

Summer Worship Opportunity

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

in Room 100;

June 26, July 10, July 24, August 14, August 28

This summer, we are offering a new opportunity for worship in a contemplative style. This service is modeled after the community of Taizé, a monastic community in France with a unique worship style. You might recognize a few Taizé hymns that we sing in worship: *Stay With Me*; *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*; and *Jesus, Remember Me* are a few examples. While we usually sing these songs just a few times through, the community of Taizé sings the same refrain over and over again, sometimes for as long as five or six minutes. While at first this might feel repetitive or boring, many worshippers find that it invites them into a meditative and prayerful state. Rather than a sermon, this service centers on a ten to fifteen minute period of silent meditation. Singing, prayer, scripture readings, and Holy Communion are also important parts of the service. Because this style of worship is so different from what we do on Sunday mornings, it will not be set in the Sanctuary, but in Room 100 (near the Conference Room). Services will begin at 6:30 pm and will last approximately 45 minutes. Even if it's outside of your comfort zone, we hope you'll consider trying this new form of worship over the summer. We know the Holy Spirit moves in many ways, and we are excited to encounter God through this new worship opportunity. All are welcome!