



St. Luke Lutheran Church in Schaefferstown
1st Sunday of Lent - March 6, 2022
Taizé Worship Service

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Our Guiding Story and Mission
The Road to Emmaus: Luke 24:13-35

As the Body of Christ we proclaim the Gospel by serving and doing God's will
in a manner that meets the needs of our changing world.

HEALTH QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FOR ATTENDEES:

Please Do Not Stay If You Answer Yes to the Following Questions:

1. Do you have a cough, fever or flu-like symptoms? (some flu-like symptoms could be: fatigue, chills, fever, muscle pain, cough, headache, sore throat) – **if yes, please go home and call your Doctor**
2. Have you had a COVID-19 test in the past 10 days? – **if yes, please do not stay**
3. Have you come in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the past 10 days? – **if yes, please do not stay**

Being Mindful of Others: Masks, Distancing, and Other Mitigation Protocols

So that we may safely worship together, please follow these steps with due diligence to mitigate the possibility of spreading illness.

Masks are strongly recommended for persons both vaccinated and unvaccinated for all indoor gatherings in the Church and Chapel.

Social distancing is still required if not a member of the same household.

Please use hand sanitizer upon arrival (dispenser is on the table by the stairway).

Please take bulletins home.

Please place Offerings in the receptacle on the table by the stairway – Thank you!!

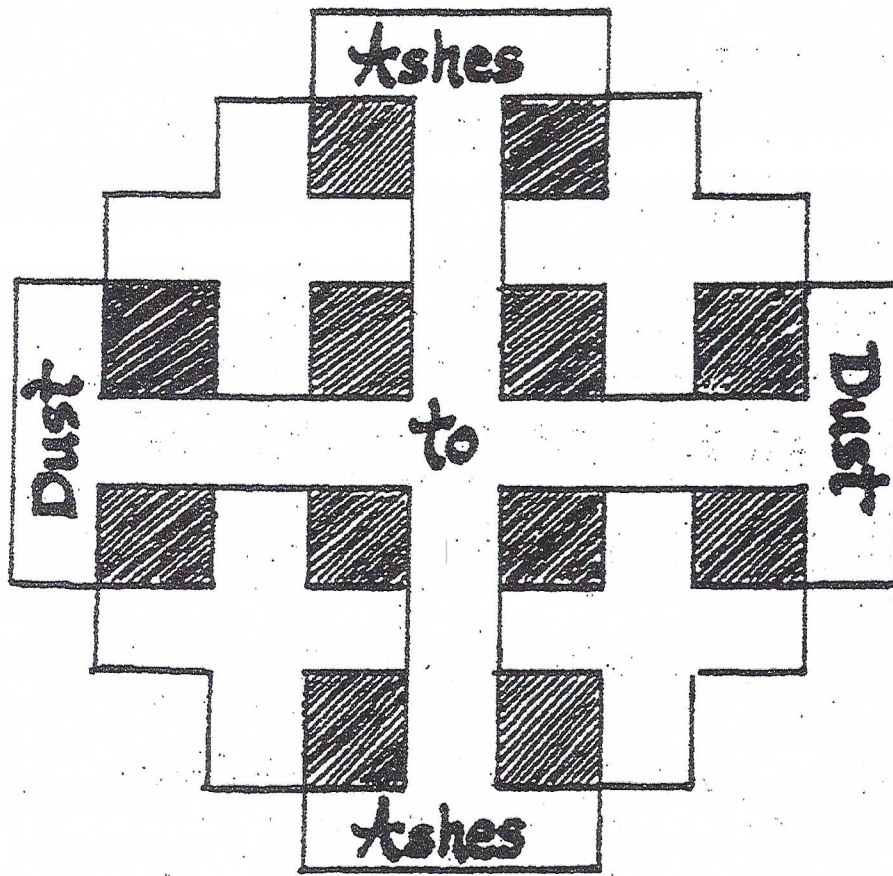
Passing the peace will take place with gestures.

Returning to Altar Communion with a specific procedure.

Welcome

Taizé Worship

St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church



Lent

Well, it's ashes to ashes and dust to dust, but that is not the end of us, ...

"Dust to Dust" Dan Donmoyer, © 1999 DanSongs

Welcome!

From the depths of the human condition a secret aspiration rises up. Caught up in the anonymous rhythms of schedules and timetables, men and women of today are implicitly thirsting for the essential reality: an inner life, signs of the invisible. Nothing is more conducive to communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again. When the mystery of God becomes tangible through the simple beauty of symbols, when it is not smothered by too many words, then a common prayer, far from excluding monotony and boredom, awakens us to heaven's joy on earth.

