



# TAIZÉ SERVICE OF WHOLENESS & HEALING

JANUARY 23, 2024

**WELCOME. WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE.**

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT  
TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE.

**NEXT SERVICE**

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27 2024

Thank you to David Knight and members of St. Francis Choir  
for leading us this evening with voice & music.

- ♦ It is our custom to observe silence in the church prior to the start of the service.
- ♦ The community of Taizé, in France, is the location of a teaching and contemplative retreat center that attracts thousands of believers from all over the world. Time is spent chanting, praying and studying. Our service of Wholeness and Healing emulates the style of the chant services at Taizé, with music from Taizé and other contemplative sources. We sing short phrases repeatedly to quiet our minds and hearts and open our souls to being in the presence of God.
- ♦ We invite you to join in as you need: singing, praying, and listening. We are glad you are here to sense God's presence with us.
- ♦ A bell will be rung at the beginning and end of the service. Please observe silence until you are outside the church. This will keep the sanctuary quiet for those who wish to remain in prayer.
- ♦ Please join us for light refreshments after the service, either outside on the Chapel Patio, weather permitting (turn right as you leave the church), or in the Board Room (turn left).
- ♦ If you would like to know more about St. Francis church, please speak to one of our clergy, or visit our website at [www.stfrancispalosverdes.org](http://www.stfrancispalosverdes.org).
- ♦ Donations are welcome. If you are able to help support Taizé (our expenses are about \$220 per month), there is a special offering plate at the door for your gifts. Thank you.
- ♦ Private prayer for healing and wholeness will be available with a Prayer Team Leader in the side prayer space, the Baptistry Room, during the time all are invited to light a candle. You may also make an appointment for private prayer with Rev. Jason or Rev. Celeste during the week.

PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR OTHER SERVICES

## Sundays

8 a.m. Rite I in the Chapel  
10 a.m. Rite II in the Church

## Can you help?

Each month we are blessed with volunteers who come early to set up or contribute snacks for the reception.

If you'd like to take a turn, please share your email address with Kristina Pelá, [krab3@yahoo.com](mailto:krab3@yahoo.com).

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The People read the responses in BOLD.*

LEADER Let us offer this time of prayer to God as we pray for healing and wholeness.

**PEOPLE** For God's healing presence is with us always.

LEADER Let us pray. O Healing God, as near to us as each breath, help us to rest in your love and care for us with hope. Help us to pause awhile and trust that you are fully aware of all we hold in our hearts this evening. Help us to sit with the grace of faith as we embrace and acknowledge our thoughts and feelings, our prayers and concerns for ourselves and others. Let your healing light flow in and through us with every breath, as we pray, through the power of your Spirit in the name of Jesus the healer. **Amen.**

## COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOR

*Martin Green*

Come un - to me, all ye that la-bor and are heav - y la - den and

I will give you rest. *p* Ye shall find rest. Come un - to me.

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## I WILL SHOW YOU HIDDEN THINGS

*Linda Larkin*

I will show you hid-den things, hid-den things you have not known. I will

Words and Music by Linda Larkin.

PSALM 27:1-5

*Refrain*

*The Lord Is My Light*

*Taizé*



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When the wicked advance against me  
to devour me,  
it is my enemies and my foes  
who will stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army besiege me,  
my heart will not fear;  
though war break out against me,  
even then I will be confident. *Refrain*

<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask from the Lord,  
this only do I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple.

