

TAIZÉ SERVICE

September 11 and 14, 2024



Exterior & Interior of the old church in the town of Taizé, France where many services took place.

*This worship space is created to encourage contemplation. A Taizé service is one of prayer, scripture reading, silence, music, and meditation. We hope that you will become aware of the presence of the living God in this place, and that you might take that awareness out with you into the world as you leave.*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**DAVIE KRAK, HARPIST**

**WELCOME**

**REV. DR. CATHERINE E. WILLIAMS**

**CHANT**

**“BLESS THE LORD”**

**SONGS & PRAYERS FROM TAIZÉ P.33**

**CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE**

Participants are invited to come forward to light a candle of remembrance while the music plays.

**A READING FROM PSALM 119:105-112 - NRSVUE**

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances. I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word. Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances. I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law. The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts. Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.”

**CHANT**

**“WAIT FOR THE LORD”**

**SONGS & PRAYERS FROM TAIZÉ P.35**

**A READING FROM PSALM 119:121-128 - NRSVUE**

“I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors. Guarantee your servant’s well-being; do not let the godless oppress me. My eyes fail from watching your salvation and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise. Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes. I am your servant; give me understanding, so that I may know your decrees. It is time for the Lord to act, for your law has been broken. Truly I love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold. Truly I direct my steps by all your precepts; I hate every false way.”

**INSTRUMENTAL PRAYER**

**“WAIT FOR THE LORD”**

**DAVIE KRAK, HARPIST**

We have wounded your love.

**O God, heal us.**

We stumble in the darkness.

**Light of the world, transfigure us.**

We forget that we are your home.

**Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

Jesus, beloved Son of God: inspire in us a love that is self-giving.

*(Silent confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PEACE**

Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been and shall be is known to you, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us.

**Living flame, burn into us, cleansing wind, blow through us, fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.**

**Amen.**

**CANDLES OF PEACE**

*Participants are invited to come forward to light a candle with a prayer for peace.*

**A READING FROM JAMES 2:14-17 - NRSVUE**

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.”

## **JAMES 2:14-17 FROM THE VOICE (A DYNAMIC EQUIVALENT TRANSLATION)**

“Brothers and sisters, it doesn’t make any sense to say you have faith and act in a way that denies that faith. Mere talk never gets you very far, and a commitment to Jesus only in words will not save you. It would be like seeing a brother or sister without any clothes out in the cold and begging for food, and saying, “Shalom, friend, you should get inside where it’s warm and eat something,” but doing nothing about his needs—leaving him cold and alone on the street. What good would your words alone do? The same is true with faith. Without actions, faith is useless. By itself, it’s as good as dead. I know what you’re thinking: “OK, you have faith. And I have actions. Now let’s see your faith without works, and I’ll show you a faith that works.”

### **TIME OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION UPON THE WORD**

*What is it, God, that you want me to hear?*

**CHANT (WED)**

**“THE LORD IS MY SONG”**

**SONGS & PRAYERS FROM TAIZÉ P.42**

**CHANT (SAT)**

**“VENI SANCTI SPIRITUS”**

### **INTERCESSIONS**

**REV. MARTHA HARRIS**

O Holy One, whose compassion and love extends to all the world, we remember this day your children of many nations and many faiths, whose lives were cut short by the flames of anger and hatred on September 11, 2001.

#### **Hear our prayer**

We ask that you console those who continue to suffer and grieve, and give them comfort and hope as they look to the future.

#### **Hear our prayer.**

Out of what we have endured, give us the grace to examine our relationship with those who perceive us as the enemy.

#### **Hear our prayer.**

Show our leaders the way to serve the good of all for the healing of the nations.

#### **Hear our prayer.**

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, our Savior and Redeemer.

**LORD’S PRAYER (CONTEMPORARY)**

**REV. MARTHA HARRIS**

**Our Parent, who is among us, blessed be your Creation. May your reign be a reality here on earth. May we become more interested in building your kin-dom here and now than in waiting for it to come down from above. Let us share our bread with those who hunger. Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness. Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil. For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth. Amen.**

**SONG**

**“COME AND FILL”**

**SONGS & PRAYERS FROM TAIZÉ P.49**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**REV. MARTHA HARRIS**

*We leave the chapel in silence. You are welcome to remain and continue in silent meditation.*

*May our prayers be never ceasing.  
May our hope lead to us new beginnings.*

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