

First United Methodist Church of Saginaw

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

October 5, 2022 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"

by John L. Bell, c2003 Wild Goose Resource Group, Iona Community, Scotland

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

God has meant this day. Through
 Je - sus rose at dawn; He
 Spir - it gave me voice, nor
 can I help but sing when

fears of death 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

moves and wills my way.
 oth - ers might live on.
 hon - ored me with choice.
 one with ev - 'ry - thing.

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:13

When you search for me, you will find me, if you seek me with all your heart.

Reading: *Welcome Morning* – by Anne Sexton

There is joy in all:
in the hair I brush each morning,
in the Cannon towel, newly washed,
that I rub my body with each morning,
in the chapel of eggs I cook
each morning,
in the outcry from the kettle
that heats my coffee
each morning,
in the spoon and the chair
that cry "hello there, Anne"
each morning,
in the godhead of the table
that I set my silver, plate, cup upon
each morning.

All this is God,
right here in my pea-green house
each morning
and I mean, though often forget,
to give thanks,
to faint down by the kitchen table
in a prayer of rejoicing
as the holy birds at the kitchen window
peck into their marriage of seeds.

So while I think of it,
let me paint a thank-you on my palm
for this God, this laughter of the morning,
lest it go unspoken.

The joy that isn't shared, I've heard,
dies young.

Silence (2 minutes)

Song: "SING TO THE LORD"

w/m Jacques Berthier, c1998 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community

The image shows a musical score for the song "Sing to the Lord". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics in English and German. The second system contains the next two lines of lyrics in English and German. The piano accompaniment is written in a simple, rhythmic style, primarily using chords and single notes.

Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, let ev-'ry-thing in me pro-claim God's sal-va-tion.
Lo - be den Herrn, mei-ne See - le, und al-les in mir sei-nen hei - li - gen Na-men!

Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, and re-mem-ber all of God's mar-vel - ous deeds!
Lo - be den Herrn, mei-ne See - le, und ver - giß nicht, was er dir Gu - tes ge - tan!

Scripture: Ephesians 1: 17-18

I pray that God may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints.

Reading: *In the Kitchen* – by Holly Bridges Elliot, from *The Tao of Now*, edited by Josh Baran

I remember this illumination happening to me one noontime as I stood in the kitchen and watched my children eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. We were having a most unremarkable time on a nondescript day, in the midst of the most quotidian of routines. I hadn't censed the table, sprinkled the place mats with holy water, or uttered a sanctifying prayer over the Wonder bread. I wasn't feeling particularly "spiritual." But, heeding I don't know what prompting, I stopped abruptly in mid-bustle, or mid-woolgathering, and looked around me as if I were opening my eyes for the first time that day.

The entire room became luminous and so alive with movement that everything seemed suspended – yet pulsating – for an instant, like light waves. Intense joy swelled up inside me, and my immediate response was gratitude – gratitude for everything, every tiny thing in that space. The shelter of the room became a warm embrace; water flowing from the tap seemed a tremendous miracle; as my children became, for a moment, not my property or my charges or my tasks, but eternal beings of infinite singularity and complexity whom I would one day, in an age to come, apprehend in their splendid fullness.

Song: "GOD IS HERE TODAY"

Traditional Mexican, arr Michael Hawn and Arturo Gonzales, c 1999 Choristers Guild

The image shows a musical score for the song "GOD IS HERE TODAY". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 3/2. The lyrics are: "God is here to - day; as cer - tain as the air I breathe, as cer - tain as the morn-ing sun that ris - es, as cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Time of Prayer – Pastor Amy Terhune

Silence (10 minutes)

Song: "LET YOUR SERVANT NOW GO IN PEACE"

w/m Jacques Berthier, c1998 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community

During the singing of this song you are invited forward to take an apple.

Let your ser - vant now— go in peace, O— Lord, now—
Lord, O— Lord,
go in peace ac - cord - ing to your word, Let your
(to your word.)

Last time

Last time

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. There are two 'Last time' markings above the final notes of the vocal line in the second system.

Benediction: *An Apple* – Bryan Latimer

You have been invited forward to take an apple.

When you consume it, do so in mindfulness, and do so in gratitude.

Consider that before the fruit there was the snowy white blossom,
pollinated by hundreds of buzzing bees.

There was the mother tree, nourished by the radiant sunshine and the gentle rain.

A mother tree that started as a tiny seed, dropped into the loving earth made fertile by earthworms.

Consider that before this fruit came to you it was harvested and brought to market
by human hands and through ingenuity.

Savor the crisp, sweet flavor and know that one apple contains a universe of blessings.

Thanks be to God.

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