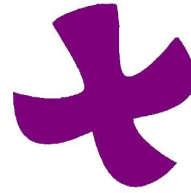


Taizé Service

March 19, 2025



First Presbyterian Church Albany, NY

Welcome to our Lenten Taizé Worship. This service is patterned after worship in the ecumenical community of Taizé. Their sung and silent participatory prayer services are designed for contemplation through music, song and silence. The brothers of Taizé explain, "Short chants, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words, they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being." Scripture is read slowly, candles are to enhance contemplative worship. The different tempo of the Taizé service encourages us to break away from the hurried sense of our lives and breathe in the presence of Christ and community.

Welcome

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gathering Song

Sing to God

Sing to God with joy-ful hearts. Praise the Lord for -
ev - er - more; praise the Lord for - ev - er - more.

Song

O Come and Let Us Sing to God

O come and let us sing to God, our hope. God's mer - cy is for - ev - er. O
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Psalm 63:1–8

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Song

Nothing can ever

No - thing can e - ver come be - tween us and the love of God, the
love of God re - vealed to us in Christ Je - sus.

Gospel Lesson – Luke 13:6–9

One: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Song

Come and Pray in Us

Come and pray in us, Ho - ly Spi-rit, come and pray in us,
come and vi-sit us, Ho - ly Spi-rit, Spi-rit come, Spi-rit come.

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Silence

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song

By Night

By night we has-ten in dark-ness, to search for liv - ing wa - ter,
on-ly our thirst leads us on - ward, on-ly our thirst leads us on-ward. By

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Closing Song

Stay With Us



Stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, night will soon fall. Then
stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, light in our dark - ness.

Come to other Taizé services each Wednesday during Lent:

March 26 & April 2 & 9 at 6:30.

in the sanctuary and via livestreaming on YouTube.

You are invited to come to the simple **Soup Supper**
each Wednesday, 5:45-6:30 in the Assembly Hall prior to the Taizé service.



everything
[in] between

Meeting God in the midst of extremes

Each Sunday during Lent, we'll explore ways to live
faithfully in the "between." When our world tries to force
binaries on us, we'll break them down
and discover God at work - in the "between!"

Our Sunday worship service is at 10:30am
in the sanctuary and via livestreaming on YouTube
All are welcome! More details at www.firstpresalbany.org

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