

First United Methodist Church of Saginaw

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

APRIL 5, 2023 7:00 p.m.

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

Song: "AGNUS DEI" - Traditional Liturgical, music by John L. Bell, c.2003 WGRG, Iona Community

1) Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the
 2) Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the

(all)
 [on us.] peace. 1) Lamb of God you take a-way the
 2) Lamb of God you take a-way the

world, have___ mer - cy on us.
 world, grant___ us your peace.

sin of the world, have___ mer - cy
 sin of the world, grant___ us your

Ending:
 Grant_ us your peace. Grant_ us your peace.

peace. Grant_ us your peace. Grant_ us your peace.

Scripture: Philippians 2: 6-9

Christ Jesus, though of God, did not cling to equality with God, but in complete self-emptying took the place of a slave, born a human. And as a human, in profound humility, Christ became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted Christ with the name that is above every name...

Reading: *Cradle and a Cross* – Ruth C Duck, from *'Touch Holiness'*.

A cradle and a cross
and between these – a life
Bethlehem and Jerusalem
A birth and death
One "of sorrows"
Who often wept.

One of joy who also kept
Sensitivity and compassion
Alive and real.
Today let us feel
The surge of that life
The beauty of that love
The power of that cross.

Silence (2 minutes)

Song: "JESUS, REMEMBER ME" – Jacques Berthier, c1998 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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Scripture: John 13: 12-16

When Jesus had finished washing the disciples' feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me Teacher and Lord, and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

Reading: *Humility* - by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, www.unfoldinglight.net

Jesus invites us to a Lenten discipline of humility.
Humility is not thinking poorly of ourselves,
ranking others higher, or mere self-abasement.
Humility is knowing the whole.
We are all a circle, where the first is last and the last is first.
Each of us is equally important.
Each is gifted, beautiful, wounded, and indispensable.
And none is more vital, honored, or deserving than another.
We each sing our note. Humility is blending in perfect harmony.
Humility enables us to take the lowest place,
or the highest, and serve as a vessel of God's grace.
It is usually the lowest place, free of privilege, power, or prestige, where grace is most clear.
God, give me the humility, trusting in your grace, to take the lowest place
and so find your glory there.

Song: "LIVE IN CHARITY" - Jacques Berthier, c1991 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community

The image shows a musical score for the song "LIVE IN CHARITY". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 2/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system contains the lyrics: "Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love, U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,". The second system contains the lyrics: "live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you. u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est." There are some musical notations like slurs and triplets (marked with a '3') in the score.

Time of Prayer - Pastor Amy Terhune

Silence (10 minutes)

Song: "STAY WITH US NOW" – John L Bell and Graham Maule, ©2003 WGRG, Iona Community

- 1) Day is almost ended
- 2) Find your way among us
- 3) Listen to the anxious
- 4) Sit beside the lonely
- 5) Contradict the callous
- 6) Comfort and disturb us
- 7) Do not ever leave us
- 8) Even when we doubt you
- 9) Maker of tomorrow
- 10) Keep us through the darkness

The image shows a musical score for the song "STAY WITH US NOW". It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with the lyrics "JE - SUS CHRIST, LORD OF ALL," and ends with a long note. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a rest and then sings "Day is al - most end - ed:" followed by "STAY WITH US NOW." The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4.

Benediction – by Bruce Prewer

It was never promised
that you will not be tempted,
not thrown into turmoil,
not stumble or fall,
but that by grace you will be saved,
through trusting God.
Grace is a free gift of God.
Gift. Just ongoing gift.
For me. For you.

You have a destiny to inherit,
over which the angels in heaven marvel.
The quiet strength of Christ,
the humble power of God,
and the pervasive light of the Spirit,
is yours
today and always.
Thanks be to God.

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JOIN US for worship on Sundays at 10am!

Join us for Holy Thursday 4/6 Soup Supper 6pm / Worship 7pm

Join us for Good Friday Worship 4/7 at 12:00pm and 12:30pm

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