To celebrate such an inclusive common prayer, only a few people are needed, sometimes just two or three young adults. Already, through them, a sign of Christ becomes visible. And in addition, if young people were to join, at least once a week, the prayer of the local Christian community, a Sunday morning worship service involving all the generations, from little children to elderly persons, then the universality of fellowship in Christ would find a clear expression. In a technological society, there is a clear separation between prayer and work. When inner life and human solidarity appear to be in competition with one another, as if people had to choose between them, that opposition tears apart the very depths of the soul.

Prayer is a serene force at work within human beings, stirring them up, transforming them, never allowing them to close their eyes in the face of evil, of wars, of all that threatens the weak of this world. From it we draw the energy to wage other struggles—to enable our loved ones to survive, to transform the human condition, to make the earth a place fit to live in. All who walk in the footsteps of Christ, while being in the presence of God, remain alongside other people as well. They do not separate prayer and commitment.

Brother Roger of Taizé

Meditative Singing

The music has been chosen to help us enter into times of prayer, resting in God. You are invited to listen to the musicians singing the meditative (repetitive form) songs until you settle into the music in a way that allows you comfort in singing as the songs become your prayer. The musicians and worship leader will guide us in the songs and prayers.

Silence

When we try to express communion with God in words, we rapidly reach the end of our capacities. But in the depths of our being Christ is praying, far more than we imagine. Compared to the immensity of that hidden prayer of Christ in us, our explicit praying dwindles to almost nothing. That is why silence is so essential in discovering the heart of prayer.

Although God never stops trying to communicate with us, God never wants to impose anything on us. Often God's voice comes in a whisper, in a breath of silence. Remaining in silence in God's presence, open to the Spirit, is already prayer.

It is not a matter of trying to obtain inner silence at all costs by following some method that creates a kind of emptiness within. The important thing is a childlike attitude of trust by which we allow Christ to pray within us silently, and then one day, we will discover that the depths of our being are inhabited by a Presence.

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Lent

Bells Call Us to Worship

A Reading – Psalm 32

Meditative Singing: Lord Jesus Christ

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us. Let not my
Jé - sus le Christ, lu - mière in - té - rieu - re, ne lais - se

doubts nor my dark - ness speak to me. Lord Je - sus Christ, your
pas mes té - nè - bres me par - ler. Jé - sus le Christ, lu -

light shines with - in us. Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.
mière in - té - rieu - re, don - ne - moi d'ac - cueil - lir ton a - mour.

A Reading – Genesis 3: 1-21

Meditative Singing: In God Alone My Soul

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace— and joy.
 Mon â-me se re-po-se en paix sur Dieu seul: de lui vient mon— sa-lut.

On-ly in God my soul can find its rest,— find its rest— and peace. In
 Oui, sur Dieu seul mon â-me se re-po-se, se re-po - se en paix. Mon

Last time

A Reading – Isaiah 58:3-10

Meditative Singing: Live In Charity

F C Dm Bb D G C
 U - bi ca - ri - tas et a mor,
 Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

F C Dm Gm C F
 u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
 live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

A Reading – Matthew 6:1-4, 7-18

Silent Meditation

Music Meditation

Meditative Singing: 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 first system of the musical score is for the song 'O Lord Hear My Prayer'. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 72. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O'. The chords are indicated above the staff: Em, C⁶, D, G, C, Am⁶, and B.

Em C⁶ D G⁶ Am B Em *fine*

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

The second system of the musical score continues the song. The lyrics are: 'Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O'. The chords are indicated above the staff: Em, C⁶, D, G⁶, Am, B, and Em. The word 'fine' is written above the final chord.

Intercessions:

L: God our Father, you want us to become new creatures in Christ

P: We pray to you.

L: Lord, you promise us new heavens and a new earth.

P: Renew our hope.

L: You have freed us from our slavery by giving us your only Son;

P: You open for us the way of freedom.

L: Enable us to listen to your Word

P: and to welcome it with hearts filled with love.

L: We were dead and you brought us to life through the Spirit;

P: We were sinners and you continually restore us to purity of heart.

Prayer at the Close of Day (unison)

With you, Risen Christ, we go forward from one discovery to another. As we try to find out what you want from us, our life opens us to the Holy Spirit. And the Spirit comes to bring to fulfillment in us things we did not even dare hope for.

Meditative Singing: Bless the Lord

The musical score is written for voice and guitar. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a tempo marking of quarter note = 76 and a dynamic marking of *p*. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system also has a dynamic marking of *p* and the lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The guitar accompaniment includes chords: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A in the first system, and Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm in the second system. The music is in a simple, meditative style with a focus on the lyrics.

Depart in Joyous silence: those who wish to linger for continued time of meditation may do so.

All Contributions benefit Domestic Violence Intervention, Lebanon County: toll free 1.866.686.0451, **24 hour Hotline** 717.273.7190.

Thanks to St. Luke Taizé Leaders and Musicians:

Preparations/Readings: Becky Snyder

Guitar: Linda Holt and Todd Snyder

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Upcoming Taizé Service at 7 PM:

April 3, May 1, June 5, 2022.