

*Midweek Lenten
Taizé Service*



*Shenkel UCC
March 18, 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

D Bm , D A ,

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.

Detailed description: This system of musical notation is for the first part of the song. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 66. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: D, Bm, D, and A. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

Em C Em A D ,

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

Detailed description: This system of musical notation is for the second part of the song. It continues with the same treble and bass clef, key signature, and time signature. Chords are indicated above the staff: Em, C, Em, A, and D. The melody and accompaniment continue from the first system. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

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

743

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 clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody line with notes and rests, and the bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Green, Green is my Sister's House

Don't you dare climb that tree
or even try, they said, or you will be
sent away to the hospital of the
very foolish, if not the other one.
And I suppose, considering my age,
it was fair advice.

But the tree is a sister to me, she
lives alone in a green cottage
high in the air and I know what
would happen, she'd clap her green hands,
she'd shake her green hair, she'd
welcome me. Truly

I try to be good but sometimes
a person just has to break out and
act like the wild and springy thing
one used to be. It's impossible not
to remember *wild* and want it back. So

if someday you can't find me you might
look into that tree or – of course
it's possible – under it.

Mary Oliver

Song

47 In the Lord

El Senyor

♩ = 69

Dm C F B♭ C Dm C F C B♭ A₃

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 me-u cant. Ell m'haç-stat la sal-va-ci-

Dm C F B♭ C Am Dm B♭ C *fine* F Dm C

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

You know

He said, "He opened the eyes of a man born blind."

They responded,

*"You were born entirely in sins,
and are you trying to teach us?"*

And they drove him out.

—John 9.32, 34

There are things you know, deep down,
powerful truths you may or may not have words for,
but you know they are true.

They may only be questions you have,
but you have them. You know.

Those truths, even the questions,
will threaten some people.

Even the possibilities threaten
systems and power structures they rely on.

They will try to convince you
you don't know, you haven't seen,
you haven't experienced, you can't question.

But you can, and you do.

Whenever you are thrown out,
you land in the lap of Jesus.
He is not afraid of the possibilities,
nor of others who are afraid.
He creates a fortress of truth,
where what you know is honored.
He gives you quiet time and space
to attend to what is deep within,
to discern with an open heart,
to trust your deep inner knowing,
even your deep, quiet questioning.
Even when you question what you think you know,
you do so under his loving gaze, through his eyes,
not the anxious eyes of the doubters.

Wherever you are in this cynical world,
you are also in the fortress of truth
that cannot be breached.
Trust what you know. There is power there.

Steve Garnass-Holmes

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

29 Nothing can trouble

Nada te turbe

The musical score is written in common time (C) with a tempo of 72. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system includes the lyrics: "Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall". The second system includes the lyrics: "na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta. nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamics (p, mf, f). Chord symbols are provided above the vocal line: Am, Dm7, G, Em/C, F, Dm6, E, Am.

The Lord's 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Silence for Personal Prayer and Reflection
(3 minutes)

Song

20 The Lord is my song

O Lord, hear my prayer

♩ = 72

Em C⁶ D G C Am⁶ B

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

Em C⁶ D G⁶ Am B Em *fine*

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

fine

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.

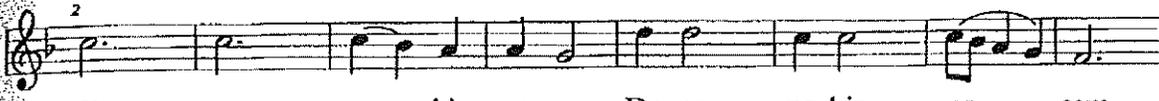
Song

Dona Nobis Pacem

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

2

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

3

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

Latin pronunciation: Dò-nà nò-bis pá-chem (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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