

*Midweek Lenten  
Taizé Service*



*Shenkel UCC  
February 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](http://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.

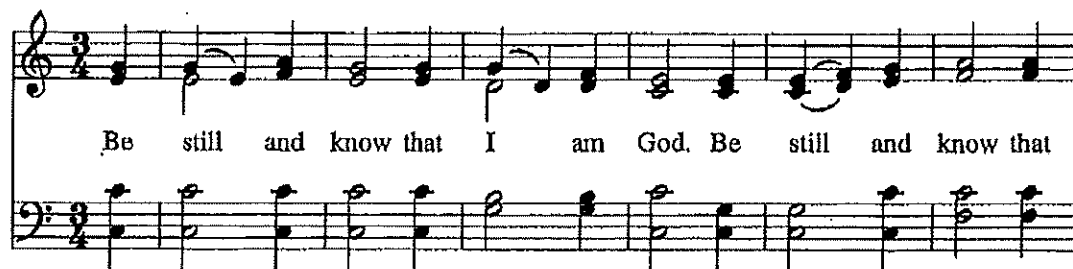
## Song

"Be Still and Know" NCH 743

743

Ps. 46:10

Music: Anon.



## Psalm 32 (Nan Merrill Translation)

Blessed is each one whose wrongdoings  
have been forgiven,  
whose shame has been forgotten.  
Blessed is each one in whom Love Divine  
finds a home,  
and whose spirit radiates truth.

When I acknowledged not my shortcomings,  
I became ill through all my defenses.  
And day and night, guilt weighed heavy  
in my heart:  
My spirit became dry as desert bones.

I admitted my faults to the Most High,  
and I made known my regret;  
I cried out, "Forgive me, O Comforter,  
for those times I have sinned in  
my thoughts, my words,  
and my deeds;"  
And the Beloved created a clean heart  
within me.

Therefore, let everyone who is sincere  
give thanks to the Beloved;  
For whenever we feel overwhelmed

by fear,  
 we shall be embraced by Love.  
 Dwelling in the heart of the Beloved,  
 we are free from distress,  
 free to live creatively.

O my Beloved, you are my guide and  
 my teacher;  
 Be watchful of me, give me your  
 counsel.  
 I pray for the gifts of inner peace  
 and wisdom,  
 For the gift of reverence for life.

Many are the heartaches of those  
 separated from Love;  
 Steadfast love abides with those  
 who surrender their lives into  
 the hands of the Beloved.  
 Be glad and rejoice, all you  
 who walk along the path of truth!  
 And shout for joy, all you upright  
 of heart!

# 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 me-u cant. Ell m'hàe-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  
 ó. En ell con-fi-o, i no tinc por. En ell con-fi-o, i no tinc por. El Se-

## Poem by Ann Weems "Come Unto Me"

When the journey gets too hard,  
when we feel depleted,  
when our compassion  
turns to complaining,  
when our efforts toward  
justice and mercy  
seem to get us nowhere,  
it's time to remember  
the humility part-  
that it is God who has made us  
and not we ourselves;  
that the saving of the world  
or even one part of it.  
is not on our shoulders.  
It is then we can come unto him,  
and he will give us rest.  
With rest we'll remember  
what it is we are about.

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

*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*

*na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.*  
*nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.*

## 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 C<sup>6</sup> D G C Am<sup>6</sup> 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

This musical score is for the song 'The Lord is my song'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The tempo is marked as ♩ = 72. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The score consists of two systems. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature change from one sharp to no sharps or flats (C major) after the first measure. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: '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'. The chords are: Em, C<sup>6</sup>, D, G, C, Am<sup>6</sup>, B.

Em C<sup>6</sup> D G<sup>6</sup> Am B Em

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

This musical score is the second system of the song 'The Lord is my song'. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (G major). The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: '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'. The chords are: Em, C<sup>6</sup>, D, G<sup>6</sup>, Am, B, Em. The word 'fine' is written above the final measure of the treble staff.

## Closing Prayer

### Song

# Dona Nobis Pacem

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1  
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: Dô-nâ nô-bês pâ-chêm (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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