Taizé Service
March 25, 2026

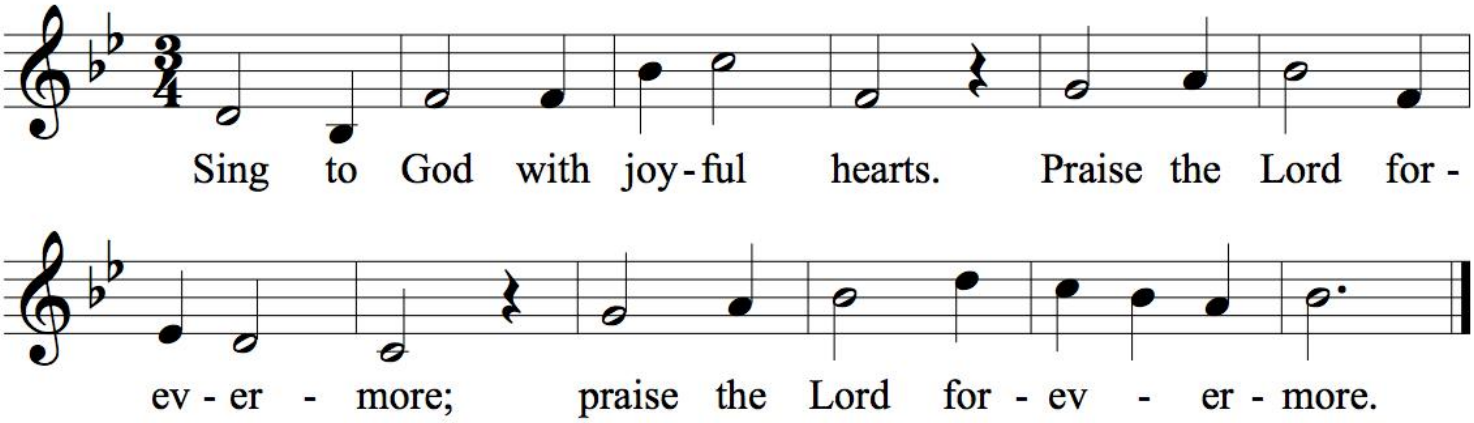
First Presbyterian Church
Albany, NY

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.

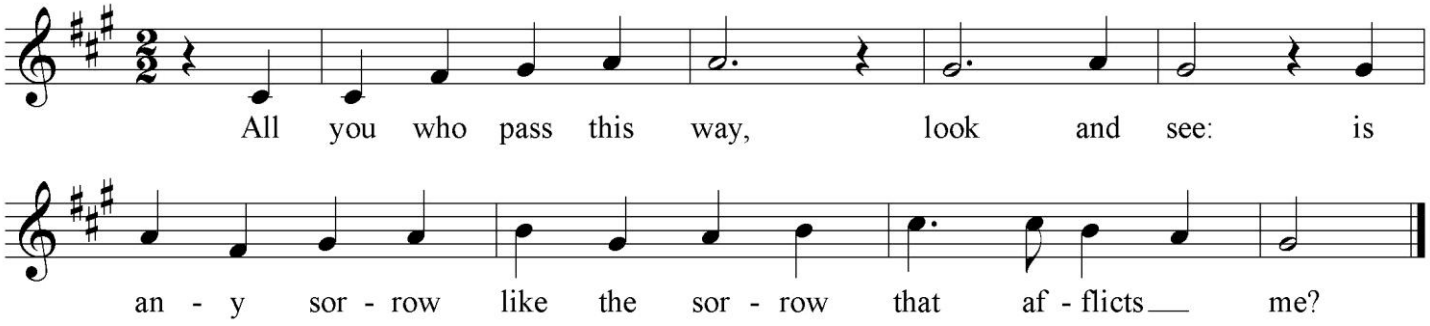
Welcome

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Gathering Song *Sing to God*



