

First United Methodist Church of Saginaw

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

July 2, 2025 7:00 p.m.

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

Song: "COME AND FILL"

w/m Jacques Berthier, c1991 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community, France

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al-le-lu-ia!

Scripture: John 4: 13-14

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I give them will never be thirsty. The water that I give them will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

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ALL ARE WELCOME at worship on Sundays at 10am!
ALL ARE WELCOME at our FREE MEAL – Tues. July 8, 5:30–6:30pm
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Reading: *Living Water* – *Prayerist.com*

In the dry wilderness of our lives,
in the days of heat and thirst,
you offer us living water.
Thank you, gracious and generous God.

When we begin to doubt your presence,
and grumble that your love is unreliable,
you offer us living water.
Thank you, gracious and generous God.

When life's regrets
and the bad choices we have made
leave us feeling excluded and unworthy,
you offer us living water.
Thank you, gracious and generous God.

When circumstances,
or the inhumanity of others,
have left us alone and wounded,
you offer us living water.
Thank you, gracious and generous God.

We thank you and praise you, O God,
that however we may thirst,
whatever we may need to satisfy our souls,
you offer it freely and abundantly in Christ;

So we drink deep of the living water
and, as we draw from your wells,
we seek to pass the cup to others
who, like us, are thirsty for your grace

Silence (2 minutes)

Song: "YOU WHO ARE THIRSTY"

w/m by Barbara Ross, c1992 Palm Branch Music, Inc.

During the singing of this song, you are invited to bring your cup forward and take a drink of cool water.

You who are thirst - y, come to the well and drink from wa-ters flow - ing.

You who are hun - gry, come to the bread and eat of his ho - li-ness.

You who are tired, find rest. You who are weak, find strength.

You who are thirst - y, come to the well and drink.

Scripture: John 7: 37-38

Jesus cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Whoever believes in me, from their heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

Reading: *The Highest Good* – Lao Tzu, *Tao te Ching*, verse 8, translated Ralph Alan Dale

The highest good is like water,
nourishing life effortlessly,
flowing without prejudice
to the lowliest places.

It springs from all
who nourish their community
with a benevolent heart as deep as an abyss,
who are incapable of lies and injustices,
who are rooted in the earth,
and whose natural rhythms of action
play midwife to the highest good
of each pregnant moment.

Song: "BAPTIZED IN WATER"

w/m by John Bell, c 2008 Wild Goose Resource Group, Iona Community, Scotland

Brightly

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is characterized by frequent triplets, indicated by a '3' over groups of three notes. The lyrics are: 'Bap-tized in wa-ter, graft-ed to Je-sus, sealed with the sign of grace, I am com-mis-sioned with all be-liev-ers to show God's hu-man face.' The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first line of music and the first part of the lyrics. The second system, marked with a '4' at the beginning, contains the second line of music and the second part of the lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of simple chords and moving lines in both hands, often mirroring the triplet patterns of the vocal melody.

Bap-tized in wa-ter, graft-ed to Je-sus, sealed with the sign of grace, I am com-

mis-sioned with all be-liev-ers to show God's hu-man face.

Prayer – Pastor Amy Terhune

Silence (10 minutes)

Song: "IN GOD ALONE"

w/m Jacques Berthier, c1991 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community, France

The musical score for "IN GOD ALONE" is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The piano accompaniment starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics for the first system are: "In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "joy. On - ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace." The piano accompaniment continues with the same key signature and time signature.

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joy. On - ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

Benediction – Ruth Duck

May you receive kindness like a deep well,
share laughter like living water,
and feel wind that chases the fog away
in the days to come,
so that you are constantly reminded
of the presence of God
and you dip and drink
and fly the kite of your soul. Amen.

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