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble  
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;  
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent  
and set me high upon a rock. *Refrain*

**A READING FROM MATTHEW 7:7-12**

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For every-one who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

*SILENCE*

## THE PRAYERS

*O Lord Hear My Prayer*

*Taizé*

*Refrain—repeat after each prayer*

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

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- LEADER** O Holy and Gracious God of Light, God of Eternity,  
Thank you for the blessing of new beginnings. With You, within ourselves, with each other.  
As this new year begins, we come before You with our intentions for the world, our communi-  
ties, our loved ones, and ourselves. *Response*
- LEADER** Thank you for the precious gift of life in your creation and in humanity. Thank you for the  
beauty of the sunshine, the moonlight, the stars, the oceans, the forests, the deserts, the rocky  
mountains, the soft hillsides, the vast farmland, the sandy beaches. Thank you for the cyclical  
seasons and all that comes with them: the rain, the snow, the fallen leaves, the period of re-  
growth, the fresh flowers. *Response*
- LEADER** Thank you for the blessing of loved ones who add joy to our lives; thank you for neighbors and  
strangers who selflessly bless one another with kindness. May we be inspired to do the same  
whenever and wherever we see a need. *Response*
- LEADER** We pray for Your people and we pray for Your Church. Restore to wholeness whatever is broken  
by unforgiveness, human sin, and the failure to love in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.  
*Response*
- LEADER** We pray for our church family and the communities it serves. We pray for our Bishop, our Rec-  
tor Jason, our Vestry, staff, and lay leaders. May You bless them with Your Holy Inspiration to  
lead and to serve in accordance with Your will. *Response*
- LEADER** We pray for those whose hearts are hurting; we pray for those in the midst of grief; we pray for  
those suffering from depression, anxiety or fear; we pray for those who are gravely ill; we pray  
for their caregivers; we pray for those who are severely injured physically, emotionally or spiritu-  
ally; we pray for those who are in despair and don't know where to turn. May You bless them  
with a path forward; may You connect them to people who will walk with them; and may You  
grant them a resilience and an inner resolve they didn't even know they had, leading to the  
Peace which passes all understanding even in the midst of their trials. *Response*

**LEADER** We pray for those who seek You. May You bless them with Your palpable, loving presence when they knock; may they bask in the blessing of knowing You, loving You, following You. And we pray for those who do not yet know You. May they become curious to ask; may they be inspired to seek; may their hearts be opened and their souls filled. *Response*

**LEADER** We are grateful for the gift of this new year and pray that we may not take one single day for granted. *Response*

**LEADER** May we continue to seek and to find You in our lives, regardless of our circumstances. May You continue to work Your Goodness within every disappointment, setback, regret and heartache we experience. You know what we most need. We lift it all up to You and, in doing so, may we relieve ourselves of the burdens we are shouldering and trust in Your provision. We pray this through Your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Long Period of instrumental music for private or intercessory prayer.*

*During this time of prayer and during chants that follow, please feel free to come light a candle now and/or go to a Prayer team Leader for intercessory prayer, or come forward anytime during the rest of this service. More than one person may light a candle at a time. The Prayer Team is in the side prayer space, the Baptistry Room.*

## **LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

*Taizé*

*Sing twice*

5 Light of the world, scat - ter the dark - ness of night, and shed your light with - in our hearts, and shed your light with - in our hearts.



## **TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM**

*Taizé*

Take, O take me as I am, sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL** 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

**LEADER** May the strength of God sustain you,  
May the power of God preserve you,  
May the hands of God protect you,  
May the way of God direct you,  
May the Love of God go with you always,  
And may the will of God give you a Peace that transcends all understanding  
as you trust in His providence.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

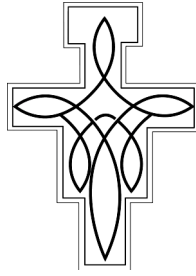
*After the bell is rung at the end of the service, please feel free to exit the Chapel quietly or stay as long as you wish.*

*Please keep silence just outside the Chapel doors to preserve an atmosphere of prayer for those who remain,  
and then you are welcome to join us at a reception to continue a spirit of fellowship.*



## **WOULD YOU LIKE A REMINDER?**

We keep an email list of folks who have requested a reminder of upcoming Taizé Services. If you'd like to be on this list, give your email to Rev. Celeste or Kristina Pelá, *krab3@yahoo.com*.



## Weekly Worship

### Sundays

**8am—Rite I Holy Communion, Chapel**

**10am– Rite II Holy Communion, Main Sanctuary**

## Clergy

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## Children and families

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