



## **TAIZÉ WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK**

*Thursday, January 14, 7 pm*

Since its founding in the 1940s, the monastic community of Taizé in France has become a place of pilgrimage for people the world over, seeking spiritual refreshment. Pilgrims are drawn by the spirit of joy, simplicity, and fellowship which permeates the community, as lived out through its unique style of worship: meditative communal prayer rich in complementary silence and song. The music of Taizé, with its distinctive, repetitive chants setting a simple prayer phrase or word of scripture, encourages a contemplative disposition that allows one to go deeper, beyond the mere surface level, into a profound encounter with God in the inner room of the heart.

**Prelude:**  
Sarabande from Cello Suite No. 3 in C major (Bach)

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer:**

Jesus our joy, the simple desire for your presence is already the beginning of faith. And, in our life, the hidden event of a longing causes wellsprings to gush forth: kindness, generosity, and also that inner harmony which comes from the Holy Spirit in us.

**Song:** *Please sing along, kindly keeping your microphone on mute.*

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the  
*Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés al - lu - me le*

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a -  
*feu qui ne s'é-teint ja - mais, ne s'é-teint ja -*

way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the  
*mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le*

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.  
*feu qui ne s'é-teint ja - mais, ne s'é-teint ja - mais.*  
*Last time*

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**Silence**

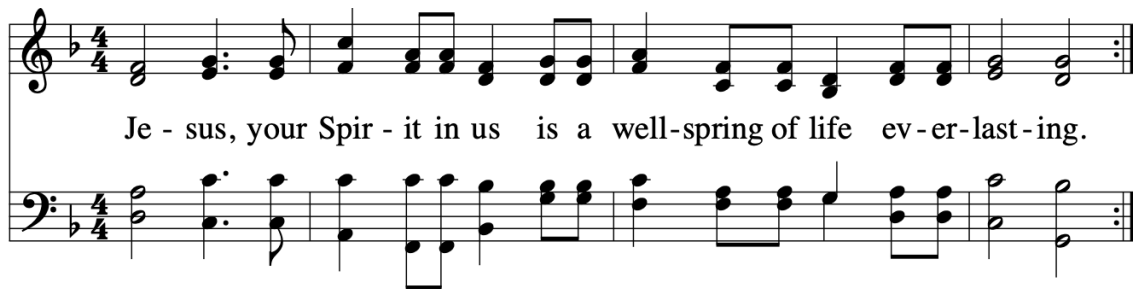
*A moment of quiet prayer and recollection in God's presence.*

**Reading:** from *Psalm 42*

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God.  
My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life; when can I enter and see the face of God?  
My tears have become my bread, by night, by day, as I hear it said all the day long:  
“Where is your God?”  
Why are you cast down, my soul, why groan within me?  
Hope in God; I will praise yet again my saviour and my God.

**Song:**

*Please sing along, kindly keeping your microphone on mute.*



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**Silence**

*A moment of quiet prayer and recollection in God's presence.*

**Litany of Praise**

Response: *Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, you visit every human being to reveal the Father's love.

Jesus, goodness without end, you liberate captives, you pardon our sins.

Jesus, our rest and our refuge, your yoke is easy and your burden light.

Jesus, sent by the Father, you heal our blindness.

Jesus, living bread, you nourish our hearts by your words.

Jesus, you came to light a fire on the earth.

Jesus, risen from the dead, you share with us your joy.

Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth and the Life.

**Song:***Please sing along, kindly keeping your microphone on mute.*

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in  
 Mon â-me se re-pose en paix sur Dieu seul: de

God my peace and joy. On-ly in God my  
 lui vient mon se-lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon

soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.  
 â-me se re-po-se, se re-pose en paix.

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**Silence***A moment of quiet prayer and recollection in God's presence.***Closing Prayer:**

Bless us, Christ Jesus; in you our hearts find peace.  
 Amen.

Song:

Please sing along, kindly keeping your microphone on mute.

Chri - ste, lux mun - di, qui se - qui - tur te ha -  
Christ, you are light for those who fol - low you. You

be - bit lu - men vi - tae, lu - men vi - tae.  
come to bring to all the light of life.

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