

*Midweek Lenten
Taizé Service*



*Shenkel UCC
March 25, 2026
6:30 p.m.*

Background

This evening's worship follows the Taizé style. A meditative atmosphere is created through the use of candles, repetitive singing, scripture and readings.

What is Taizé? Taizé is a meditative style of worship begun in the village of Taizé in France. Since 1940, an ecumenical community of brothers, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, pray daily, striving for "communion of all." People, and in particular youth, come from around the world to participate in retreats of prayer and reflection at Taizé.

What should I expect? When you enter the worship area, you will experience a quiet atmosphere with candlelight. A chime will announce the beginning and the end of the service. We invite you to come in quietly, be seated, and listen. You will hear music and readings and you are welcome to sing along once the tune is familiar.

What kind of music is Taizé? The songs are simple, repetitive melodies with meaningful words. You are invited to listen, sing along, or add harmonies. The singing contributes to the meditative atmosphere, and you may participate however you like.

How can I find out more about this style of worship? The community of Taizé has a website in many languages: www.taize.fr. In the ecumenical world, there are many variations of the worship style, but they all include music, readings, and creating a quiet place of communion.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP, PLEASE LEAVE THE WORSHIP AREA IN SILENCE.

Enter in Silence

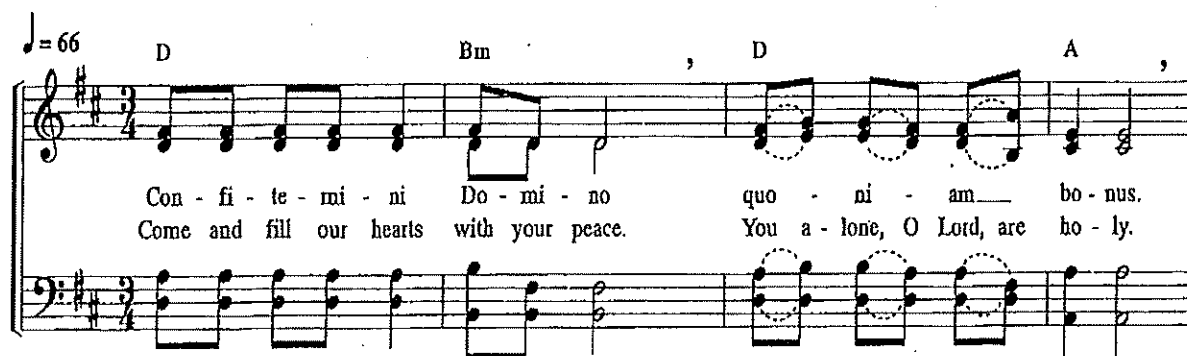
Bell Chime

Song

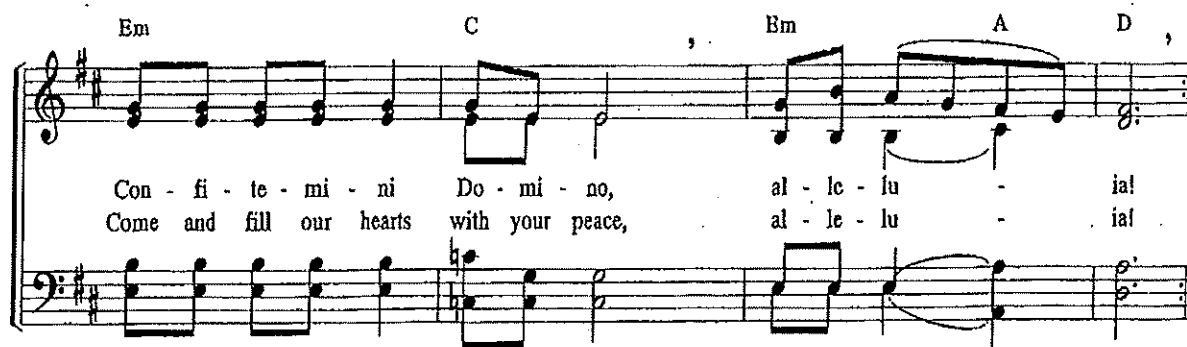
Come and fill

Confitemini Domino 28

♩ = 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!

