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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



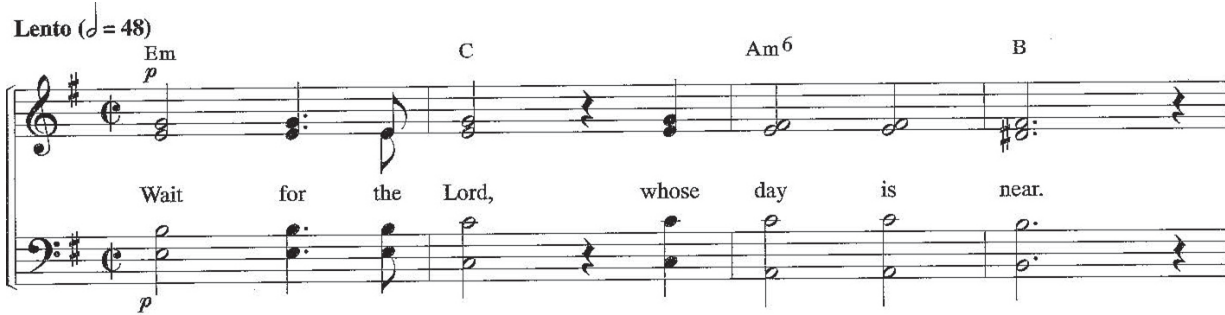
TAIZÉ

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING
MARCH 17, 2024 AT FIVE O'CLOCK

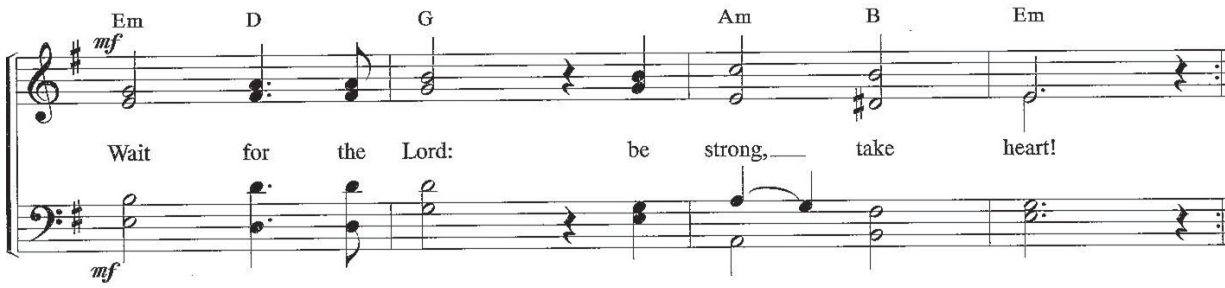
MEDITATIVE SONGS

Wait for the Lord

Lento (♩ = 48)



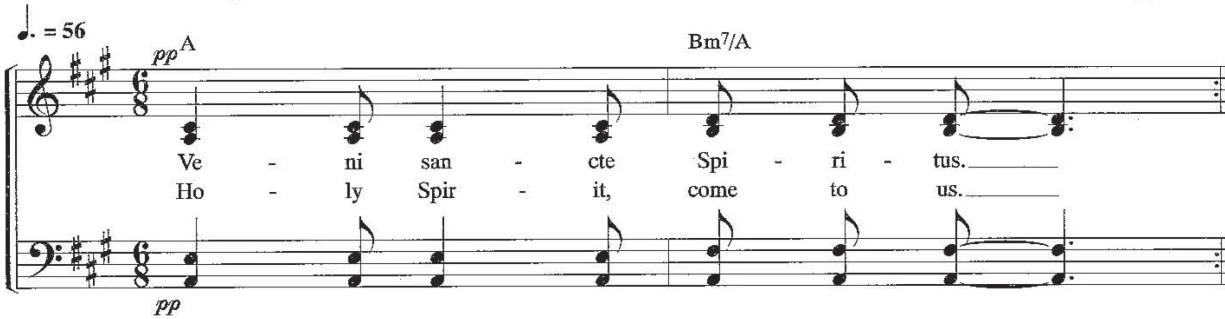
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

♩ = 56



Ve - ni san - cte Spi - ri - tus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

Lord God, You Love Us



Lord God, you love us, source of com - pas - sion.

