First United Methodist Church of Saginaw CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ August 7, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

-----The beginning of the service will be denoted by the ringing of a bell.-----

Song: "JESUS CHRIST, BREAD OF LIFE"



Scripture: John 6:9

There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?

Reading: Five Loaves, Two Fish - by Steven Garnaas-Holmes, www.unfoldinglight.net

You can't do math on God.

The power of your gifts is multiplied by a mystery.

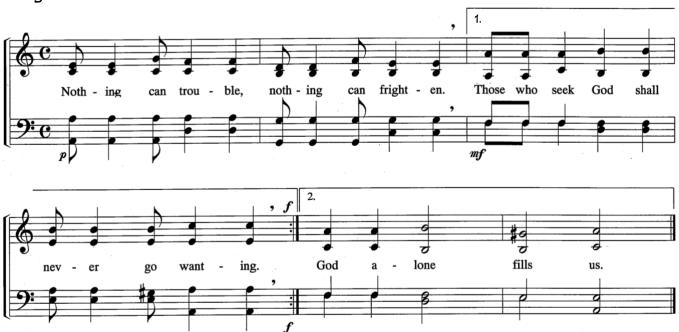
Unmeasurable,
always too small, they are more than adequate,
with enough left over for everyone (all twelve tribes).

This is a parable of the whole world.

Take, bless, and give.

Silence (2 minutes)

Song: "NOTHING CAN TROUBLE" - c1991 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community



Scripture: Luke 6: 37-38

Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you – a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

Reading: Spoiled Children - by Jan Berry

God, you heap your love upon us like a parent providing for a family's needs, embracing a child with tenderness.

Forgive us when, like spoiled children, we treat your generosity as our right, or hug it possessively to ourselves.

Give us enough trust to live secure in Your love and to share it freely with others in open-handed confidence that Your grace will never run out. Amen

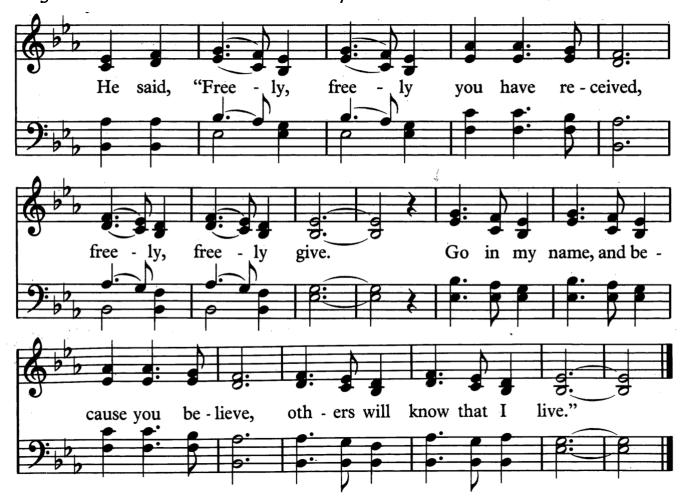
Song: "GOD, FILL OUR LIVES" - w/m by John L Bell, c2008 WGRG, Iona Community



Prayer - Pastor Amy Terhune

Silence (10 minutes)

Song: "FREELY" (chorus only) -w/m by Carol Owens, c1972 Communiqué Music, Inc.



Benediction - by Christine Longhurst

God, we praise You for Your abundant gifts in our lives.

Pour out your Spirit on us as well.

Fill us with Your compassion and love,

So that we would willingly share our abundance with those in need.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

Who came so that all of humanity might come to know

The abundant life that comes from You. Amen.

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ALL ARE WELCOME at worship on Sundays at 10am!
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