Song *All You Who Pass*

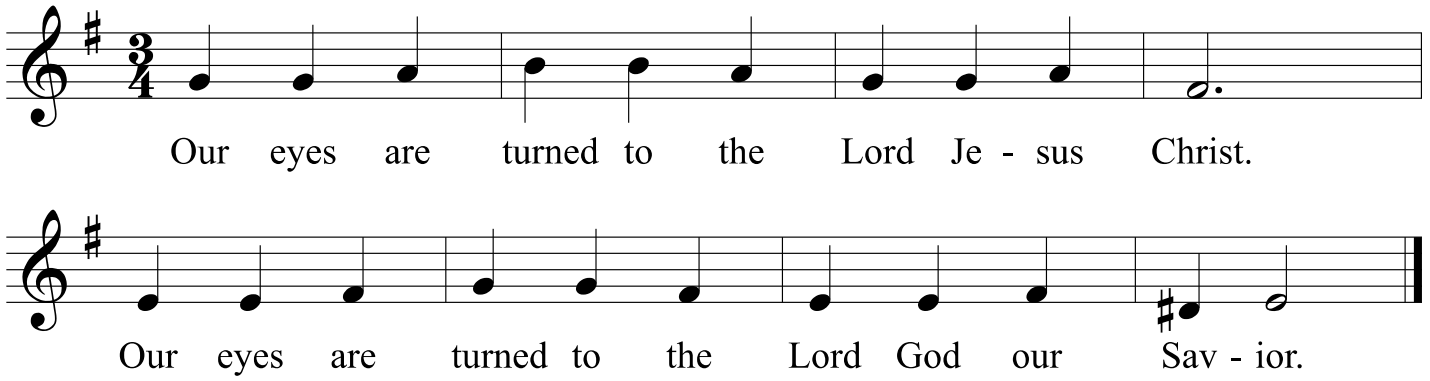


Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Song *Our Eyes are Turned*

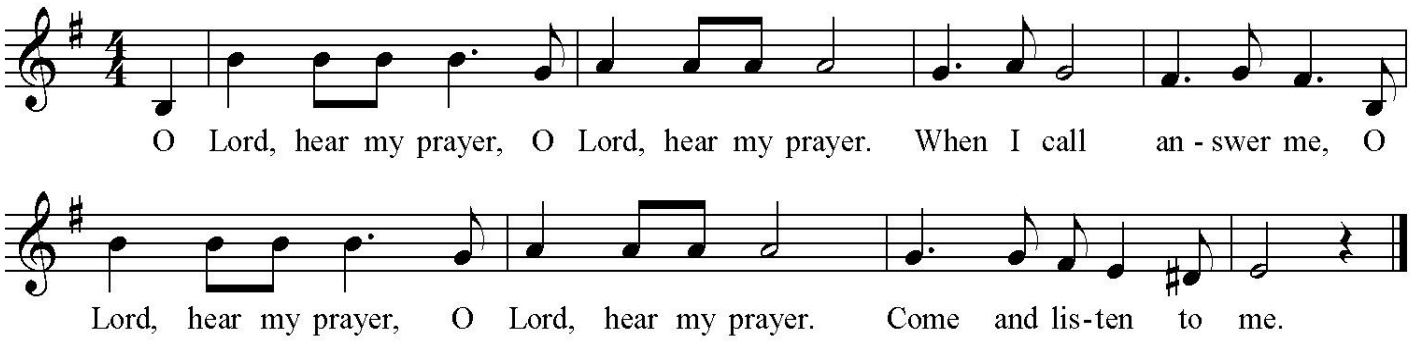


Gospel Lesson – Mark 11:1–11

One: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Song *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*



