

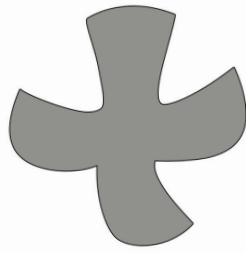
Cantor sings from Psalm 103:

It is God who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
God does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

As a Father has compassion for his children,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
for God knows of what we are made,
God remembers that we are dust.

*You are invited to remain after the service as long as you desire for continued personal meditation and prayer.
Please leave in silence.*



This service is sponsored by Ann Arbor Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Campus Chapel, First Presbyterian Church, Journey of Faith Christian Church, King of Kings Lutheran Church, Lord of Light Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry, and Vineyard Church for the spiritual enrichment of our members and friends from the community. We thank the readers, musicians, liturgists, and ministers from the sponsoring congregations who will lead us during tonight's service.

The offering this evening will be given to Friends In Deed.

Worship Participants

Musicians:

Rolf Bouma
Jennifer Boes
Clayton Farmer
Tom Granum
Kim Hubers
Tim Krohn
Carol Muehlig
Linda Speck

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Matthew Ackerman, Campus Chapel
Rev. Blair Buckley, First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Marie Duquette, King of Kings Lutheran Church
Rev. Lily Tinker Lily Tinker Fortel, Bethlehem United Church of Christ
Rev. Elizabeth Friedman, Lord of Light Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry
Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke, First Presbyterian Church
Essie Koenig-Reinke, First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Alex McCauslin, Journey of Faith Christian Church
Rev. Evans McGowan, First Presbyterian Church
Pastor Marissa Ortiz, Vineyard Church
Rev. Dorothy Parks-Piatt, First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Jay Sanderford, First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Diane Smith, Journey of Faith Christian Church
Rev. Ho-Tek Tan, Ann Arbor Taiwanese Presbyterian Church
Rev. Donnell Wyche, Vineyard Church

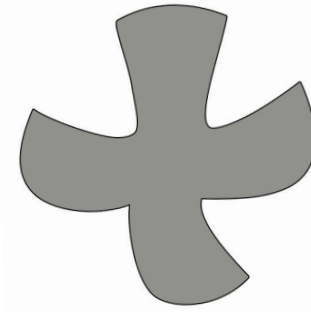
Liturgical Dancers:

Nancy Heers
Yomiko Hishiki
Joan O'Connell
Lauren Steele
Janene Ternes

Greeters are Lucie Audette, Pat Gilbreath, and Pat Liljestrand.

Ushers are Ken, Ali, and Ava Westfall, Jean Song, Sandy Talbott, and Paul and Carol Smith.

*Music used by permission of G.I.A. Publications Inc., 7404 SS. Mason Ave, Chicago, IL 60628, exclusive publishers of Taizé music in North America.
Composer: Jacques Berthier. All rights reserved. UBP OneLicense.net A-720542.*



Taizé for Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2018

7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor

Welcome in the name of Christ to this twenty-sixth annual meditative worship to begin our Lenten journey. The service is inspired by the Ecumenical Community of Taizé, France, which strives to be a 'parable of reconciliation and community' for the world by bringing people from various Christian traditions together through work, worship and prayer.

Be reconciled all you who enter here:

Men and women,
neighbors and strangers,
believers and those who cannot believe,
Christians and followers of other faiths.

We hope that by our joining together as people from various churches and denominations for this Lenten worship, this spirit of reconciliation will be experienced and spread throughout our city and world. Tonight we are called to remember our fragile nature, that we are born and that our bodies die, and that God is infinite and forever. You may notice that the sanctuary is adorned in orange tonight as we celebrate Ash Wednesday in the tradition of Taizé. The orange cloth reminds us that the Holy Spirit is present. The Taizé monks believe that orange is the color of the Holy Spirit because orange is warm and light. As we have come together from different churches and traditions to join in the body of Christ, let us also remember that we come together surrounded and welcomed by the Spirit.

What will happen during tonight's service

The forty days of Lent are a reminder and a celebration of God's love and forgiveness. Assured of God's forgiveness, we examine our lives, confess our sins, and rejoice in God's grace. The movement of the service is meant to foster this experience. We begin in a quiet mood of reflection, self-examination and confession as we move toward coming down the aisle of the church for the imposition of ashes. Then we enter a time of silence to ponder our relationship with God or simply to rest in God's Presence.

As we come out of the silence, the mood gradually changes. We hear scriptures and prayer that move us to a joyous "Sanctus" and into celebrating Holy Communion. We come down the aisle a second time to participate in the Bread and the Cup, signs and symbols of God's gracious acceptance. We leave, blessing the Lord for such a wondrous salvation.

