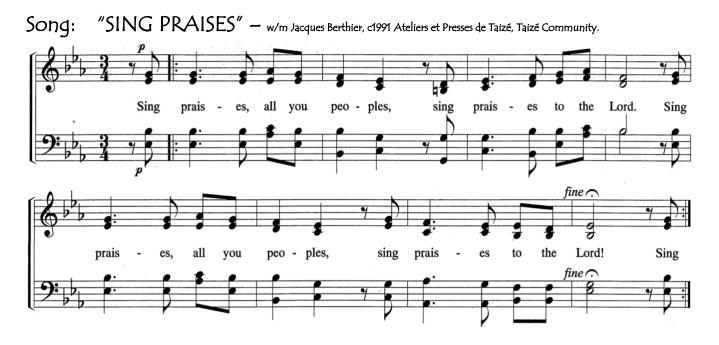
First United Methodist Church of Saginaw CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ May 1, 2024 7:00 p.m.

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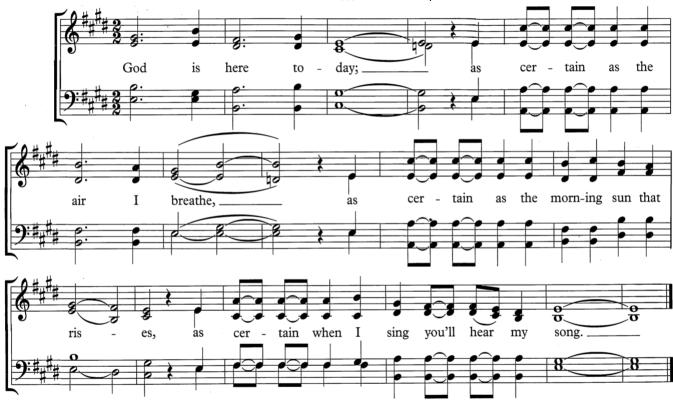


Scripture: Job 12:7-10

Ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

Reading - Mary de La Valette, from "Life Prayers"

I do not have to go To Sacred Places In far-off lands. The ground I stand on Is holy. Here, in this little garden I tend My pilgrimage ends. The wild honeybees The hummingbird moths The flickering fireflies at dusk Are a microcosm Of the Universe. Each seed that grows Each spade of soil Is full of miracles. And I toil and sweat And watch and wonder And am full of love. Living in place In this place. For truth and beauty Dwell here. Song: "GOD IS HERE TODAY" - w/m Traditional Mexican, arr. by C Michael Hawn and Arturo Gonzales, c1999 Choristers Guild

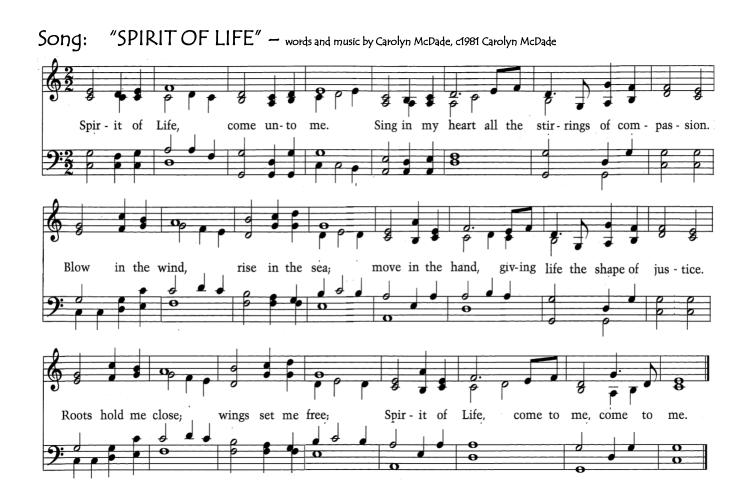


Scripture: Psalm 8:3-6

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.

Reading - Stephanie Kaza, from "Life Prayers"

Please, dear Mother Earth, Help me to stand firm on my own two feet Drawing on the solid earth below me Help me to know that constancy of your strength the power that is you, oh dear Mother Earth Help me to walk with the blood of rivers in my veins and the dark crumbling soil of earth in my flesh Let my muscles be strong as the tree trunks that rise up out of your belly To dance in the sky and sing praises to the life all around Beating, pulsing, rich and full with your sweet sure energy. Oh dear Mother Earth, live in this body today. Sing loudly in every breath I take Stretch wildly and flow feely with all the directions I move and come home with me, come home to my belly live deep in my soul oh mother earth, SING!



Prayer - Pastor Amy Terhune

Silence (10 minutes)

Song: "THIS IS GOD'S WORLD" - w/m by John L Bell, c2008 WGRG, Ionia Community, Scotland



Benediction - Pat Cane

We join with the Earth and with each other, to bring new life to the land, to recreate the human community, to provide justice and peace, to remember our children,

to remember who we are. We join together as many and diverse expressions of the one loving mystery, for the healing of the Earth and the renewal of all Life.

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