

Lenten Taize Service

Wednesday March 22, 2023



Take time to reflect on the purple cloth which drapes the cross. Purple, the color of royalty, reminds us that Jesus our king offered himself for our redemption.

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 both God and 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 prefer not to sing and simply listen to the music, 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.

++ Prayer is 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 candles or the cloth.

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

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Gathering Hymn: Come and Fill Our Hearts with your Peace

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Amen

Silence

Scripture reading: *Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32*

Silence

Scripture reading: *John 3:14-21*

Silence

Hymn: Nothing Can Trouble

Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

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 or 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:

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