

Lay Leader Network -- Yearly Intensive Series
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Taizé music Ways of Praying – Collectively and Intimately
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Another topic we touched on [YIS assignment] was any changes in worship services that have come about from our LLN experience. I mentioned that our interim Pastor, Nancy Hong, introduced Taizé music for a portion of our service. We've done it once and will do it again this Sunday.

Taizé is a simple repetitive two verses or so set to music and serves as a prayer.

The link below is the one I have found so incredibly centering for me. I can see children coming to me and wanting me to help them with a hurt or other problem. Sometimes it was with tears. I think God must feel the same way when we come to him.

I first was made aware of Taizé after I endured an emotional career setback almost 20 years ago. Our Parish Nurse gave me a tape of the music you'll hear, but it wasn't until recently that I found it on YouTube. Here are the music and beautiful scenes. The last scenes from about 2:55 on were the real essence for me.

<https://youtu.be/f51n-yb11dY>