



**East Liberty
Presbyterian Church**

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**Wednesday, July 21,
2021 • 7:00 pm**

116 South Highland Avenue ♦ Pittsburgh, PA 15206
412.441.3800 ♦ www.ELPC.church

Prelude by Gerard Rohlf

Welcome and Opening Centering/Candle Lighting by Kathryn Ophardt

*Canticle of the Sun (verse 5 only)

Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, the creatures you made to let your life show;

The lowers and trees that help us to know the heart of love.

Refrain: The Heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy.

Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

13. LET US SING TO THE LORD

Bénissez le Seigneur

Let us sing to the Lord!
Bé-nis - sez le Sei - gneur!

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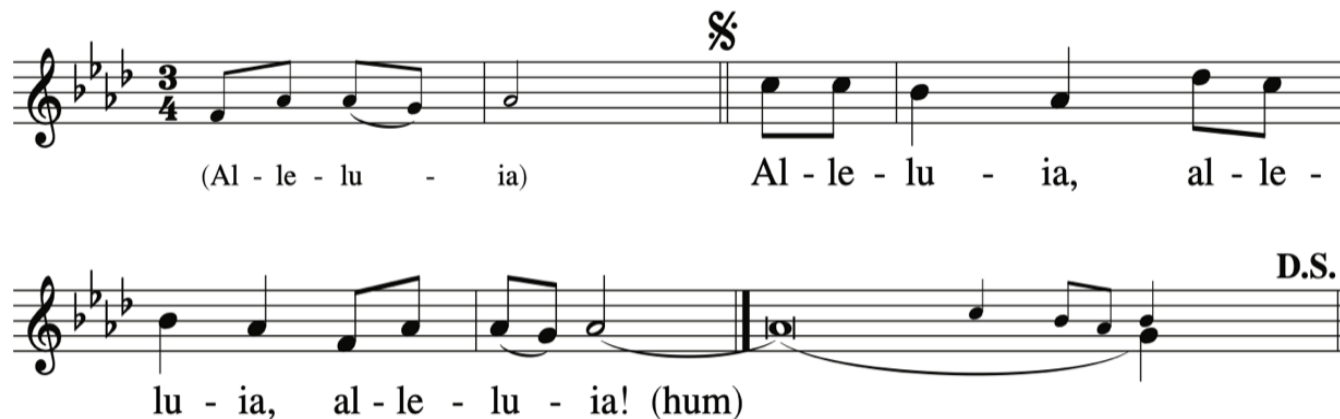
Lord!
gneur!

Let us sing to the Lord! Let us sing to the Lord!
Bé-nis - sez le Sei - gneur, bé - nis - sez le Sei - gneur!

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Psalm 65 (from Psalms for Praying by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: 3 Alleluia¹¹



Music: Alleluia II, Jacques Berthier, © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Praise belongs to you, Oh Indwelling Beloved,
and to You we commit our lives, to You who hear our prayers!
To You we come when we go astray;

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

When our transgressions fill us with guilt, You do forgive us.
Blessed are those who draw near to You, those who dwell in your Heart!
Awaken us to your kindness, enter into the Sacred Chapel of our heart!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Through pain and suffering, your Presence sustains us,
O Merciful One, our Comforter,
You, the hope of all the earth to the distant shore that brings us Home.
By your Light the foundations were created being guided by Love;

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

You still the roaring of the seas, the pounding of the waves, the tumult of the peoples,
so that those who dwell even at earth's outer bounds recognize and reverence You.
At the rise of each morning, and as the sun sets at night,
the people bow their heads in reverent gratitude.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

You visited the earth and slaked our thirst, offering Living streams of water;
You fed the hungry, and taught of Love's way.
You watered harden souls, filled with stone and weeds,
Softening them with kindness, and blessing their growth.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

You crowned your years with abandonment, inviting all to eternal life.
In the desert flowers come forth, the pastures flourish with fruit and grain;
Creation's diversity is glorious!
May all people honor these gifts with joyful songs while walking the path of love.

The Word/Meditation, Mark 4:26-27

26 He also said, “The Kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, 27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.