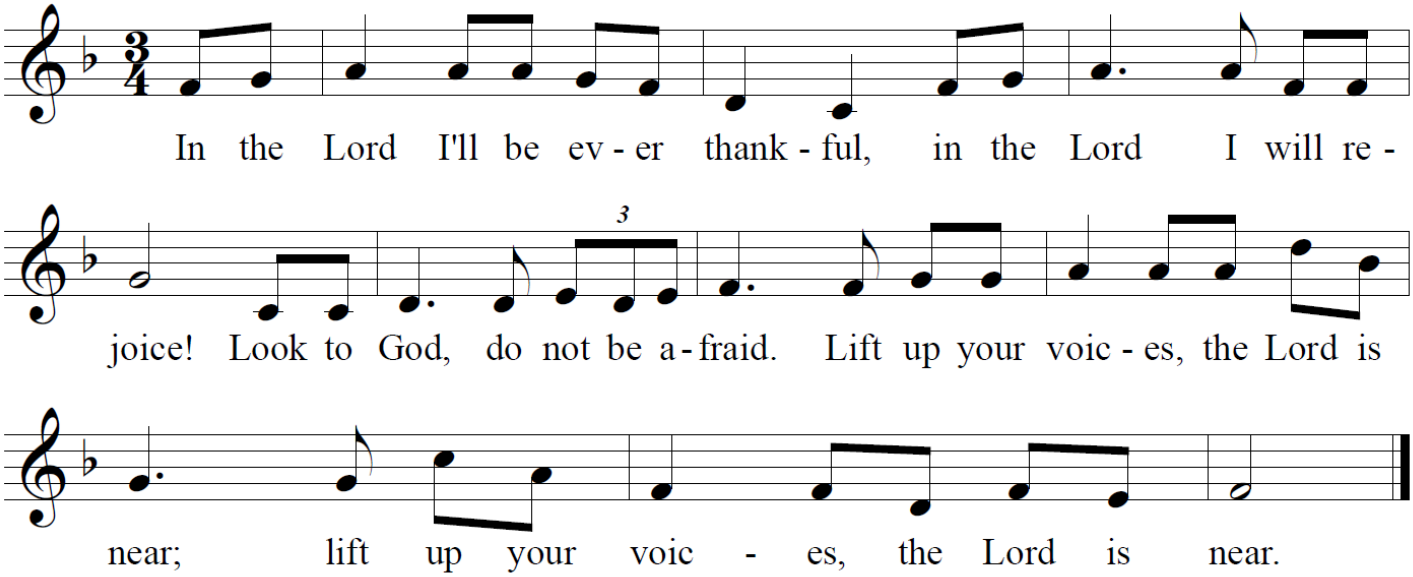
Silence

Prayer

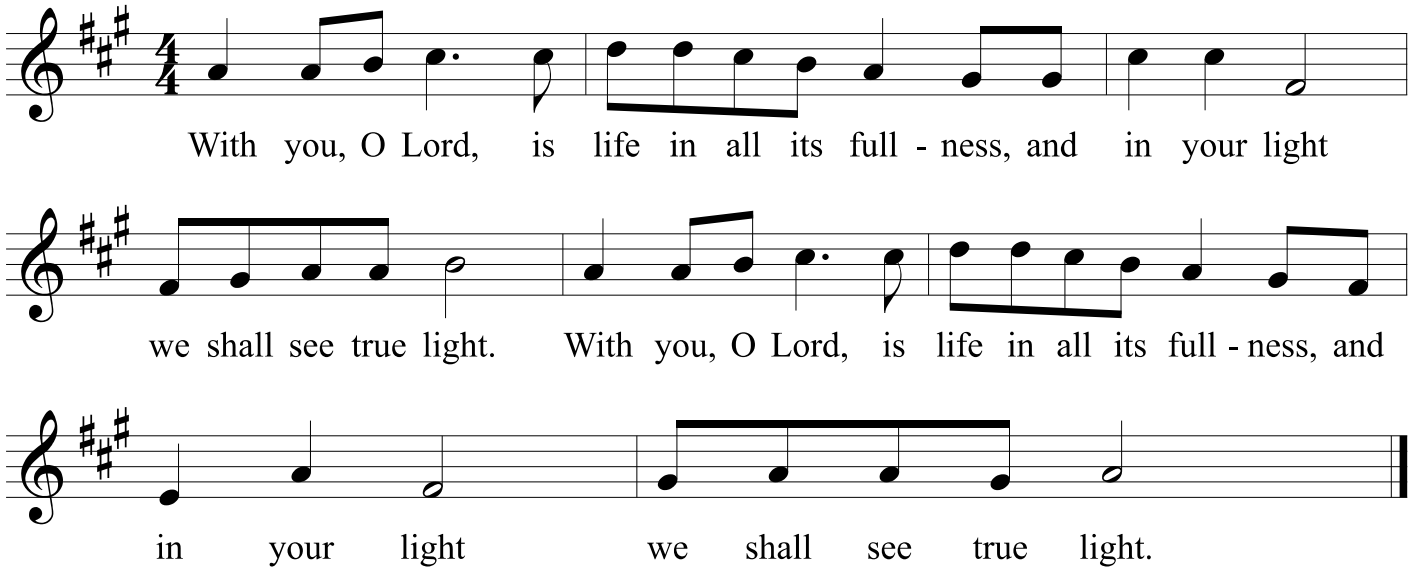
The Lord's Prayer

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 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*



Closing Song *With You, O Lord*



Come to First Presbyterian Church during Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Worship Service 7:30pm
in the sanctuary & livestreamed on YouTube

Come and join in the disciple's intimate experience of the Passover celebration with Jesus. This meal is the height of closeness among the twelve and their leader. Feel the jarring effect of our Lord's arrest in the midst of such a wonderful setting, followed by the desertion of him by all his followers. As the story of this night unfolds, darkness will envelop our worship service.

Good Friday, April 3

Worship Service 7:30pm
in the sanctuary & livestreamed on YouTube

Together, we will journey through Jesus' final moments through music, scripture and prayer.

Easter, April 5

Sunrise FOCUS Service at 6:30am
Swan Street Stairs, west side of Capital Park. A 30-minute outdoor worship service; please bring a lawn chair for your comfort.

9:15am Easter Breakfast in Assembly Hall
hosted by the Hospitality Deacon Team. Celebrate with family and friends before worship. Enjoy a delicious spread of warm breakfast casseroles, fresh fruit, and pastries.

Worship Service at 10:30am: in the sanctuary & livestreamed on YouTube

Fellowship Time: Following the service in Assembly Hall – enjoy conversation & refreshments

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