

First United Methodist Church of Saginaw

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

March 6, 2024 7:00 p.m.

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

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

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The guitar part is in the treble clef, and the bass part is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace_ and joy." The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The guitar part is in the treble clef, and the bass part is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "On-ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest_ and peace. In". The score includes various guitar chords such as B, Em, C, G, D, Am7, and B. The piece concludes with a "fine" marking.

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 Garraas-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

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full-ness, and
in your light we shall see true light. With you, O Lord, is
life in all its full-ness, and in your light we shall see true light.

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 un-lived 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.

Song: "GOD, FILL OUR LIVES" – by John L Bell, c 2008 WGRG, 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.

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

Let your ser - vant now— go in peace, O— Lord, now—
Lord, O— Lord,
go in peace ac - cord - ing to your word, Let your
(to your word.)

Last time

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The musical score is written for voice and piano in 3/4 time, key of D major. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords. The second system continues the vocal line with a second ending bracket and a fermata. The piano accompaniment also has a second ending bracket and a fermata. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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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JOIN US for the next contemplative service at 7pm on April 3, 2024!
JOIN US for worship on Sundays at 10am!
Check out our website: www.firstumcsaginaw.org
JOIN US for our FREE MEAL – Tues. March 12, 5:30-6:30pm

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