Words//Prayer from a Saint

“To be of the Earth is to know
the restlessness of being a seed
the darkness of being planted
the struggle toward the light
the pain of growth into the light
the joy of bursting and bearing fruit
the love of being food for someone
the scattering of your seeds
the decay of the seasons
the mystery of death
and the miracle of birth.” – John Soos

15. DOMINUS SPIRITUS EST Lord and Giver of Life

Do - mi - nus Spi - ri - tus est. Spi - ri - tus au - tem vi -
Lord and giv - er of life, Spir - it of light and of

vi - fi - cat. Spi - ri - tus au - tem vi - vi - fi - cat.
ho - li - ness, Spir - it of light and of ho - li - ness.

Intercessory Prayers (posture, practice or spoken)

God, we are the soil around the seed of your reign.
Help us be good soil.

For those who feel exposed, dried out, or depleted.
Please be with them and restore them to be as you intended—whole and full of life.

Pluck out the weeds of oppression, prejudice, and hate from our lives.
Prepare the beds of our communities to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

Remove the pollutants of pride, greed, and selfishness.
Unite us, and remind us that through you, our Creator, we are one creation.

Empower us to nourish growth, not just on the surface, but deep—into the depths of your beloved creation.
May we nurture peace, hope, love and wholeness.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done,
from seed to full fruition.



YOUR KINGDOM COME, O LORD

RUSSIA

Steadily

Your king-dom come, O Lord. Your king-dom come, O Lord. Your king-dom come, O Lord. Your king-dom come, O Lord.

The melody to this text from the Lord's Prayer was written by Professor Zabolotski, for some time a staff member of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, for the 1980 Conference for World Mission and Unity at Melbourne.

In *The International Review of Mission*, June 1980, he described his composition thus:

The melody shows the growth of a demand in connection to the kingdom of God. In the first part, you can feel the indefinite and unsure question of an unbalanced humanity; the answer to it can be seen in the second part, as the expression of hope, but still in the form of a question. The third part expresses the demanding cry from the depth of human unhappiness, poverty, suffering, and oppression, a cry to Christ high in his heavenly kingdom: the striving for the kingdom! The fourth part is a definite underlined response. It is the justification of hope: "Yes, the kingdom is coming indeed."

We should perform the melody starting very softly, with the feeling of piety and gradually expanding the expressiveness of the idea itself. The special accent must be on the last part—"Your kingdom come, O Lord."

Words: From the Lord's Prayer

Music: Melody © 1980 Prof. Nicolai A. Zabolotski; arrangement © 1990 Iona Community

Silent and Spoken Prayers

Please feel free to add your spoken petitions.

A note about praying for others out loud: Some people are comfortable with having their prayer concerns lifted up in public worship. Others are not. Before you share aloud any prayer concerns, please be sure that you are not breaking confidentialities.

Whether or not you say the person's name out loud, God hears and receives the intentions of your heart.

