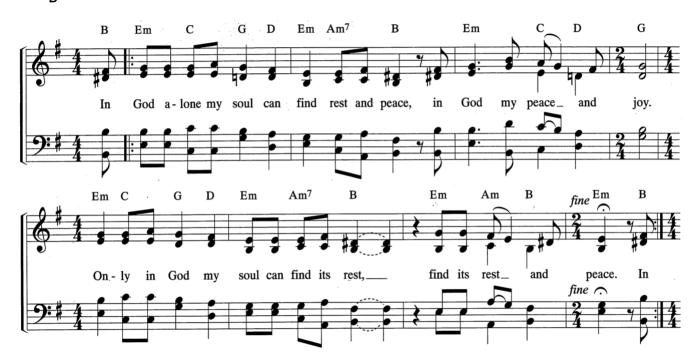
First United Methodist Church of Saginaw CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ March 6, 2024 7:00 p.m.

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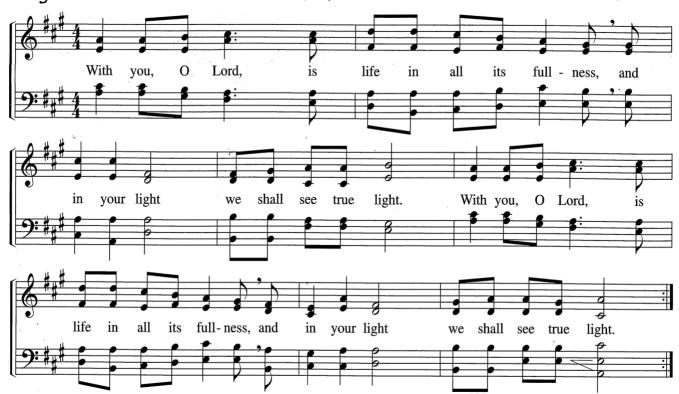
Song: "IN GOD ALONE" - w/m Jacques Berthier, c1998 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community.

Scripture: Mark 8: 36-37

What will it profit you to gain the whole world and forfeit your life? Indeed, what can you give in return for your life? Reading: Forfeit - Steven Garnaas-Holmes, www.unfoldinglight.net

God, you pour out Life in a radiant stream, flowing through my days, through this world, at the heart of all things. I confess I abandon it. I turn from the You of life to the Me of my mind; I slip out of the We of human family, away from the Us of Creation, and I forfeit real life. Earnestly making, proving, and defending myself, I cut myself off from you, my only source of life. I don't even show up. Here in my hands I have everything the world sells. And it's junk. I repent. Give me a spirit of gratitude and trust to receive your grace. Give me a heart of love, to love boldly, and so find in my hands life, true life.

Silence (2 minutes)



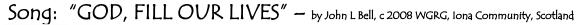
Song: "WITH YOU, O LORD" - by Jacques Berthier, c 1998 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community

Scripture: Mark 8:35

Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

Reading - Dawna Markova

I will not die an unlived life. I will not live in fear of falling or catching fire. I choose to inhabit my days, to allow my living to open me, to make me less afraid, more accessible, to loosen my heart until it becomes a wing, a torch, a promise. I choose to risk my significance; to live so that which came to me as seed goes to the next as blossom, and that which came to me as blossom goes on as fruit.



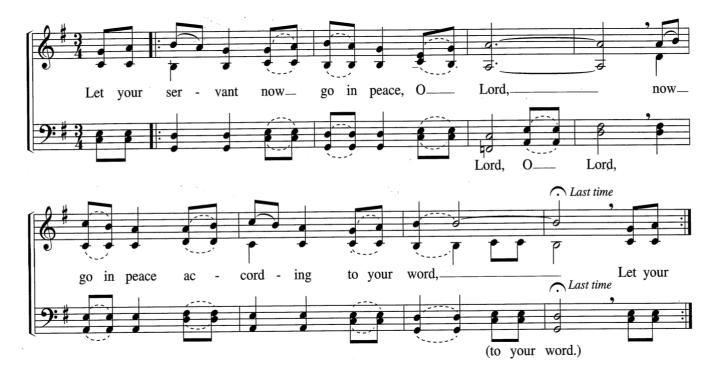


Prayer - Peg Wilken

Silence (10 minutes)

Song: "LET YOUR SEVANT NOW GO IN PEACE"

Jacques Bethier, c 1998 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community



Benediction - Ruth C Duck

Go into the world in peace. Jesus Christ is victorious over all the powers of this earth. You are free to live and die with courage, trusting in God your strength, and the Holy Spirit your comfort. Amen.

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