



A Service of Song and Prayer In the Manner of Taizé

Taizé a small village in France, is home to the Church of the Reconciliation. This ecumenical community was founded by Brother Roger during World War II as a sign of the presence of Christ in the midst of war. Brother Roger assisted the poor in France, as well as those who sought refuge from the Nazis. Brother Roger was forced to flee Taizé, but returned after the war with other devoted followers of Christ. These men pledged their brotherhood to one another in the pursuit of Christ-likeness. During the 1960's young adults from around the world began to show up and assist in their work. Today, thousands of young adults journey to Taizé weekly to join the brothers in work, worship, and prayer. Every day the community is called to corporate prayer three times, each comprised of simple meditative songs, the reading of scripture, prayer, and an extended period of silence. The meditative, chant-like singing of simple texts grew to be a staple of the community. It is a way in which thousands of worshippers from various cultures and traditions offer common prayer. The songs themselves become prayer, as their meaningful texts and beautiful harmonies work their ways into the souls of those praying.

The music we sing today is from the Taizé community. Each song will be repeated numerous times. In the style of Taizé worship, we will share a period of extended silence. Be still and attentive to how the Spirit of God may lead you. As you sing allow the words to penetrate your mind, heart, and soul. The repeated singing of the simple meditative songs allows us to move beyond our rational, controlling minds into the deeper parts of our being which are hungry for communion with God. As we begin worship, open yourself to the movement of God's Spirit.

ENTER IN SILENCE AND MEDITATION
BE RECONCILED ALL YOU WHO ENTER HERE ~

Parents and children; husbands and wives;
Believers and those who cannot believe;
Christians and their fellow Christians.

(Taken from the entrance to the Church of the Reconciliation in Taizé, France)

Our Staff

Haley Brown – Associate Director of The Anchor House

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Centering Prayer

Today | The Chapel | after Contemplative Worship

Worship Response

Today | The Anchor House | 10:00 a.m.

The Anchor House Hours

Tuesdays – Fridays | Noon - 4pm

The Anchor House is open in the afternoons for you to come and pray, meditate, walk the Labyrinth or just be still. If you would like to request a specific room for spiritual direction, counseling or for your own time of retreat outside of these hours, please let Haley know and we will make sure a room is available for you.

Yoga at The Center: A Posture of Prayer

Monday, September 8 | The Anchor House | 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | \$10 per class

In this course, led by Jonathan Mangrum, we will use the practice of yoga as a lens to explore what it means to embody spirituality. Each class will include time engaging in breath work, meditation, yoga postures, and poses.



Creative Space

Saturday, September 13 | The Anchor House | 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Creative Space is a nurturing, encouraging gathering of people who come together to create art and spend time in personal reflection. You will get an opportunity to explore spirituality through creative expression, as well as to be creative in a setting that is intentionally designed to enhance the spiritual. Materials are provided and everyone is welcome. No reservation is required.

Community Gathering: Second Sunday Chicken

Sunday, September 14 | The Chapelwood Gym | 11:30 a.m. | \$10

Following Worship Response, let's have lunch! It's a great way to get to know one another on a deeper level. Head over to the Chapelwood Gym for "Second Sunday Chicken." Check the website for menu and pricing. We hope to see you there.



Save the Date October 3 – 5: Hope in Focus with Steve Pavey

Steve Pavey is a photographer, a contemplative, a storyteller, a cultural organizer – all of which come together in the vocation of cultivating a way to see, in order to bear witness to the world both as it is, and as it could be. Join us for a weekend to focus on hope – the hope we must live into of re-connection with ourselves, with each other, and the more-than-human world around us.



"You Are the Bridge: Uniting Heaven and Earth in Turbulent Times" with Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti, Jr.

October 10 – 12 | Praxis Retreat and Learning Center | Telephone, TX | \$175

Who am I, really? Why am I really here? These are primordial wisdom questions that, if answered from the perspective of perennial wisdom, have dramatic effects on how we live our daily lives. Join the Oriental Orthodox Order in the West as Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti guides us through the dialogues from Talking with Angels, transcribed by Gitta Mallasz. This is an in-person only retreat which will be held at The Praxis Retreat and Learning Center in Telephone, TX. Space is limited and the registration deadline is October 3rd.

