



Taizé Services
are held the last
Sunday of the
month at 5:30 PM.
People who wish to
come early for
meditation can do
so anytime after
4:45 PM.

Taizé Evening Prayer Service

A growing number of congregations, aiming to offer a reprieve from today's fast pace and the structure of traditional church services, are embracing other styles of worship. With candles, singing and meditation, Taizé services are rooted in old Christian traditions. They are meant to encourage a close connection with God through relaxation and quiet prayer.

The services appeal to those whose busy week leaves them eager on Sunday not for the enthusiasm of a praise team or traditional services, but for a quiet worship setting.

The services are rooted in liturgical Christian traditions and are beginning to crop up in mainstream and some evangelical congregations.

Taizé services originated in an ecumenical Christian community in southern France. People from throughout the world flock to Taizé to pray, to be silent, to be simple, to meet God.

In a Taizé service, we gather not to talk *to* God, but to *listen*. Instead of talking about Scripture, the Scripture is read and left to speak for itself in the silence. By singing simple songs of prayer over and over again, the mind calms and the soul opens up; God speaks and the heart listens.