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Tunes on a Sunday Afternoon

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Immaculate Conception Church

An Afternoon of Taizé

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Taizé is an ecumenical community of monastic brothers located in France established during WWII. Individuals living there focus on prayer, work and hospitality towards others, including hosting thousands of people for weeks at a time in prayer and worship.

Individuals visiting come from a wide range of backgrounds and speak many different languages. To encourage communal worship and praise together, composers began writing short, repetitive pieces (many in Latin) to be used in a meditative and chant-like worship that could be approachable for all present.

Taizé services continue throughout the world and are meant to encourage a calm mind and open heart. The repeated music and patterns bring about meditative thought on the simple, yet impactful, text used in each short chant.

The Taizé website says, "Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship." This style of prayer and reflection allows for a meditative environment in which small and basic concepts of our faith can be grasped quickly and fully by the mind of those worshipping. This allows for our ears to be opened to the word of God as we unite our voices together simultaneously continuing in personal prayer in the presence of those around us.

Please note that today's service is being recorded. Should you wish not to be in the video, please sit behind where the camera stand is situated. Thank you!