

# First United Methodist Church of Saginaw

## CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

August 2, 2023 7:00 p.m.

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

### Song: "IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL"

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The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re - joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near, lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near." The score includes various chords such as Dm, C, F, F/A, Bb, Dm/F, Dm7/A, A, and Bbmaj7/C. There are also triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes.

Scripture: John 6:9

There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish.  
But what are they among so many people?

Reading: *Five Loaves, Two Fish* – by Steven Garraas Holmes, <https://unfoldinglight.net>

You can't do math on God.

The power of your gifts  
is multiplied by a mystery.

Unmeasurable,  
always too small,  
they are more than adequate,  
with enough left over  
for everyone (all twelve tribes).

This is a parable of the whole world.  
Take, bless, and give.

Silence (2 minutes)

Song: "NOTHING CAN TROUBLE"

Jacques Berthier, ©1998 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community

Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

Scripture: Luke 6: 37-38

Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you'll not be condemned.  
Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you –  
A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.  
For the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

Reading: *Spoiled Children* – by Jan Berry, <https://www.theologyofwork.org>

God, you heap your love upon us  
like a parent providing for a family's needs,  
embracing a child with tenderness.

Forgive us when, like spoiled children,  
we treat your generosity as a right,  
or hug it possessively to ourselves.

Give us enough trust to live secure in Your love  
and to share it freely with others  
in open-handed confidence  
that your grace will never run out. Amen

### Song: "GOD, FILL OUR LIVES"

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

God, fill our lives to o - ver - flow - ing and give us grace to share

all that we are and are be - com - ing through love and care.

Time of Prayer – Pastor Amy Terhune

Silence (8 minutes)

Song: "FREELY, FREELY"

w/m by Carol Owens, chorus only, c1972 Communiqué Music, Inc.

He said, "Free - ly, free - ly you have re - ceived,  
free - ly, free - ly give. Go in my name, and be -  
cause you be - lieve, oth - ers will know that I live."

The image shows a musical score for the song "FREELY, FREELY". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "He said, 'Free - ly, free - ly you have re - ceived, free - ly, free - ly give. Go in my name, and be - cause you be - lieve, oth - ers will know that I live.'"

Benediction — Richard Fairchild, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>

Dear Lord God,  
we thank you for mustard seed  
and for the wonders of yeast  
and how these things teach us about your love.

Lord, plant your seed into our lives,  
help us work your yeast into our hearts  
that wonderful things may happen.  
We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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JOIN US for worship on Sundays at 10am!  
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