We pray that during this simple service of scripture, prayer, silence, meditative singing of Taizé music, imposition of ashes and Holy Communion, you will become more aware of the Presence of the Living God in your life.

About Taizé Music

from Praying Together in Word and Song

"We have endeavored to make our prayer meditative, popular, accessible to all generations and as universal as possible... Sung prayer remains one of the strongest expressions of our search for God. Simple words, sung over and over, underscore the meditative quality of prayer; they express a basic truth which the mind quickly grasps and, as they are repeated, gradually penetrate the heart. In this way they lead to silence and resting in the Presence of God."

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**.

The order for each song is:

1. **Instruments** play song;
2. **Soloist** sings song;
3. **Congregation** sings song several times.

Please turn off all cell phones.

We Gather in the Presence of God

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS AND GREETING

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Joel 2:1, 15, 16, 12-14

MEDITATIVE SINGING

Domine Deus (Lord God, Son of the Father, Have Mercy on Us)

The cantor sings while the congregation is singing.

Congregation sings:

Do - mi - ne De - us, Fi - li - us Pa - tris, mi - se - re - re no - bis.

(hum)

Cantor sings from Psalm 130:

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
 Lord, hear my voice!
 O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.
 If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
 Lord, who would survive?
 But with you is found forgiveness:
 for this we revere you.



Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair

Rev. Donnell Wyche

Dona Nobis Pacem, Domine (Grant Us Peace, Lord)

Cantor sings while the congregation is singing.

Congregation sings:

Do - na no - bis pa - cem Do - mi - ne

Cantor sings:

Ephesians 2:14-17

Christ is our peace, making us one.
 In his person he destroyed hostility.
 He came and preached
 the good news of peace.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, says the Lord,
 My peace I give you.
 Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
 I will be with you always.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Go Out Into the World

SENDING OUT Isaiah 58:5-11

Rev. Diane Smith

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE-MEDITATIVE SINGING

Bless the Lord, My Soul

The Cantor sings while the congregation is singing.

Congregation sings:

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Bread and Cup

The bread is broken and the grape juice poured in silence, so you will want to watch this aspect of Holy Communion. Perhaps the words from your own tradition will come to mind. Please come down the center aisle and return by the side aisles as you did for the imposition of ashes. As you receive the wafer and dip it in the cup, please take time to ponder the meaning of this sacrament for you. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray. If you are unable to come forward, you will be served where you are seated.

MEDITATIVE SINGING DURING HOLY COMMUNION

Eat this Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.

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

We Meditate on God's Word

LENTEN GREETING

Rev. Jay Sanderford

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-6:2

Pastor Marissa Ortiz and Rev. Evans McGowan

RESPONSE-MEDITATIVE SINGING

O Christe Domine Jesu (O Christ, Lord Jesus)

O Chris-te Do-mi-ne Je-su, O Chris-te Do-mi-ne Je-su! O

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:1-4, 16-21

Rev. Elizabeth Friedman

RESPONSE-MEDITATIVE SINGING

O Christe Domine Jesu

The cantor sings while the congregation is singing.

Cantor sings Psalm 25.

To you, Lord, I lift up my soul.
I trust you; do not disappoint me.
Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth and teach me:
for you are God, my Savior.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to the station in your section and return by the side aisles.

Invitation

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

Prayer

HYMN

Sign Us with Ashes

PHOENIX

Please remain seated to sing the refrain when indicated.

Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God, chil - dren of
dust, as to dust we re - turn. Sign us with ash - es,
mer - ci - ful God. Mark us and make us your own.

MEDITATIVE SINGING

Salvator Mundi, Salva Nos (Savior of the world, save us)

Sal - va - tor mun - di sal - va nos. Sal - va - tor mun - di
sal - va nos. Sal - va nos, sal - va nos. Sal - va - tor mun - di sal - va nos.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

O Poverty, Source of Riches

“You know the grace of our Lord Jesus, that though he was rich,
yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.”

II Corinthians 8:9

MEDITATIVE SINGING

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

READING OF PSALM 51

Rev. Ho-Tek Tan and Rev. Alex McCauslin

SILENCE

A time for reflection on our lives and for relaxing into the grace of God, concluded with meditative singing.

MEDITATIVE SINGING

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

🌿 We Celebrate Holy Communion 🌿

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair
Rev. Matthew Ackerman

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts

The cantor sings Sanctus while the congregation is singing.

Congregation sings:

San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus Do - mi - nus De - us
Sa - ba - oth, De - us Sa - ba - oth.

Cantor sings:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.