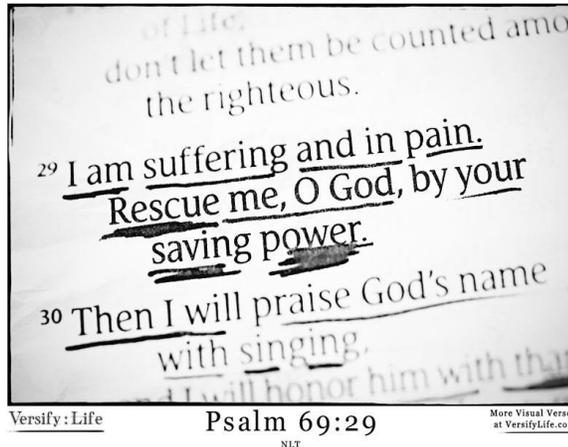


Lenten Taizé Service

Wednesday, March 15 2023



As you meditate this evening, take time to reflect on the candles flickering in front of the cross and what it means that Jesus is the light of the world.

Taizé

A Taizé service is a service of song and silence, prayer and scripture, that offers to lead participants to contemplate and celebrate their relationship with God and with one another. The music repeats many times. It begins with a simple melody that we sing together, and sometimes stays that way, and sometimes builds as it progresses. If you would sometimes prefer to quit singing and experience the music as an observer, please do.

Texts are short and reflective as well. It is always good to think about a reading, but Taizé invites you to feel a reading and to interact with it.

Prayers are invitational and conversational. You are not addressing a faraway being, but entering a dialogue with the living present Christ.

Silence is intentional, there are opportunities to wonder or to consider the words or music you have heard. If a silence feels too long, you might ponder the bulletin cover or focus on the flickering candles.

After the service, you may stay in the sanctuary as long as you like for prayer or simply to dwell in silence.

Gathering Hymn:

Come and Fill Our Hearts with your Peace

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You O Lord alone are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Amen.

Silence

Psalm 19

Silence

Scripture reading: John 2:13-22

Meditation time

Hymn: O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Vs. 1 O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.

Vs. 2 The Lord is my song,
the Lord is my praise:
all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song,
the Lord is my praise:
God, the wellspring of life.

Prayer

Silence

Hymn: Stay with Me

Stay with me, remain here with me.
Watch, and pray.
Watch and pray.

Please feel free to stay in the sanctuary as long as you want for prayer. You may want to stand or kneel at the cross for prayer.

When you are finished, please leave the sanctuary and church in meditative silence.

If you feel a need for prayer and conversation after the service, please let the pastor know and space for holy conversation and prayer will be made available for you.

If you are joining us online, you may contact the pastor by her confidential email address: Pastor2stp@gmail.com

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