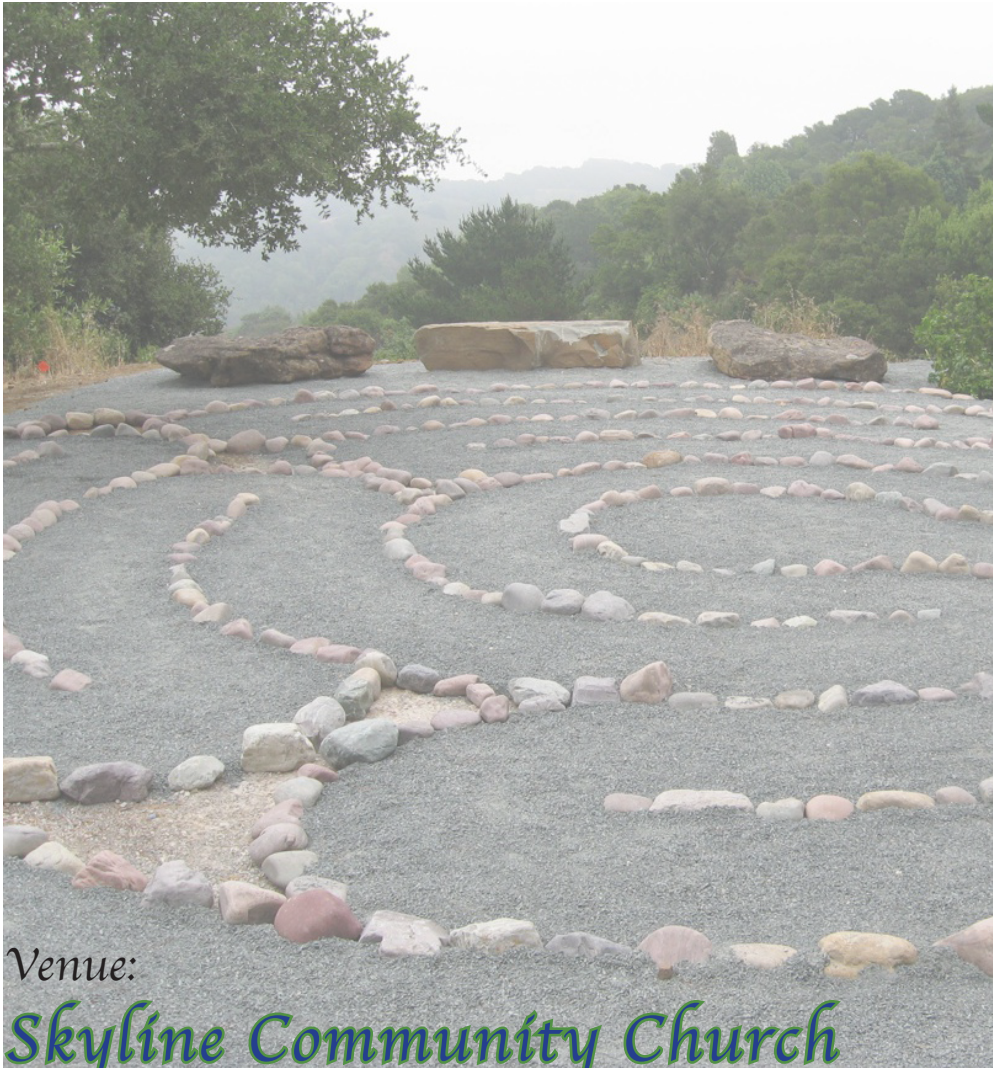


# Taizé Participatory Service

with Music led by Barbara Hamm\*

Sunday, August 15th

Taizé at 6pm ♦ Labyrinth Walk at 7pm



Venue:

**Skyline Community Church**

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\* Assisted by Shelby Riddle on clarinet and Dean Gilman on bass

Barbara Hamm is a seasoned musician with over 30 years experience as a Music Director and Minister of Music. Her collection of hymns has been published, both texts and tunes, with Abingdon Press, and have been sung at both UCC and DOC Annual Meetings.

## What is Taizé?

Taizé is the name of the village in France where the Brothers of an ecumenical community (Protestant and Catholic) reside. People from all over the globe, especially young people, come to participate in daily prayers held there. Taizé Prayer is simply sung prayer, consisting of the repetition of simple chants. (Listen to chants from Taizé: [www.taize.fr/en](http://www.taize.fr/en)) Singing these chants can take us to that deep inner place, in communion with God or Spirit.

## What is a labyrinth?

The term labyrinth is often used interchangeably with “maze”, but modern scholars of the subject use a stricter definition: . a tour puzzle in the form of a complex branching passage with choices of path and direction.

## Why combine them? And how does this service relate to contributory service?

The service is comprised of meditative chanting, scripture, spoken prayers, and silence. Both Taizé chants & labyrinth walking are means of centering ourselves more deeply to find peace & direction. With this deep centering of our beings, we can then go forth nourished and fulfilled, to share out of this abundance, our offerings to a world in need. **Proceeds for this particular service will go to the Gulf of Mexico in reponse to the oil spill crisis.**

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