

# First United Methodist Church of Saginaw

## CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

### November 2, 2022 7:00 p.m.

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

#### Song: "GOD HAS CHOSEN ME"

by John L Bell, c2008 Wild Goose Resource Group, Iona Community, Scotland

God has cho-sen me. God has cho-sen me, and in my life is plant-ed a seed.

3 (last time)

God knows that I need: its fruit shall be joy.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The score includes a first ending and a second ending marked '3 (last time)'. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Scripture: Colossians 1: 9b-12

May you lead lives fully pleasing to God, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power. May you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to God, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

JOIN US for the next contemplative service on December 7, 2022!

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Reading: *Pass On the Light* – by Steven Garneas-Holmes, [www.unfoldinglight.net](http://www.unfoldinglight.net)

This All Saints' Day,  
sing praise for the unnamed, the unknown saints,  
the quiet faithful who kept the flame alive,  
mothers who gave life,  
grandmothers who said prayers,  
fathers who taught their sons  
the courage of gentleness.  
Thank God for all who have worked for justice,  
who have offered healing and hope,  
who have practiced generosity and courage,  
who have kept the candle burning.  
Praise God for all those who have suffered,  
who have borne the light when it was hard,  
the victimized and exploited,  
who yet remained God's Beloved.

And thank God for those  
who did nothing special at all,  
who were simply the children of God,  
made holy by God's love in them,  
made saints by being created in God's image,  
who shone by being themselves,  
who honored the light of God within them,  
living their lives instead of others' demands.  
Praise God for that flame in you,  
burning right now, steady and bright,  
giving light to those who follow.  
Give thanks, and pass on the light.

Silence (2 minutes)

Song: "HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US"

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic marking. The lyrics are: "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 second system continues with the lyrics: "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 score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

## Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8-10, 12-13

Love never ends. 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 end. For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part, but 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* – By 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" – w/m Jacques Berthier, c1991 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community

--During the singing of this song you are invited forward to light a candle in honor of a saint past or present--

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line starts with a quarter note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on Bb4, and a quarter note on C5. The piano accompaniment starts with a quarter note on G3, followed by a quarter note on Bb3, a quarter note on C4, and a quarter note on D4. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line starts with a quarter note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on Bb4, and a quarter note on C5. The piano accompaniment starts with a quarter note on G3, followed by a quarter note on Bb3, a quarter note on C4, and a quarter note on D4. There are some markings in the score, including a '3' above the final note of the vocal line in the second system, indicating a triplet.

Time of Prayer – Pastor Amy Terhune

Silence (10 minutes)

Song: "NOW THAT EVENING FALLS" – w/m John L Bell c2003 WGRG, Iona Community, Scotland

1) Now that eve - ning falls, gen - tly fades the light.  
2) Grat - i - tude we raise for the day that's gone  
3) To the Mak - er's care we, in faith, com - mend  
4) Glo - ry be to God, glo - ry to the Son,

moon re - pla - ces sun and day takes leave of night.  
and for love that stays till dusk is kissed by dawn.  
all we love and long for, all we still in - tend.  
glo - ry to the Spir - it, ev - er three in one.

Benediction – By Jan Richardson, [www.paintedprayerbook.com](http://www.paintedprayerbook.com)

God of the generations, when we set our hands to labor, thinking we work alone, remind us that we carry on our lips the words of prophets,	in our veins the blood of martyrs, in our eyes the mystics' visions, in our hands the strength of thousands. Amen.
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