

An Advent Service in the Style of Taizé
FCC United Church of Christ

November 28, 2010

7:00 PM

THE SERVICE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Peter Dennebaum & Gary Fitzgerald

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

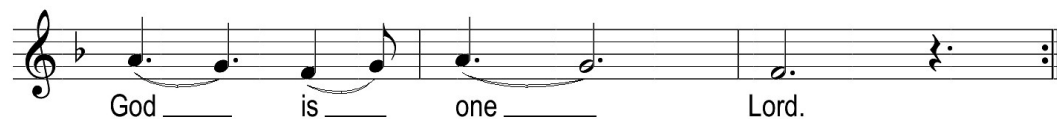
Sh'ma Yisroel

(Cantor, then all; this sequence performed 3 times)

Cantor



People



Leader: Grace and peace to you from God.

People: God fill you with truth and joy!

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

(Silence is kept)

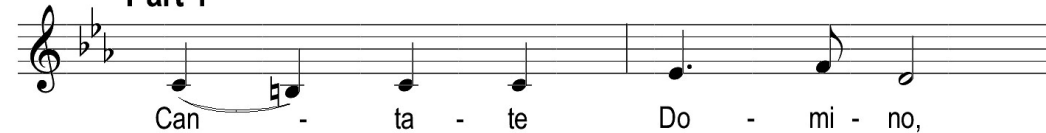
People: Eternal God, to whom all hearts are open, all destinies known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit so that we may worthily love and worship you this night. Amen.

Cantate Domino

A Canon in 3 parts

(all are invited to repeat and change parts in a spontaneous, improvisatory way until the music finishes)

Part 1



Part 2



Part 3



SHARING OUR FAITH: Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope
Bonnie Hardy, Raine and Grant Anderson

CONFESSION IS MADE

Leader: Jesus said: "There is joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

People: Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Pastor: Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.

People: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray.

People: God our friend, you never change, you are always here. When we are lonely or helpless you watch over us. Hear us, be with us, as you were with your Son, alone on the Cross. Amen.

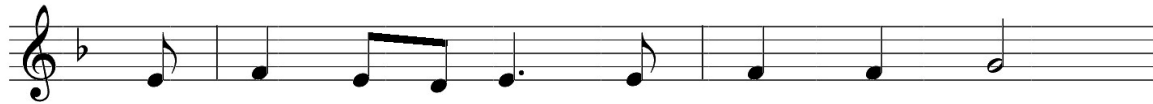
THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us divine ways and that we may walk in Gods paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. God shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat heir swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Response *My Soul Is At Rest In God Alone*



My soul is at rest in God a - lone;



My sal - va - tion comes from God.

Matthew 24:36-44

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son,* but only our Creator. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for

you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Response *The Lord Is My Light*



The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in



Gid I trust, in God I trust.

GOD'S PEOPLE TURN TO PRAYER

People: The Lord's Prayer

Our God, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(For the remaining worship we will stay together in prayer. Please feel free during the following singing to come forward, light a candle and put it on the altar. You may remain there in prayer as long as you wish)

Wait For The Lord



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord be strong, take heart!

Adoramus Te Jesu Christe

A - do - re - mus te Je - su Chri - ste, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Come And Pray In Us

Part 1

Come and pray in us, Ho - ly Spi - rit,

Part 2

come and pray in us,

Part 3

come and vis - it us, Ho - ly Spi - rit,

Part 4

Spi - rit come, Spi - rit come.

Domine Deus

Do - mi - ne De - us, Fi - li - us Pa - tris,

do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Stay With Us

Stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, night soon will

fall, Then stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ,

light in our dark - ness.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART IN PEACE

Prayer (in unison)

Let us go forth tonight satisfied but eager to know more, happy but ready to face challenges, feeling loved and eager to love, knowing a difficult week may lie ahead but also knowing we can have faith in You. For these things we pray in Your name. Amen.

Pastors: Benediction

Please feel free to depart quietly, or remain in prayer.

May the four weeks of Advent bring peace in your heart. Take your time, be open, allow God to guide you. Be assured that God is wherever you are open the divine. Allow yourself to be the child you are and allow it to play with the one, which will be born on Christmas Eve. Be blessed and be a blessings for other; Go in peace!

ABOUT TAIZE

Taize is a small village in the eastern part of France. Since 1940 it has been the home of an ecumenical community of people where prayer, three times a day, is the center of life. Part of that prayer time is spent singing short repetitive refrains or ostinatos (a repeated pattern). Thousands of people from around the world visit Taize every year. Tonight we borrow from the tradition of Taize as we offer our prayers and meditations. At times there will be cantor parts that the congregation is asked to respond to with the repeated refrain. Feel free to sing some, stop and listen, find harmonies, and sing the rounds. Each song will be introduced by the piano. Then the congregation will join in the second time through followed by multiple repetitions. The final repetition of each prayer song will be indicated by the instruments dropping out and the piano playing alone.

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TAIZE SERVICE

November 28, 2010 – First Sunday of Advent

THIS WEEK

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

My [our] name (s) _____

In honor of _____

OR

In Memory of _____

Number of plants at \$12 each _____

Enclose payment -

Write a check to: First Congregational UCC

Please mark "Poinsettias" on the check memo

1] drop check and order form in the offering or

2] mail them to the church at 309 E Street, NW.,
Washington, DC 20001

**Deadline to order Poinsettias is December 13;
your order needs to be received by then--thank you!**

Wednesday, December 1

4:30 pm Volunteers at Thrive DC

6:00 pm Worship Commission

Thursday, December 2

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 5

Equal Exchange / Fair Trade sale

12:00 pm Bible Workbench

12:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

1:00 pm Worship Service. Preaching: Susie Hayward

Liturgist: Peter Dennebaum

2:00 pm Fellowship Hour: Susie Hayward, James Estes, John Smeltzer, Karen

Tramontano

2:30 pm Advent Nurture

Birthdays:

November 28 - John Evans-Klock; *November 30* - Marka Hayes; *December 3* -

Larry Minear, Bonnie Ponwith, Joe Zikmund