

***A Taize Service***  
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At our first ever Taize service at this church, on Thursdays during the season of Lent, the faithful people came, more than I thought would. It felt so good - I think God was there, too.

We sang (simple & profound melodies)... Some read scriptures. There was more silence than I've ever allowed happen... the prayers of intercession were "kerplunked" and that was like a resonating chorus. There were even some children there -they "kerplunked" too.

The altar had a beautiful purple cloth twisted like a rope across the base of the cross. My gorgeous blooming African violet stood at the center below the cross, and seven votives on simple glass plates, each one a different color surrounded the plant. The lighting was dim, but not too dim. The altar had a light shining down on it.

The prayers were rich, both the spoken and the unspoken. God's word was clear and in the silence I could hear my breathing...

We shared the peace of Christ as our benediction.

It was nice.

and the dance continues...