

# First United Methodist Church of Saginaw

## CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

### September 4, 2024 7:00 p.m.

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

Song: "GOD HAS CHOSEN ME" w/m by John L Bell, c2008, WGRG, Iona Community, Scotland

God has cho-sen me. God has cho-sen me, and in my life is plant-ed a seed.

3 (last time)  
God knows that I need: its fruit shall be joy.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

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Reading: Passages from *On Work* – by Kahlil Gibran

When you work,  
you are a flute through whose heart the whispering of the hours turns to music.  
And when you work with love,  
you bind yourself to yourself, and to one another, and to God.  
And what is it to work with love?  
It is to weave the cloth with threads drawn from your own heart,  
even as if your beloved were to wear that cloth.  
It is to build a house with affection,  
even as if your beloved were to dwell in that house.  
It is to sow seeds with tenderness and reap the harvest with joy,  
even as if your beloved were to eat the fruit.  
It is to charge all things you fashion with a breath of your own spirit,  
and to know that all the blessed dead are standing about you and watching.  
Work is love made visible.

Silence (2 minutes)

Song: "LORD, BE GLORIFIED" w/m by Bob Kilpatrick, c1978 Prism Tree Music



In our lives, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied.

In our lives, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to - day.

Scripture: Matthew 20:25-28

Jesus called the disciples to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you. Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Reading: *A Prayer For Those Who Labor* – Steve Garnaas-Holmes

God bless those who labor,  
who with their bodies make this world a better place.  
Bless those who labor too long, too young, or too hard,  
who bear the danger, dirt, and drudgery we won't,  
who pick our fruit and weave our shirts,  
harvest chocolate, package shrimp,  
and cleanse our cities of our waste.  
Bless those who are exploited, enslaved, or abused.  
Bless them; satisfy them; give them rest.  
Give us gratitude for all who labor for our sake.  
And bless the labors of our hands and hearts,  
the labors of our words and votes and dollars,  
that by our labors and your grace  
we too may make this world a better place. Amen

Song: "THE KINGDOM OF GOD" w/m Jacques Berthier, c2007 Ateliers de Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your - king - dom. The". The score includes repeat signs and a "(Last time)" instruction with a smiley face symbol.

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(Last time 😊)

Time of Prayer – Pastor Amy Terhune

Silence (10 minutes)

Song: "A PLACE AT THE TABLE" words by Shirley Erena Murray, music by Lori True, c2001 GIA Publications, Inc.

(Sing this chorus after each of the following verses are sung by worship leaders.)

- 1) For everyone born, a place at the table...      3) For young and for old, a place at the table...  
2) For woman and man, a place at the table...      4) For everyone born, a place at the table...

And God will de - light \_\_\_\_\_ when we are cre - a - tors of  
jus - tice and joy, \_\_\_\_\_ yes, God will de - light \_\_\_\_\_  
when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, \_\_\_\_\_  
jus - tice and joy! \_\_\_\_\_

Benediction – Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren, [www.rockhay.tripod.com](http://www.rockhay.tripod.com)

Remember that no curtain separates us from the presence of the Lord.  
Therefore, every table at which you will sit this week,  
be it a school desk, a work bench, a lunch counter,  
a meeting room table, an office desk, a board across sawhorses,  
your own dining room table;  
every table is God's altar.  
So boldly pray, hold fast to hope,  
and encourage and provoke one another to put love into action.  
Amen.

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