Short Silence

CONTEMPLATION AND MEDITATION

Contemplative Reading *Philippians 2:1-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Short Silence

Contemplative Reading: *Through the Gate* *Malcolm Guite*

Begin the song exactly where you are for where you are contains where you have been and holds the vision of your final sphere and do not fear the memory of sin; there is a light that heals, and, where it falls, transfigures and redeems the darkest stain into translucent colour. Loose the veils and draw the curtains back, unbar the doors, of that dread threshold where your spirit fails, the hopeless gate that holds in all the fears that haunt your shadowed city, fling it wide and open to the light that finds and fares through the dark pathways where you run and hide, through all the alleys of your riddled heart, as pierced and open as His wounded side. Open the map to Him and make a start, and down the dizzy spirals, through the dark his light will go before you, let Him chart and name and heal. Expose the hidden ache to him, the stinging fires and smoke that blind your judgment, carry you away, the mirk and muted gloom in which you cannot find the love that you once thought worth dying for. Call Him to all you cannot call to mind he comes to harrow Hell and now to your well guarded fortress let His love descend. The icy ego at your frozen core can hear His call at last. Will you respond?

Sung Response to Reading: Lord Jesus Christ

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.

Let not my doubts nor my dark-ness speak to me.

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.

Let my heart al-ways wel - come your love.

Short Silence

Guided Meditation

Extended Silence

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Our Common 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 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. Amen.**

Short Silence

Invitation for Healing Prayer James 5:14
 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

SONGS FOR HEALING

Come and Pray in Us

♩ = 89

(A) Cm G Cm Fm G (B)

Come and pray in us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and pray in us,
 Vie - ni, Spi - ri - to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni,

(C) (D)

come and vis - it us, Ho - ly Spir - it, Spir - it, come, Spir - it come.
 vie - ni, Spi - ri - to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni!

Confitemini Domino

♩ = 66

D Bm , D A ,

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
 Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Em C , Em A D ,

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!
 Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

In God Alone

♩ = 66 B Em C G D Em Am⁷ B Em C D G

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

Em C G D Em Am⁷ B Em Am B *fine* Em B

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- pose en paix. Mon

Live in Charity

F C Dm B^b 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.

Silence

BLESSING GOD'S PRESENCE

Blessing Prayer

Song of Blessing: Grant us your peace, O Lord

(A) (B)* (C) (D)*

Da pa - cem, Do - mi - ne, da pa - cem,
 Grant us your peace, O Lord, grant us your

O Chri - ste, in di - e - bus no - stris.
 peace, O Lord, may it fill all our days.

Coda

A - men. A - men. A - men.

THE ICON

In our service this evening, we are featuring an icon painted by local artist Suzan Sommers, entitled "The Black Madonna." The history of figures of women with dark skin which appeared in Europe during the Middle Ages is not clear. Some feel these figures represented the Earth Mother, as a complement to Mary, the mother of Jesus, who was the "Queen of Heaven." Some say these figures are the result of the way the materials used to create them aged. Others say the inspiration for these figures is from the "Song of Songs," chapter 1, verse 5: "I am black but beautiful." Since no one knows for sure, you may select your favorite among these interpretations or come up with your own. Closer inspection of the painting reveals small figures of the infant Jesus and an angel. You are welcome to approach the painting after the service to view it at closer range.

THE TAIZÉ PILGRIMAGE COMMUNITY

Taizé [teh-ZAY] is a tiny village hidden away in the hills of Burgundy in the eastern part of France. Since 1940, it has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers and sisters whose prayer, three times daily, is at the center of their life. Today, Taizé is a place to which visitors of all ages and backgrounds travel as pilgrims to participate in international meetings of prayer, Bible study, and reflection.

The music of the Taizé community is designed as short responses which are sung over and over again by the congregation. This repetition of a short phrase or two quiets the busy, everyday chatter of the mind so worshipers can access the deeper realms of heart and soul. As the congregation repeats this response (ostinato), the cantor and instrumentalists overlay this melody with their own, either composed or improvised. Some of the texts are in Latin. The sound of the Latin vowels is especially clear and simple, helping to create the beauty and calm of the music. If you prefer, however, you may sing all the chants in English.

Healing is a journey toward spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental wholeness.

Healing happens in relationship with Self, Others, and God. Healing brings peace.

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