

December 2, 2022

"Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends but continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again." Brother Roger of Taizé

Silence is observed by all prior to the service for prayer and reflection

Welcome

THE GATHERING:

Come and Fill Our Hearts

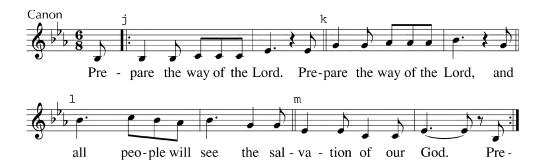


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Prepare the Way of the Lord



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Scripture Reading: Luke 3:1-6

Wait for the Lord



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THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

As the congregation sings, the people are invited to take a candle from the basket, light it from the candles on the table, and place it upright in one of the bowls of sand, representing the uniting of our hopes and prayers.



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THE SILENCE

When we try to express communion with God in words, we rapidly reach the end of our capacities, which is why silence is so essential in discovering the heart of prayer. Remaining in silence in God's presence, open to the Spirit, is already prayer.

(5 minutes)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

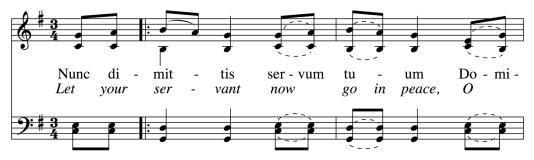
Each petition will conclude with the words, "Lord, in your mercy," after which the congregation is invited to respond: **Hear our prayer.**

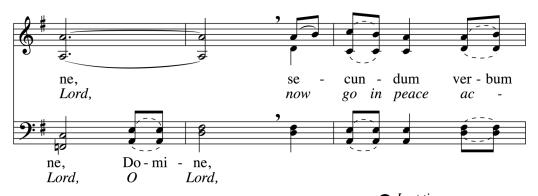
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

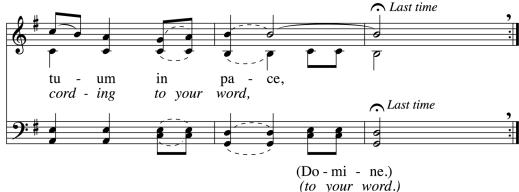
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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Nunc Dimittis / Let Your Servant Now Go in Peace







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What is a Taizé service?

Taizé (pronounced "teh-zay") is a contemplative form of prayer and meditation. Taizé services are modeled after those held in the ecumenical Christian community in Taizé, France and are characterized by simple chants, rich silence, abundant candles, and time for quiet and shared prayers of the heart.

Offering

Baskets at the sanctuary exits are available for those wishing to make an offering. All funds will be donated to Family Promise, an organization assisting homeless families in our region.

Thank you for joining us this evening.

The Rev. Tracy S. Daub, Minister

Guest musicians this evening:

Nathan Barnes, trumpet
Robert Sowyrda, oboe
John P. Novak, piano
Jeffrey Thompson, violin and cantor
Nancy Van Baak, recorders and cantor

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The Taizé Community is an ecumenical monastic order in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. It is composed of more than one hundred brothers, from Catholic and Protestant traditions, who originate from about thirty countries across the world. It was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schütz, a Reformed Protestant. Guidelines for the community's life are contained in The Rule of Taizé written by Brother Roger and first published in French in 1954.

Thank you for joining us this evening.

A wonderful way to enter the season of Advent!