

First United Methodist Church of Saginaw

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

August 5, 2026 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!
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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, ©1992 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: *Cup of Water* – Stephen Garnaas-Holmes, www.unfoldinglight.net

You can be a flower by the side of the road.
You can be a fountain for whoever passes by.
You can be a lighthouse where the coast is uncertain.
You can be a handrail, a park bench, and umbrella.
You can be the voice that does not jeer,
that calms, encourages, or thanks.
"Whoever gives even a cup of cold water
to one of these little ones will not lose their reward."

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 piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Bap-tized in wa ter, graft-ed to Je - sus, sealed with the sign of grace, I am com -". The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "mis - sioned with all be - liev - ers to show God's hu - man face." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests. There are also triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes.

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

Silence (10 minutes)

Song: "THE LORD IS MY SONG"

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

Em C⁶ D G C Am⁶ B

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God. The

Em C⁶ D G⁶ Am B Em *fine*

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O
Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well - spring of life. The

Benediction – Ruth C. 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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