

First United Methodist Church of Saginaw  
CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ  
FEBRUARY 4, 2026 7:00 p.m.

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

Song: "LOVE IS THE WELCOME"

w/m by Kathy Galloway, c2003 Kathy Galloway

A musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music. The top staff is for a soprano voice, the middle staff is for a bassoon, and the bottom staff is for a piano. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first section of lyrics is: "Love is the welcome that comes from the heart And opens its door to the stranger, Which makes of its house a rest-ing-place for all, For the sake of the babe in the man-ger." The score includes various dynamics and rests, such as eighth and sixteenth notes, and a sustained note on the piano staff.

Scripture: John 13:34-35

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Reading: *Shantideva Prayer* – Adapted by Karen G Johnston  
(Shantideva was an 8<sup>th</sup> century Buddhist monk)

May I be a guard for those who need protection;  
when I seek protection, may I find it and share it.  
For those who wish to cross to a further shore, may I be a boat, a raft, a bridge.  
May I be open to the companionship of others as I make my way to places still before me.  
May I be a lamp in the darkness for all who seek it;  
may that light never be extinguished from my own sight and my own heart.  
May I be a resting place for the weary and be healing medicine for all who are sick;  
may I know the salve of others for my own afflictions,  
whether of the body or of the mind or of the heart.  
Where others see scarcity, may I see a vase of plenty, a tree of miracles.  
As part of the boundless multitudes of living beings, may I bring sustenance and  
awakening, freedom from sorrow, and may I delight in our common existence.  
Holding most tenderly those with broken hearts, let us sit together in stillness.

Silence (2 minutes)

Song: "LIVE IN CHARITY"

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

Live in charity, and steadfast love, ...  
... live in charity; God will dwell <sup>3</sup> with you.

## Scripture: Luke 10:25-29

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" The man answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, the man asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

## Reading: *Good Samaritan* – by Stephen Garnaas-Holmes

People say you should be a good Samaritan.  
You can't.  
Samaritans were despised outsiders.  
Good or not, you have too much privilege  
to be a Samaritan.  
That's for the queers, the immigrants,  
the trans, the blacks, the homeless.  
You can be good,  
You can be generous to strangers,  
even to your enemy.  
But you are not the hero of this story.  
You can't be.

You're the one in the ditch.  
Your neighbor is the other one.  
You call them rapists  
and they pick your fruit.  
You call them shiftless and dangerous  
and they build your economy.  
You abhor them and they bless you.  
Stop making it about you.  
Confess your dependence.  
Receive your neighbor's grace.  
Be humbly grateful.  
Let yourselves be neighbors.

## Song: "JESU, JESU"

Chorus only, Words by Tom Colvin, music Ghana folk song, c1989 Hope Publishing Company

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show  
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

## Time of Prayer – Pastor Amy Terhune

Silence (10 minutes)

### Song: "THIS WE SHALL DO"

words based on Micah 6:8, music by John L Bell, c2008 WGRG, Iona Community.

A musical score for two voices (soprano and bass) and piano. The score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in G major and the bottom staff is in C major. The piano part is on the right. The lyrics are integrated into the music. The first section of the song is in 4/4 time, and the second section is in 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "just - ly, love mer - cy, walk", "This we shall do, oh, this we shall do: act just - ly, love mer - cy, walk humb - ly with our God...". The second section continues with the same lyrics. The score ends with a measure in 2/4 time followed by a final measure in 8/8 time.

### Benediction:

from Baptist Union of Great Britain

God of love, open our eyes, that we might not cross the road from human need.

Grant us the insight to see the need in others,  
the wisdom to know what to do, and the will to do it.

Give us a deep love for you,  
that we might see your love at work in this world,  
and that we might Go and do likewise. Amen

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