

First United Methodist Church of Saginaw  
CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ  
April 3, 2024 7:00 p.m.

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

Song: "BE NOT AFRAID" - w/m by Jacques Berthier, c1998 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community.

The image shows a musical score for the song "Be Not Afraid" in 4/4 time, featuring two systems of music. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system is identical to the first. The lyrics are: "Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia! Ne - boj - te se, ra - duj - te se! Kris - tus slav - ný ví - téz z hro - bu vstal."

Scripture: Romans 6:4-5

We've been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we've been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Reading: *Because He is Risen* - by Gerard Kelly, from "Spoken Worship"

Because He is risen  
Spring is possible  
In all the cold hard places gripped by winter  
And freedom jumps the queue  
To take fear's place as our focus  
Because He is risen

Because He is risen,  
My future is an epic novel  
Where it was once a mere short story  
My contract on life is renewed in perpetuity  
My options are open-ended  
My travel plans are cosmic  
Because He is risen!

Because He is risen  
Healing is on order and assured  
And every disability will bow  
Before the endless dance of his ability  
And my grave, too, will open  
When my life is restored  
For this frail and fragile body  
Will not be the final word on my condition  
Because He is risen

Because He is risen  
Hunger will go begging in the streets  
For want of a home  
And selfishness will have a shortened shelf-life.  
And we will throng to the funeral of famine  
And dance on the callous grave of war

And poverty will be history  
In our history  
Because He is risen

And because He is risen  
A fire burns in my bones  
And my eyes see possibilities  
And my heart hears hope  
Like a whisper on the wind  
And the song that rises in me  
will not be silenced  
As life disrupts this shadowed place of death  
Like a butterfly under the skin  
And death itself  
Runs terrified to hide  
Because He is risen

Silence (2 minutes)

### Song: "CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN"

*— words by Tom Colvin based on scripture, music Ghanaian folk tune, c1969 Hope Publishing Co.*



1. Christ the Lord is risen! Christ the Lord is risen! Ye - su.



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1) Christ the Lord is risen...  
2) He has conquered death...

3) He is King of Kings...  
4) He is Lord of Lords...

5) Hallelujah!...  
6) Christ the Lord is risen...

## Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15: 55-57

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Reading: *Easter* – by Steven Garñas-Holmes, [www.unfoldinglight.net](http://www.unfoldinglight.net)

In the beginning,  
God said *Let there be light*  
and the light entered the darkness  
and changed it forever.  
The darkness is still dark,  
but full of light;  
and the darkness  
cannot limit the light.  
And now God has said *Let there be life*  
and the life has entered death  
and changed it forever.  
Death is still death,  
but full of life;  
and death cannot limit life.

Christ has died  
and entered into our death  
and changed it forever.  
Christ is risen,  
risen into us,  
and we are changed forever,  
the Body of Christ.  
We are still ourselves,  
but full of Christ,  
and the self cannot limit  
the Christ in us.  
Christ is risen;  
we are risen indeed.


## Song: "OUR DARKNESS" – by Jacques Berthier, c 1998 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community, France

Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight; The  
deep - est night is clear as the day light. Our

## Prayer – Pastor Amy Terhune

Silence (10 minutes)

Song: "IN THE LORD REJOICING" – by Jacques Bethier, c 1998 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Comm.  
This song may be sung as a round.



In the Lord re-joic-ing! Christ is ris-en from the dead! Al-le-lu-ia!

Benediction: *Sharing Alleluia* – by Roddy Hamilton, "Listening to the Stones"

Alleluia is not just a word, it is a way of living...  
How many ways can we share "alleluia!"?  
When the bread is divided, alleluia  
When the table is set, alleluia  
When the hungry are fed, alleluia  
When peace is celebrated, alleluia  
When communities are brought together, alleluia  
When neighbors love each other, alleluia

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JOIN US for worship on Sundays at 10am!  
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JOIN US for our FREE MEAL – Tues. April 9, 5:30–6:30pm

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