pious, virtuous or pure.
You have to be yourself.
The You of you is what God has made holy.
You are God's Beloved.
All you have to do is act like it.
Everything you do today is an opportunity
to embody God's love,
not by your effort or skill,
but by the love you embody.
The light of God is in you.
Be transparent to it.

Silence (2 minutes)

Song: "HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US" ©1998 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus, tu - i a - mo - ris i - gnem ac - cen - de.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.—

The first system of the musical score is in G major and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. A dashed circle highlights the final notes of the melody in both staves.

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

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment. It is also marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. A dashed circle highlights the final notes of the melody in both staves.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8-10, 12-13

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end;
as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.
For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part;
but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.
For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.
Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.
And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Reading: *When I Die* Merrit Malloy, Reformed Jewish liturgy, optional reading before Kaddish

When I die, give what's left of me away
to children and old men that wait to die.
And if you need to cry,
cry for your brother walking the street beside you.
And when you need me, put your arms around anyone
and give them what you need to give me.
I want to leave you something,
something better than words or sounds.
Look for me in the people I've known or loved,
and if you cannot give me away,
at least let me live in your eyes and not in your mind.
You can love me best by letting hands touch hands,
and by letting go of children that need to be free.
Love doesn't die, people do.
So, when all that's left of me is love,
give me away.

Song: "LIVE IN CHARITY" ©1991 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Time of Prayer *Pastor Amy Terhune*

Silence (10 minutes) *You are invited to light a candle in memory of a saint or in honor of saints in your life.*

Song: "WHEN WE ARE LIVING" Trad. Spanish melody, words Robert Escamilla, c1989 United Methodist Pub.



1. When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
2. Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.
and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.
Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,
we be-long to God, we be-long to God.

- 3) 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God, we belong to God
4) Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God, we belong to God.
Repeat verse 1

Benediction *by Janet Morley, from www.re-worship.blogspot.com*

For all the saints who went before us
who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire,
we praise you, O God.
For all the saints who live beside us
whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,
we praise you, O God.
For all the saints who live beyond us
who challenge us to change the world with them,
we praise you, O God..

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

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