

First United Methodist Church of Saginaw

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

April 7, 2021 7:00 p.m.

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

Song: "I OWE MY LORD A MORNING SONG"

w/m by John Bell, c2003 Wild Goose Resource Group, Iona Community

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chords are indicated above the staff.

System 1: Chords: D, A/C#, G, A7, D. Lyrics: 1. I owe my Lord a morn - ing song for; 2. I owe my Lord a morn - ing song for; 3. I owe my Lord a morn - ing song; the; 4. I owe my Lord a morn - ing song. How

System 2: Chords: F#m, Em7, A. Lyrics: God has meant this day. Through; Je - sus rose at dawn; He; Spir - it gave me but voice, nor; can I help but sing when

System 3: Chords: Bm, D, G, F#7, Bm. Lyrics: fears of night and hid - den light God; made death die and would not lie that; did she force my soul to praise, but; God is all in all, and I am

System 4: Chords: G, Em7, A7, D. Lyrics: moves and wills my way. on.; oth - ers might live on.; hon - ored me live with choice.; one with ev - ery - thing!

Scripture: John 13: 34-35

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Reading: *After "He Is Risen!"* – by Joshua Mason Pawelek

After the Hosannahs
 have all been shouted,
After anguished moments
 in the garden have been spent,
After "take this bread and eat,
 take this wine and drink,"
After betrayal with a kiss,
After hands washed and 39 lashes,
After seven last words
 and "he breathed his last,"
After crucifixion and death,
After laying the body in the tomb,
After rolling away the stone,
After proclamations of "He is risen!"

Now let us rise.

Now let us awaken to a new dawn,
 a new day.
Let us remake the world
 with the hope of Easter.
Let us set free the prisoners,
House the homeless,
Educate the children,
Offer gainful work to all who
 are willing and able to work,
Protect soil, water, air, and food,
End all forms of state-sanctioned violence.
Now may we awaken and stay woke.
Now may we rise and stay risen.

Amen and blessed be.

Silence (2 minutes)

Song: "THE LORD IS RISEN" w/m Jacques Berthier, c1991 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has lyrics: "O ————— Sur - re - xit Chri - stus, al - le - lu - ia! / The Lord is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!". The second system has lyrics: "O ————— Can - ta - te Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia! / Sing out and praise the Lord, al - le - lu - ia!". Dynamics include piano (p) and forte (f). The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4.

Scripture: Luke 24: 1-5

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

Reading: *Easter is Breaking* by Kathleen Rolenz

Somewhere across the world, Easter is breaking
not the Easter we may think of,
with arms upraised and "he is risen" echoing from canyons,
but a much quieter, less dramatic Easter.
Somewhere in the world – perhaps not this day, but some day soon,
a woman and a man rise from their beds,
shaking the sleep from their eyes,
and find their children already awake and
preparing for their morning prayers.
There has been no gunfire, no drug wars, no yelling or shouting or screaming,
only the quiet night and the peace of silence around them.
And somewhere in the world, perhaps not this morning, but soon, very soon
a soldier is packing his duffle bag,
has emptied out all his bullets,
is changing into civilian clothes,
and is coming home, for peace has long been established,
and there is no need for his presence.
And somewhere in the world, Easter dawn breaks over the earth,
not only on this day, but every day,
and the familiar pulse in our veins throbs of "peace, peace, peace."

Song: "GIVE PEACE TO EVERY HEART"

w/m Jacques Berthier, c1991 Aterliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community

Canon
♩ = 72

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a key signature change from G major to F major (one flat) at the beginning. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into three sections: (A), (B), and (C). Section (A) is the main melody. Section (B) is a variation of the melody. Section (C) is a variation of the melody. The lyrics are: Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give pa - - - - - cem. Da pa - - - - - cem. Da peace, _____ Lord. Give peace, _____ Lord. Give

Chords: Cm, F, Cm, F

Lyrics:
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Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give
pa - - - - - cem. Da pa - - - - - cem. Da
peace, _____ Lord. Give peace, _____ Lord. Give

Time of Prayer: *Easter Prayer* by Kathleen Rolenz

Silence (8 minutes)

Song: "GOD TO ENFOLD YOU"

w by John L Bell and Graham Maule, m by John Bell, c2003 Wild Goose Resource Group, Iona Community

God to en - fold you, Christ to up - hold you,

Spi - rit to keep you in hea - ven's sight;

so may God grace you, heal and em - brace you,

lead you through dark - ness in - to the light.

Benediction: *Light in the Tomb* by Steven Garneas-Holmes

Easter God, roll away the stone from the tomb of my heart.
Let the morning light of your love shine in.
As light forgives darkness, fills it, transforms it,
your love forgives me, fills me, transforms me.
I am not among the dead- my guilt, my shame, my fear.
You have brought me to life.
The light of your love raises me, sets me free, leads me out
into this new day,
beloved, living, made new.

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

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