Maundy Thursday Taizé Prayerful Song & **Quiet Meditation** 7:00 p.m @CalvinChurchZelie faith, compassion and authenticity is



# Welcome to Taizé

We hope this time and space of prayerful song and quiet meditation will give you rest in body, mind and spirit. We invite you to pray and meditate in a variety of ways as you are so inclined.

Allow the simple repeated refrains to be sung over you and join in as you are able

Sit on a prayer cushion or chair at the front to be closer to the icons and artwork

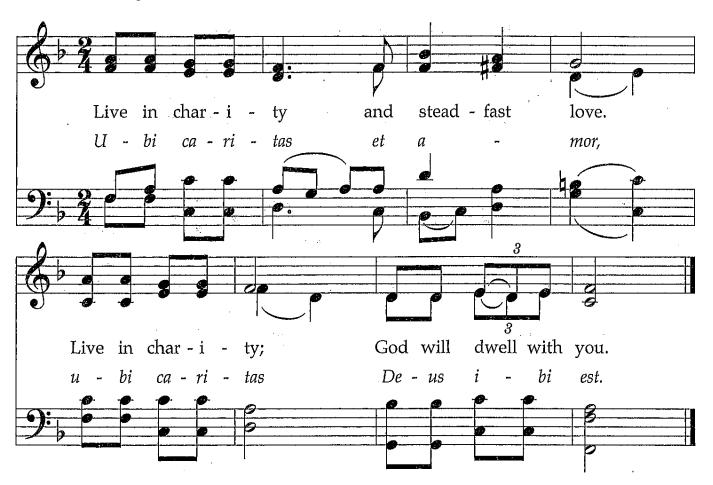
Light a candle in prayer for another

May you awaken to the restful and restorative presence of the Spirit, and may you carry that awareness with you out into the world.

**Prelude by the Taizé Musicians** 

Welcome and Opening Centering by The Rev. A. David Paul

## Live in Charity



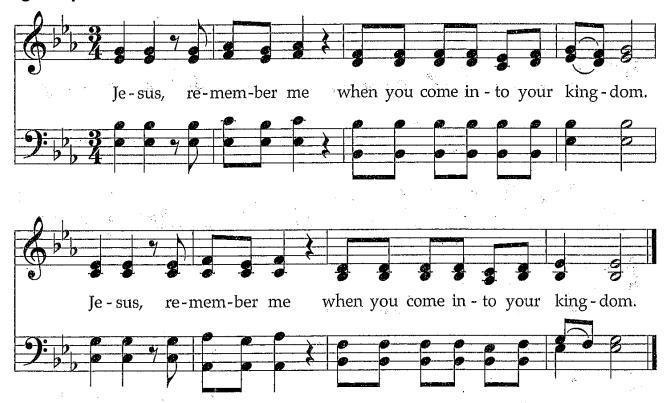


## **Jesus Is Here Right Now**



### Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

### Sung Response: Jesus Remember Me



I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord, "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

JESUS, REMEMBER ME...

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord;

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

JESUS, REMEMBER ME...

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

JESUS, REMEMBER ME...

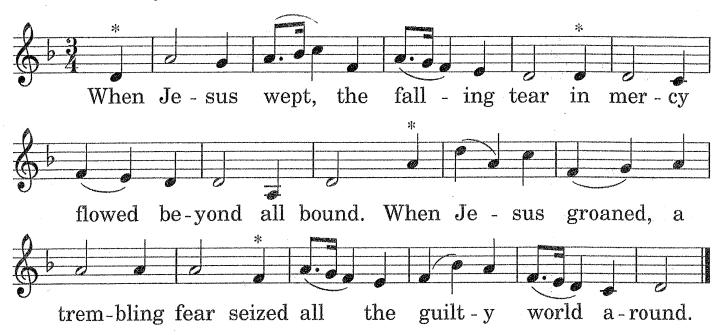
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

JESUS, REMEMBER ME...

## **When Jesus Wept**





## I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry





## **Breath Prayer**

Inhale — Gather me up ...

Exhale — Hold me close ...

