

## WELCOME

Thank you for coming!

Welcome to our Taize service.

First United Church of Christ and Conference Center is a church with full real life standing

in the Southern California Nevada Conference  
of the United Church of Christ (UCC).

It's good to be real in Second Life!

And as a UCC church, we'd like you to know that

"No matter who you are,  
or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here."

Our service will be in voice and text.

Music will be on the media viewer, so be sure that you have voice and media turned on.

If you don't know how to do that, let someone know and we'll try to help.

There will be a link in Nearby Chat so you can watch it in your browser if the viewer isn't working for you.

Whenever possible, lyrics for at least the refrain will be either on the screen, in Nearby Chat,

or a link will be provided so you can follow along if you wish.

There is a bulletin for the service in the red binder near the door.

Taize worship is a contemplative type of worship developed by the ecumenical monastic community of Taize, France.

It incorporates repetitive prayers set to music, sometimes in different languages, along with moments of silent prayer, scripture, and other readings or prayers.

The use of repetitive sung prayers allows us to turn off our thinking mind and allow the music and prayer to sink into our hearts.

I encourage you, if you are some place where you feel safe doing so,  
to try singing along with the sung prayers once you get the rhythm.

Now, let us take a moment and in silence open our hearts to God.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

"Nada te turbe"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=go1-BoDD7CI>

Chorus:

Nada te turbe,

nada te espante

quien a Dios tiene, nada le falta

Nada te turbe,

nada te espante

solo Dios, basta.

(Translation)

Let nothing disturb you,  
let nothing frighten you,  
everything passes,  
only God stays.

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE

"Our Soul is Waiting"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kLqeX03msc>

Chorus:

Our soul is waiting for God  
Our hearts find joy in the Lord

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE

Psalm 8 – Living Psalm Project – Maren Tirabassi

[The Living Psalms project of United Church of Christ Worshipways takes psalms and makes them contemporary.]

O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
Your glory, coming to us in galaxies  
that have been sung to sleep  
many light-years ago,  
is the same as the waking cry of our infants,  
or the “twinkle, twinkle” song of toddlers,  
You are a vaccine of the spirit against  
those who live by violence,  
and you fit to us the mask of kindness,  
so we bless one another when we are near.  
When we turn to Slooh or Hubble  
to live-stream the nebulae of your fingers,  
or claim new dark-sky geography  
as a refuge for much-needed night –  
what are human beings that you are mindful of us,  
your castaways on earth that you notice us?  
Yet you make us little lower than God,  
lit with imagination, fragile against virus,  
but able to claim that it is no crown –  
for our crown is hope.  
You give us responsibility for the well-being  
of precious handfuls of your creation –  
ice caps, rainforests, barrier reefs, climate.  
And even through cyclone and wildfires,  
and, in spite of endangered creatures  
and those who have been lost,  
you put our feet on the path of care  
for domestic and wild animals,

birds of the air, fish of the sea,  
and all sea creatures – coral and dolphin,  
seal and eel, whale and oyster.  
We do not sing in these days  
but we whisper with great joy –  
O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE

"See I Am Near"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G\\_gfim2bySg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_gfim2bySg)

Chorus:

See, I am near says the Lord.

See, I make all things new.

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE

Psalm 145 8-14 (NRSV)

The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
The Lord is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.  
All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.  
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,  
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.  
The Lord is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.  
The Lord upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION - about 5 minutes

#### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

In the silence of our hearts or in words typed in Nearby Chat  
let us give thanks for the gift of this day  
and pray for the life of the world ...

if you have a prayer of joy or concern that you wish to lift to God, and have  
supported by the energy of those gathered here, type it in Nearby Chat at this time.  
Please conclude your prayer with the words, "Lord, in your mercy" so we know you are  
finished.

When you see "Lord, in your mercy," you may wish to respond with "hear our prayers."  
Lord, in your mercy,

Lord hear our prayers  
those voiced here today  
those spoken only in the depths of our hearts  
those for which we have no words,  
we lift them all up to you  
with faith that you know, better than we,  
what is needed.  
We pray all this, in the name of the one who taught us to pray together:  
Our Father  
who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name  
thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom  
and the power  
and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

"Jubilate Deo"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxdizbEaEw0>

GO IN PEACE