

WELCOME

.
Thank you for coming to our Sunday 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, if you want one, 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 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.

The scriptures are from the Daily Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary.

Let us open our hearts to God.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

"Be Still"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjNeGK0nD_o

Chorus:

Be still, be still, and know that I am God

MOMENT OF SILENCE

"Nada te turbe"

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

Chorus:

Nada te turbe, nada te espante;
quien a Dios tiene, nada le falta.
Nada te turbe, nada te espante:
sólo Dios basta

(Translation)

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

MATTHEW 20:29-34 (NRSV)

As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him.
There were two blind men sitting by the roadside.
When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted,
“Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!”
The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet; but they shouted even more loudly,
“Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!”
Jesus stood still and called them, saying,
“What do you want me to do for you?”
They said to him, “Lord, let our eyes be opened.”
Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes.
Immediately they regained their sight and followed him.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

"Wait for the Lord"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t9i75gz_Vx8

Chorus:

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near
Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart

MOMENT OF SILENCE

LAMENTATIONS 3:19-26 (NRSV)

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!
My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.
But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION - about 5 minutes

PRAYERS 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.

"We Adore You Lord"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFgQQNwGNl4>

Thank you for coming! Go in peace!