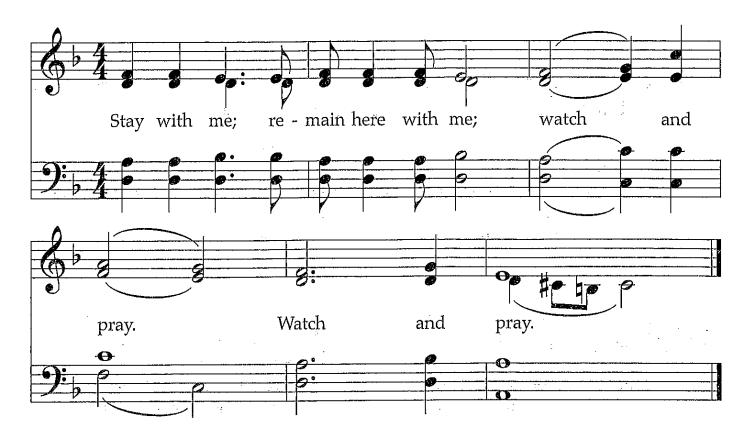
**Breath Prayer** is an ancient practice that connects short phrases with our breathing, help ground us in this moment, focuses us and refreshes us body, mind, and soul.

On your inhale say or be mindful of the first phrase. On your exhale say or be mindful of the second phrase.

You may also carry this with you throughout your week, and let this embodied practice hold you, knowing that many across space and time are breathing and praying with us.



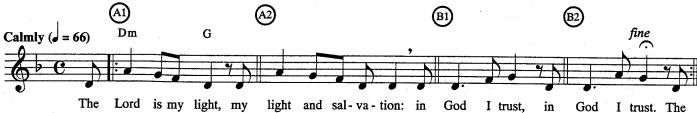
## Stay With Me



#### Prayer of Intercession (Water Basin Poem by Rev. Carol Ferguson)

If you would like to read aloud one of our prayers, please see our greeter in the back to volunteer before we begin.

Sung Response: The Lord Is My Light



Two hands and a basin and a towel at his waist against twenty-four feet that had followed him this far.

#### THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

Without his outer robe he looked frail, tired, old almost and they heard how his knees creaked as he bent towards each pair of feet sore and smelly calloused and hairy cracked and dirty.

#### THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

He never looked up, as if feet were all that mattered. As if he could heal the whole world with water and a towel.

#### THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

Philip's, with the long scar down the ankle he'd never heard the story of how Philip came by that scar. He wouldn't have time now.

#### THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

Andrew's, whose feet were so small, with toes like walnuts and pale stripes where his sandals had been.

#### THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

On and on he went, and didn't speak, and didn't preach, and didn't promise anything but clean feet.

#### THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

In his hands he nestled a foot with long bones, and dirt in the creases on the toes and a bad blister on the right heel.

Half the skin torn away—blood-raw.

#### THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

Why didn't he tell us? he thought.

We would have slowed down.

found some wool to pad his sandals with.

#### THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

So he took the towel in his hands again, and found a clean spot, and ever so gently pressed against the wound, and as he heard a hiss of pain, he prayed to his

for one more healing miracle.

### THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

**Father** 

And a tear fell from above him. and landed on his hand. right in the middle, and it must have been a trick of the light but Judas thought it looked like blood as he flexed his healed foot and stared after his bent Savior who had crept to the next beloved disciple with nothing to offer but a basin and a towel and two hands and hope.

#### THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

### **Silent and Spoken Prayers**

Please feel free to add your spoken petitions.

A note about praying for others out loud: Some people are comfortable with having their prayer concerns lifted up in public worship. Others are not. Before you share aloud any prayer concerns, please be sure that you are not breaking confidentialities.

Whether or not you say the person's name out loud, God hears and receives the intentions of your heart.

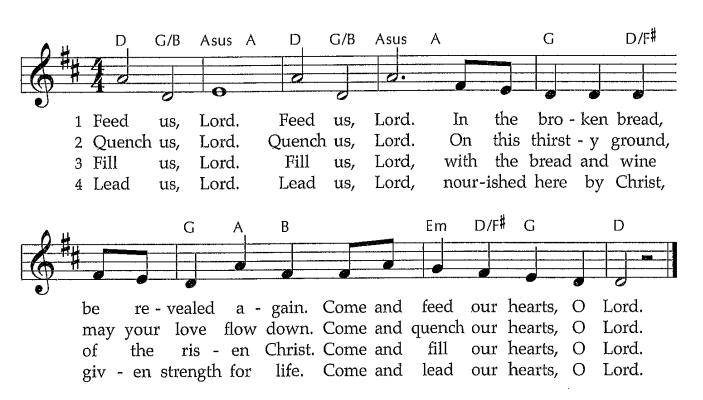


#### **Communion Consecration**

In your love and mercy, Holy Father, give us your Spirit so that through these gifts of bread and wine we may be united more fully with Christ and with each other. Lift our hearts so that in all the troubles and sorrows of this life we may continue in hope for the new life in your eternal kingdom. This we pray in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



