# 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"



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 Garnaas Holmes, https://unfoldinglight.net

You can't do math on God.

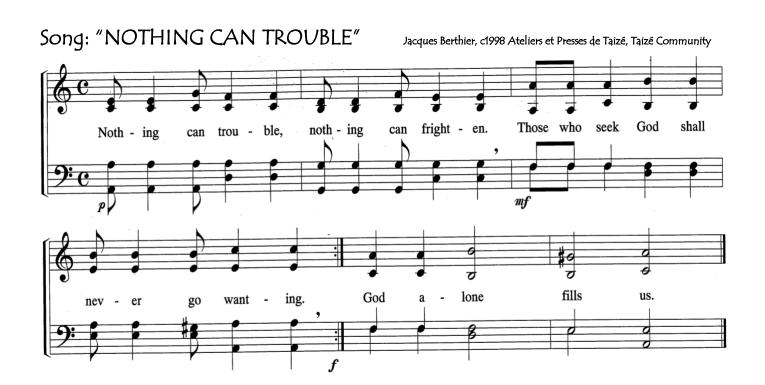
The power of your gifts is multiplied by a mystery.

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)



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; five, 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

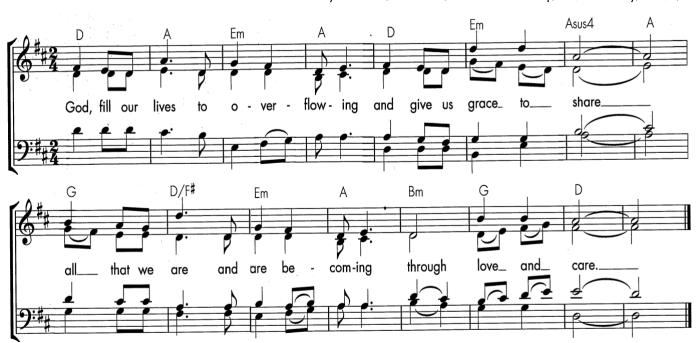
God, you heap your love upon us like a parent providing for a family's needs, embracing a child with tenderness.

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

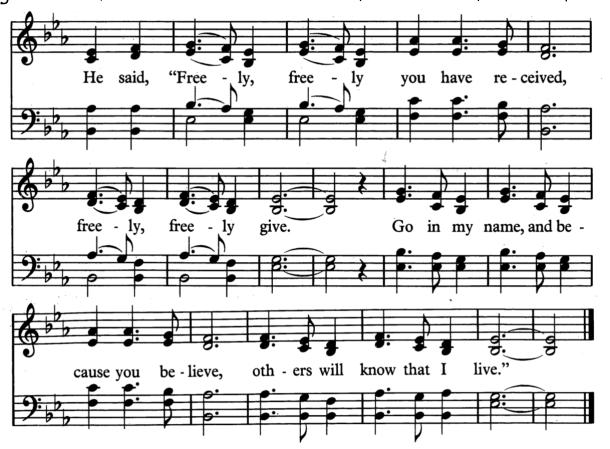
### Song: "GOD, FILL OUR LIVES"

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



Time of Prayer - Pastor Amy Terhune

Silence (8 minutes)



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.

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