

## **Prayer in the Style of Taizé**

### **January 7, 2026 – The Season of Epiphany**

*Christ Jesus, sent by God, you assure us that God can do nothing other than love.  
We wish to follow you, and in our turn, express this good news by our lives. [Brother Roger]*

**Welcome – Rev. Donna Strieb**

#### **No. 16, Glory to God**

Glory to God, glory to God,  
Glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Gloria! Gloria! In excelsis deo!  
Gloria! Gloria! Alleluia, alleluia!

#### **No. 18, Raise a Song of Gladness**

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.  
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart! Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

#### **Alleluia with Psalm 36:5-10**

Alleluia! (repeated after each portion of the reading)

#### **Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6**

##### **No. 36, The Lord Is My Light**

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:  
In God I trust, in God I trust.

*[During the singing, you are invited to come forward to light a candle and place it in a bowl, offering a prayer of thanksgiving or petition for the New Year.]*

#### **Gospel Reading – Luke 3:15-17,21-22**

##### **No. 48, Sing Praises All You Peoples** (*Laudate omnes gentes*)

Sing praises, all you peoples,  
Sing praises to the Lord. (repeat)  
*Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.*  
*Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.*

#### **Silent Meditation**

##### **Kyrie Eleison**

Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

##### **Holy Communion with The Lord's Prayer (Our Father)** (UM Hymnal page 12)

*Holy Communion is served by intinction. Come forward to receive a piece of bread and dip the bread in The Cup. **All are welcome** at the Lord's Table!*

### **Song During Communion:**

#### **No. 28, Come and Fill Our Hearts**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone O God are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia.

### **Prayer after Receiving**

#### **Lord Jesus Christ (Jésus le Christ)**

Lord Jesus Christ, Your light shines within us.

Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your light shines within us.

Let my heart always welcome your love.

### **Benediction**

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**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Donna Strieb, Rev. Janet Weatherston, Bette Richards (Flute), Carol Jeffries-Horner, clarinet; Dan St. Romain (Piano); Media – Rick Alvarez

### **About Taizé:**

**Taizé music** uses simple repetitive words designed to become a sung prayer. Sometimes Latin words are used, a language considered to be universal.

**Silence** is essential to the heart of prayer, for when we are silent, God can speak to us. *Be still and know that I am God!* (Psalm 46:10)

**Icons** are sacred images that allow one to pray with the eyes, gazing into the realities of the Kingdom of God. They create a space of peace and are appropriate to the Christian Seasons.

**The Taizé Community in France** was founded by Brother Roger Schultz, a Swiss protestant who desired to bring reconciliation between Protestants and Catholics following World War II. Today this community of over 100 Brothers plus an order of Sisters welcome thousands of young people (age 18-35) each summer, a week at a time. People come from all over the world for retreat, prayer and worship with the Community. The Taizé Community is an ecumenical order of Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox Christians.

**Our next Service of Taizé: Wednesday, February 4, 2026**

**6:30 p.m., Garden Chapel**

**Alamo Heights United Methodist Church**

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