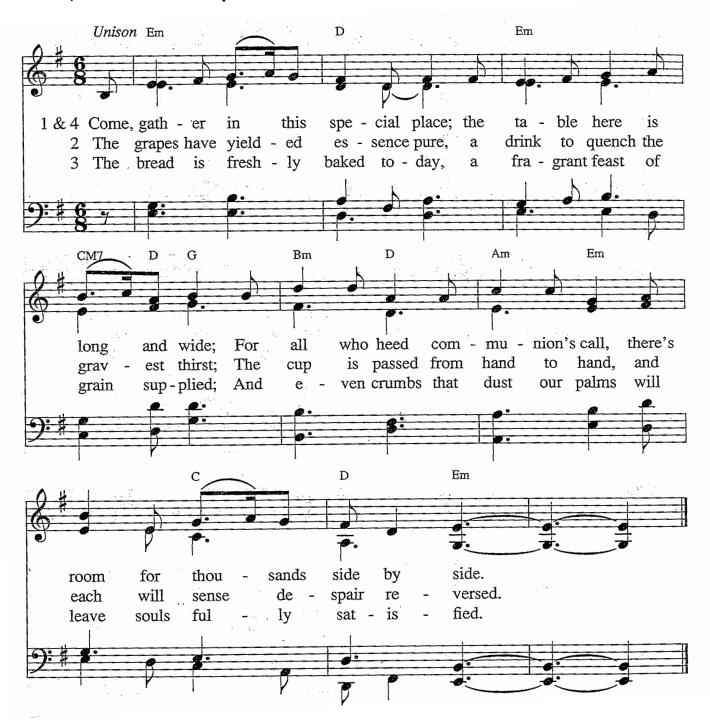
## Feed Us, Lord



## One Bread, One Body



## Come, Gather in This Special Place



#### **Brother Roger of Taizé**

"Christ is communion...He did not come to earth to start one more religion, but to offer to all a communion in God...'Communion' is one of the most beautiful names of the Church." Roger Schütz, known as Brother Roger (French: Frère Roger), was a Swiss Christian leader and monastic brother. In 1940 Schütz founded Taizé, an ecumenical monastic community in Burgundy, France.

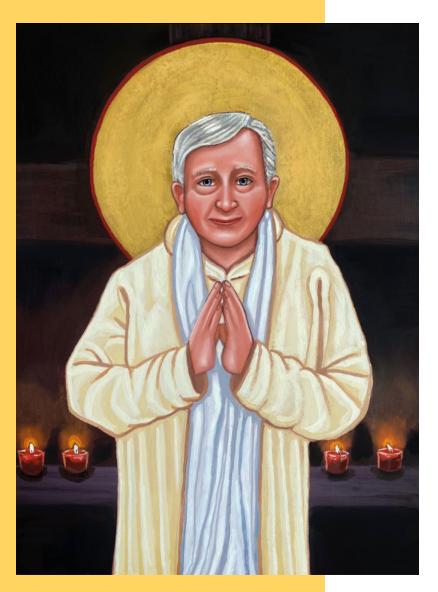
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buring World War II Roger bought an empty house, where for two years he and his sister, Genevieve, hid refugees, before being forced to leave Taizé, after being tipped off that the Gestapo had become aware of their activities. In 1944, he returned to Taizé to found the Community, initially a small quasi-monastic community of men living together in poverty and obedience, open to all Christians.

It is now composed of more than one hundred brothers, from Catholic and Protestant traditions, who originate from about thirty countries across the world.

Taizé slowly became one of the world's most important sites of Christian pilgrimage. Some 100,000 young people from around the world make pilgrimages to Taizé each year for prayer, Bible study, sharing, and communal work.

https://kellylatimoreicons.com/blogs/news/brother-roger-of-taize



#### In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful



**Unison Lenten Prayer** (adapted from Jan Richardson in "Circles of Grace") In this Lenten season,

let us remember we were built for this ancient path,

inscribed upon our bones,

the persistent pattern echoing in our heartbeats.

Let this be the season where we turn our faces

towards the One who calls to us:

Return, return.

May we open wide our arms to the wind

that knows how to bear us home.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

Postlude by the Taizé Musicians (depart as you so desire)