Opening Prayer

O God of the morning and of the evening hours, let your Spirit come on us here gathered. This is the holy place where we, your people, call on you in faith, joining heart and voice in thanksgiving and praise to your name. Amen.

Song

“Be Still and Know” NCH 743

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Ps. 46:10

Music: Anon.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, ending with a double bar line.

Psalm 118 (Nan Merrill version)

We give thanks to You,
O Beloved,
for You are kind;
your steadfast love endures
forever!

Yes, You opened to me the gates
of truth and justice
that I might enter through them.
Praise be to You, O Merciful One!
This is the gate to Life;
those who know Love shall
enter through it.

I give thanks to You, O Beloved, who
answer our prayers
and invite us to new Life.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the foundation
of our lives.
This, O Eternal Listener, is your work;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day which You have made
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Remain ever by our side, O Friend!
 Come, live in our hearts as
 Loving Companion Presence!

Blessed are all who enter through
 your gates!
 Blessed are all who dwell in
 the house of Love!
 For You lead the Way, You forgive
 our misguided ways, and
 You bring Light into darkness.
 Come, all you who will, partake of
 the Great Banquet!

You are my Beloved, and I will
 give thanks to You;
 You are my Beloved, greatly
 will I praise You!

We give thanks to You, O Blessed One,
 for You are Kind; your steadfast
 love endures forever!

Song

47 In the Lord

El Senyor

♩ = 69 Dm C F B♭ C Dm C F C B♭ A 3

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-
 El Se-nyor és la me-va for-ça, el Se-nyor el mc-u cant. Ell m'haç-stat la sal-va-ci-

Dm C F B♭ C Am Dm B♭ C *fine* F Dm C

fráid; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near. In the
 ó. En ell con-fi-o, i no tinc por. En ell con-fi-o, i no tinc por. El Se-

For the Sake of Tiny Resurrections (Rev. Sarah Speed)

We took the kids to the beach,
a herd of children lathered in sunscreen.
We spent most of the day building sandcastles,
swimming in the shallows,
wiping sand off their eyelashes and noses.
Things changed
when a small fish washed up on shore.

The children saw it first—
a little body gasping to survive.
They cried out—
Quick! We have to save it!
We grabbed our buckets.
We sprinted to the waterline.
We scooped up the dying fish
and returned it to the waves.

The kids sagged with relief as the fish jolted to life,
a tiny resurrection in front of our very eyes.
Full of pride, I said to them—
You did something good.
Today, you saved a life.
A seven-year-old with sun-kissed cheeks
took the bucket from my hands and said,
I'd like to save some more.

He spent the afternoon patrolling the waves,
hoping to dole out mercy to any shore-washed fish.
He carried his bucket around all day, because
love inspires love.
Love will make you want to
patrol the shoreline,
sing *Hosanna*,
witness a resurrection,
save some more—
one bucket of water at a time.

Silence (2 minutes)

During the song, you are invited to take a votive candle, say a prayer, and place the candle at the foot of the cross.

Song

20 The Lord is my song

O Lord, hear my prayer

♩ = 72

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

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

Closing Prayer

May the great Ruler of all high places, God of many names, touch you with a wind that keeps you strong, for all the days to come. Amen.

Dona Nobis Pacem

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Do-na no-bis pa - cem, pa-cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.



Do - na no - bis pa-cem. Do-na no-bis pa - cem.



Do - na no - bis pa-cem. Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

Latin pronunciation: Dō-nā nō-bēs pá-chēm (Give us peace)

Text: Traditional
Music: Traditional

DONA NOBIS PACEM
irregular

Bell Chime

*Please leave the worship area in silence.
Go...Be and do what God calls you to be and do...
Go in peace!*

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