

# Summer 2005 Taize-style service

## Swimming to the Other Side: A Service in the Style of Taize

Seekers Church

A Christian Community

*In the Tradition of the Church of the Saviour*

Summer 2005

SWIMMING TO THE OTHER SIDE

A Service of Contemplative Prayer

in the Style of Taize

July 17, 2005

CIRCLE TIME

ENTRANCE

Chant:

Taize Songbook # 41

Veni Sancte Spiritus

*Come Holy Spirit*

## **REFLECTION**

As swimmers dare  
to lie face to the sky  
and water bears them,  
as hawks rest upon air  
and air sustains them,  
so would I learn to attain  
freefall, and float  
into Creator Spirit's deep embrace,  
knowing no effort earns  
that all-surrounding grace.

Denise Levertov, "The Avowal," in *Oblique Prayers*

Chant:

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*Come Holy Spirit*

## WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

## SILENCE

Chant:

Taize Songbook # 20

O Lord hear my prayer...

## PRAYERS

### PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

#### JESUS PRAYER

All:                   Eternal One, Father and Mother of us all,  
Holy is your name.

Let justice and mercy fill all Creation  
and let us recognize  
that every thought and thing belongs to you.

Feed us with the bread we need for today.

Forgive our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Stand with us in trial and temptation.

Free us from the grip of all that is evil.

For you alone are creating our universe,  
now and forever.

Amen.

Chant:

Taize Songbook # 20

O Lord hear my prayer...

## **SCRIPTURE**

### FIRST READING

Chant: Jesus, remember me

when you come into your kingdom.

### READING FROM THE GOSPEL

## **SILENCE**

Chant: Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.

## **OFFERING**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chant: Taize  
Songbook # 49

Ubi caritas et amor. Ubi caritas; Deus ibi  
est.

*Live in charity and steadfast love,  
live in charity; God will dwell with you.*

## **BENEDICTION**

Leader: Go into the world in peace;  
have courage;  
hold onto what is good;  
return to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak;  
help the suffering;  
honor all people;

love and serve God,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All:

Amen.