



East Liberty Presbyterian Church

116 South Highland Avenue ♦ Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Wednesday, April 28, 2021 • 7:00 pm

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## **Prelude by Gerard Rohlf**

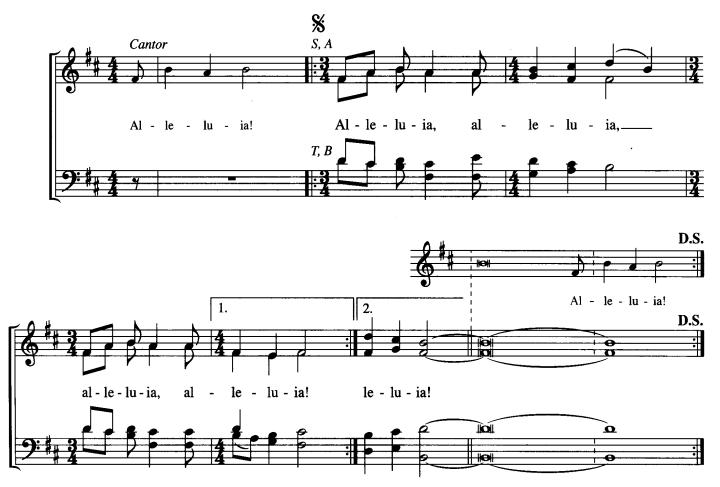
### Opening/Centering/Candle Lighting by Rev. BJ Woodworth

#### **CLM16** Whoever Walks In God's Love



**Psalm 22:25-31** (from 'Psalms for Praying' by Nan C. Merrill)

#### Sung Response: CLM3 Alleluia 21



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To You, O Beloved, I lift up my voice In the great congregation; For you promise to remain with Those whose love is steadfast. The hungry shall eat And be satisfied; Those who seek you shall sing praises! Your Heart is our dwelling place forever!

**ALLELUIA** 

All the ends of the earth shall remember And turn to Love's way; And all the families of the nations Shall bow down with grateful hearts. For power and authority Belong to the Most High, Who rules over the nations.

ALLELUIA

Yes, the proud of the earth
Shall be humbled, while those
Who live in fear and illusions will
Separate themselves not knowing
The indwelling Peace of the Beloved.
Posterity shall know and serve Love,
Telling of the One who abides in all
To the coming generations,
And proclaiming deliverance
To a people yet unborn
That the Most High dwells among us.

**ALLELUIA** 

#### The Word/Meditation: 1 John 4:7-21 selected verses

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.....No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.....

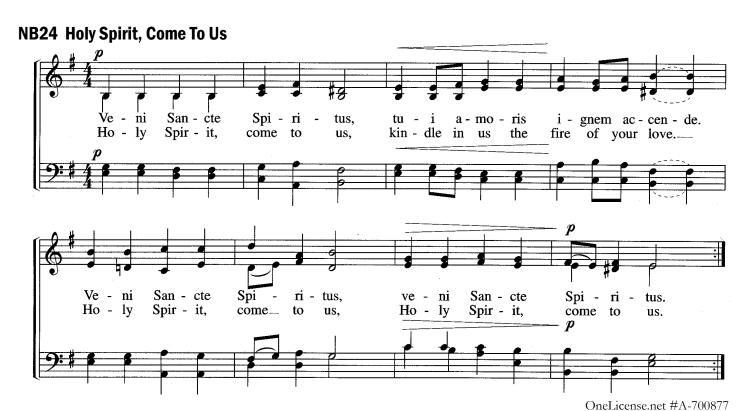
There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, ...... The commandment we have from God is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

#### Sung Response: CLM31 | Delight And Rejoice



#### **Words By Brother Roger**

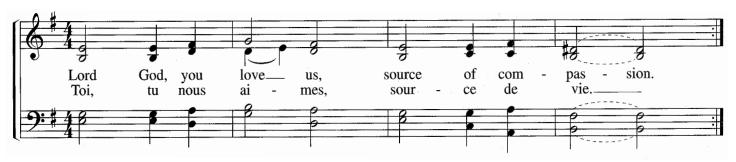
God of all the living, enable us to surrender ourselves to you in silence and in love. Surrendering ourselves to you does not come easily to our human condition. But you intervene in the deepest recesses of our being and your will for us is the radiance of a hope.



#### **Prayers of Intercession**

(from "Sometimes It Just Seems to Be Too Much" by Ted Loder in "Guerrillas of Grace")

#### Sung Response: NB14 Lord God, You Love Us



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Sometimes, Lord, it just seems to be too much:

Too much violence, too much fear;

Too much of demands and problems;

Too much of broken dreams and broken lives;

Too much of war and slums and dying;

Too much of greed and squishy fatness,

And the sounds of people devouring each other and the earth.

#### LORD GOD, YOU LOVE US ...

Too much of stale routines and quarrels, unpaid bills and dead ends;

Too much of words lobbed in to explode and leaving shredded hearts and lacerated souls;

Too much of turned-away backs and yellow silence,

Red rage and the bitter taste of ashes in my mouth.

Sometimes the very air seems scorched by threats and rejection and decay

Until there is nothing but to inhale pain and exhale confusion.

# LORD GOD, YOU LOVE US $\dots$

Too much of darkness, Lord,

Too much of cruelty and selfishness and indifference ...

Too much, Lord, too much,

Too bloody, bruising, brain-washing much.

# LORD GOD, YOU LOVE US ...

Or is it too little,

too little of compassion,

too little of courage,

of daring, of persistence, of sacrifice;

Too little of music and laughter and celebration?

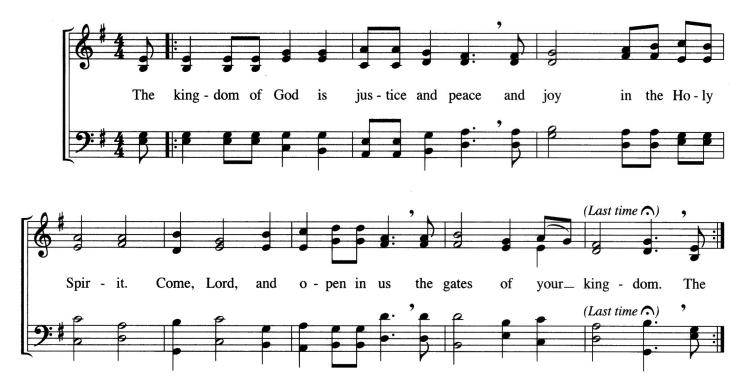
# LORD GOD, YOU LOVE US ...

O God, make of me some nourishment for these starved times,

Some food for my brothers and sisters who are hungry for gladness and hope, That, being bread for them, I may also be fed and be full.

LORD GOD, YOU LOVE US ...

# **NB35 The Kingdom Of God**



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#### **G74** Masithi (Sing Amen)



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Taizé prayers at East Liberty Presbyterian Church were begun in the Spring of 1992 in preparation for an intercontinental meeting in Dayton. The experience proved to be so meaningful that we have continued to pray every Wednesday evening since then, inviting people of all backgrounds to join with us.

Taizé is located in eastern France, southeast of Paris, north of Lyons, due west of Geneva, Switzerland, between the towns of Chalon-sur-Saône and Macon. Here are the ways to get Taizé information:

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You are welcome at any of our programs and worship services. It is possible to have more than one church home. Perhaps you would be interested in becoming a member or friend of this Church. If so, please speak to The Rev. BJ Woodworth, Minister of Taizé Prayer (BJW@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x141).