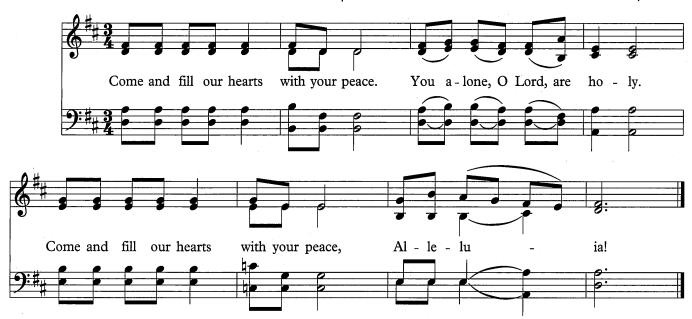
First United Methodist Church of Saginaw CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ July 2, 2025 7:00 p.m.

----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



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 qushing up to eternal life."

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;

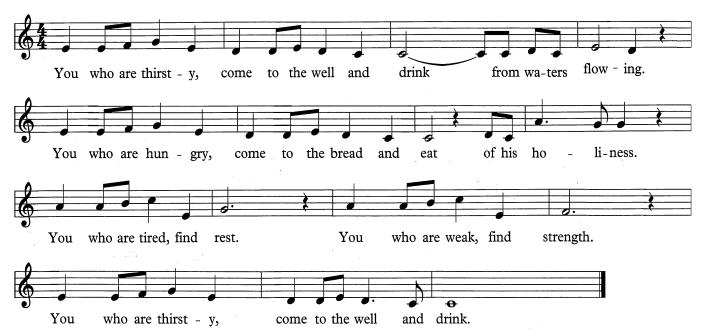
So we drink deep of the living water and, as we draw from your wells, we seek to pass the cup to others who, like us, are thirsty for your grace

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.



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.'"

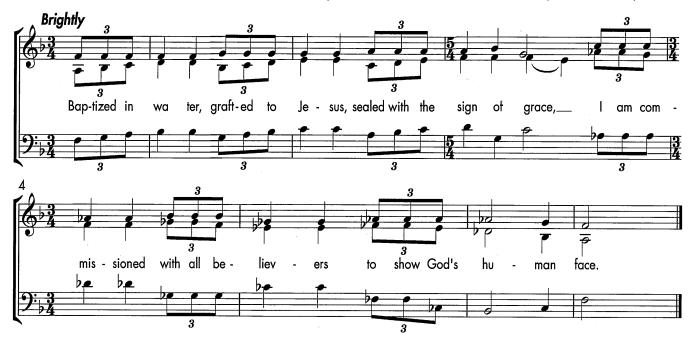
Reading: The Highest Good - Lao Tzu, Tao te Ching, verse 8, translated Ralph Alan Dale

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"

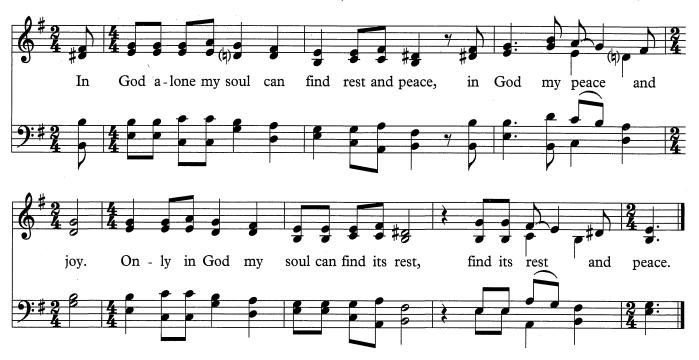
w/m by John Bell, c 2008 Wild Goose Resource Group, Iona Community, Scotland



Silence (10 minutes)

Song: "IN GOD ALONE"

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



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.

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