



TAIZÉ

PRAYER THAT QUIETS THE MIND
OPENS THE HEART
FEEDS THE SOUL

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING
MARCH 16, 2025 AT FIVE THIRTY PM

GATHERING IN HARMONY

Welcome..... Will McLeane

Meditative Song The Lord Is My Light

Calmly (♩ = 66)

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Chords: A1 (Dm), A2 (G), B1, B2, fine

Ubi Caritas

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Chords: F, C, Dm, Bb, D, G, C, F, Gm, C, F

Confitemini Domino

♩ = 66

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

Chords: D, Bm, D, A, Em, C, Em, A, D

CONTEMPLATION AND MEDITATION

Short Silence

Contemplative Reading

Psalm 27:1-6, by David The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation

YHWH, you are my light, my salvation—
whom will I fear?

You are the fortress of my life—
of whom will I be afraid?

When my enemies attack me,
spreading vicious lies about me
wherever they go,
they, my adversaries and foes,
will stumble and fall.

Though an army mounts a siege against me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
I'll still be confident.

One thing I ask of you, YHWH,
one thing I seek:
that I may dwell in your house
all the days of my life,
to gaze on your beauty
and to meditate in your Temple.
You will keep me safe in your shelter
when trouble arises,
you will hide me
under the cover of your Tabernacle-
you'll set me on a rock,
high and out of reach.
Then I'll be able to hold my head up,
even with my enemies surrounding me.
I will offer in your Tabernacle
sacrifices of great joy-
I'll sing and make music to you, YHWH!

Short Silence

Contemplative Reading

Isaiah 55 The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation

All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!
You who have no money,
come, buy food and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk,
without money, without price!
Why spend your money for what is not bread,
your wages for what fails to satisfy?
Heed me, and you will eat well,
you will delight in rich fare;
bend your ear and come to me,
listen, that you may have life:
I will make an everlasting Covenant with you-
in fulfillment of the blessings promised to David.

See, I have made of you to be a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander of the nations.
See, you will summon nations you never knew,
and nations that never knew you will come hurrying to you-
for the sake of YHWH, the Holy One of Israel,
who will glorify you.
Seek me, YHWH, while I may still be found,
call upon me while I am near!
Let the corrupt abandon their ways,
the evil of their thoughts.
Let them return to YHWH, and I will have mercy on them;
return to God, for I will freely pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways, my ways," says YHWH.
"As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.
For just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful,
giving seed to the sower and bread for food,
so will my word be
that goes forth from my mouth:
it will not return to me empty, but will carry out my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.

And you will go out joyfully,
and be led out in peace;
the mountains and hills before you
will break into cries of joy,
and all the trees in the countryside
will clap their hands.
The cypress will grow in place of the thorn bush,
the myrtle will replace the rivers;
and they will stand as a memorial to YHWH,
an everlasting sign never to be destroyed.

Sung Response to Reading
O Word of God

O Word of God, come in - to this space. O Word of
God, come send us your grace. O - pen our minds;
show us your truth. Trans-form our lives a - new.

Short Silence

Guided Meditation

Extended Silence

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Our Common Prayer

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Short Silence

Invitation for Healing Prayer James 5:14

Are any among you sick?
They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them,
anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

Songs for Healing
Within Our Darkest Night

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a -
Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés al - lu - me le feu qui ne s'é - teint ja -
way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the
mais, ne - s'é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le
fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est
feu qui ne s'é - teint ja - mais, ne s'é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri -

Songs for Healing
Lord Jesus Christ

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.

Let not my doubts nor my dark-ness speak to me.

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.

Let my heart al-ways wel - come your love.

Stay With Us

Stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, night will soon fall. Then
Bleib mit dei - ner Gna - de bei uns, Herr Je - su Christ. Ach,

stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, light in our dark - ness.
bleib mit dei - ner Gna - de bei uns, du treu - er Gott.

In God Alone

In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace_ and joy.
Mon â - me se re - pose en paix sur Dieu seul: de lui vient mon_ se - lut.

On - ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest_ and peace. In
Oui, sur Dieu seul mon â - me se re - po - se, se re - pose_ en paix. Mon

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Silence

BLESSING GOD'S PRESENCE

Blessing Prayer

Song of Blessing

Let Your Servant

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes the Latin text 'Nunc di - mit - tis ser - vum tu - um Do - mi - ne, se -' and the English translation 'Let your ser - vant now - go in peace, O Lord, now -'. The second system includes 'cun - dum ver - bum tu - um in pa - ce,' and 'go in peace ac - cord - ing to your word,'. The score concludes with a 'Last time' marking and the instruction '(Do - mi - ne.) (to your word.)'.

Nunc di - mit - tis ser - vum tu - um Do - mi - ne, se -
Let your ser - vant now - go in peace, O Lord, now -

ne, Do - mi - ne, Lord, O Lord, Last time

cun - dum ver - bum tu - um in pa - ce,
go in peace ac - cord - ing to your word, Last time

(Do - mi - ne.)
(to your word.)

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THE TAIZÉ PILGRIMAGE COMMUNITY

Taizé [teh-ZAY] is a tiny village hidden away in the hills of Burgundy in the eastern part of France. Since 1940, it has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers and sisters whose prayer, three times daily, is at the center of their life. Today, Taizé is a place to which visitors of all ages and backgrounds travel as pilgrims to participate in international meetings of prayer, Bible study, and reflection.

The music of the Taizé community is designed as short responses which are sung over and over again by the congregation. This repetition of a short phrase or two quiets the busy, everyday chatter of the mind so worshipers can access the deeper realms of heart and soul. As the congregation repeats this response (ostinato), the cantor and instrumentalists overlay this melody with their own, either composed or improvised.

Some of the texts are in Latin. The sound of the Latin vowels is especially clear and simple, helping to create the beauty and calm of the music. If you prefer, however, you may sing all the chants in English.

Healing is a journey toward spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental wholeness. Healing happens in relationship with Self, Others, and God. Healing brings peace.

THE ICON

In our service this evening, we are featuring an icon painted by local artist Suzan Sommers, entitled "The Black Madonna." The history of figures of women with dark skin which appeared in Europe during the Middle Ages is not clear. Some feel these figures represented the Earth Mother, as a complement to Mary, the mother of Jesus, who was the "Queen of Heaven."

Some say these figures are the result of the way the materials used to create them aged. Others say the inspiration for these figures is from the "Song of Songs," chapter 1, verse 5: "I am black but beautiful." Since no one knows for sure, you may select your favorite among these interpretations or come up with your own. Closer inspection of the painting reveals small figures of the infant Jesus and an angel. You are welcome to approach the painting after the service to view it at closer range.

Bulletin Cover Art

Our bulletin cover is a photograph of a still lake surrounded by trees, some of which are bare and others still holding dead leaves.

The lake reflects these trees along with the cloudless, vibrant blue sky.

This photo was taken at the Abbey of Gethsemane in Trappist, KY by Andrew Callis.

A Warm Welcome

Welcome to West End United Methodist Church!
We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond.

We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political, and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all without regard to gender identity, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability.

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We believe that God loves everyone unconditionally!

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