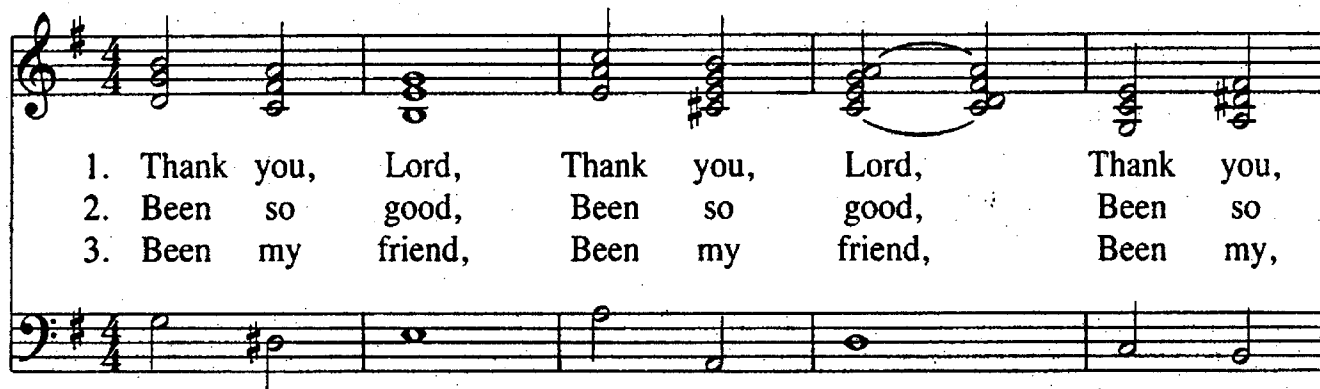


22. SING TO THE LORD Lobe den Herrn

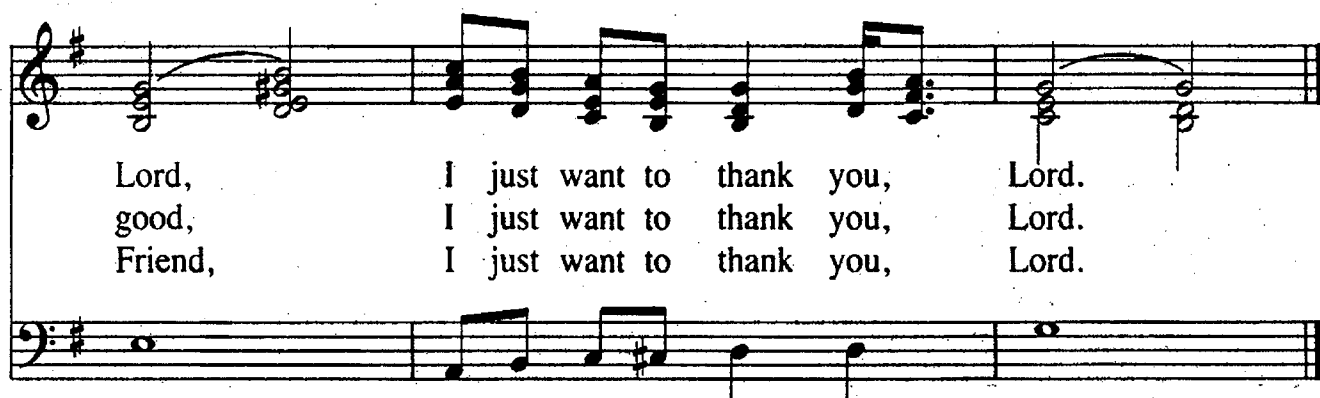
Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, let ev-'ry-thing in me pro-claim God's sal-va-tion.
Lo - be den Herrn, mei-ne See - le, und al-les in mir sei-nen hei - li - gen Na-men!

Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, and re-mem-ber all of God's mar-vel - ous deeds!
Lo - be den Herrn, mei-ne See - le, und ver-giß nicht, was er dir Gu - tes ge - tan!

G65 Thank You, Lord



1. Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord, Thank you,
2. Been so good, Been so good, Been so
3. Been my friend, Been my friend, Been my,



Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.
good, I just want to thank you, Lord.
Friend, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Text: Traditional

Tune: Traditional; Harm. by J. Jefferson Cleveland, b. 1937, and Verolga Nix, b. 1933, from *Songs of Zion* © 1981 by Abingdon CCLI #689547

4. Been my Light ...
5. Been my Peace ...
6. Been my Joy ...
7. Been my Life ...

Blessing of Wind, Fire, Earth or Water by Kathryn Ophardt

“May the Seed of Life

Rise up in you,

Rooting you deeply in the ground

And inviting you to extend your branches far into the sky.”

Adapted from Christine Valters Painter, *Water, Wind, Earth & Fire*

✧ SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS ✧

In Pursuit of Silence | Film Viewing and Conversation

Saturday, Aug 14 from 7–9 pm

In Pursuit of Silence is a documentary that meditatively explores our relationship with silence, sound, and the impact of noise on our lives. Beginning with an ode to John Cage's groundbreaking composition, 4'33", the film takes us on an immersive cinematic journey around the globe—from a traditional tea ceremony in Kyoto, to the streets of Mumbai during the wild festival season—and inspires us to experience silence and celebrate the wonders of our world. RSVP to Norma by Aug 13 (412.441.3800 x111).



SAVE THE DATE:

CENTER FOR ACTION AND CONTEMPLATIONS CONSPIRE CONFERENCE

September 24-26, 2021

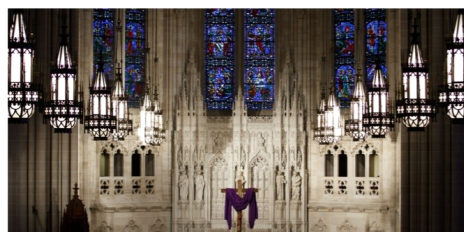
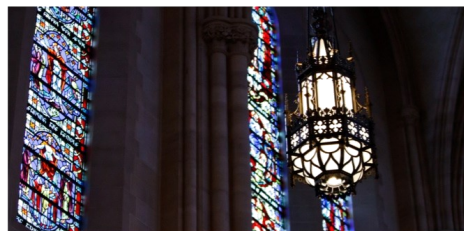
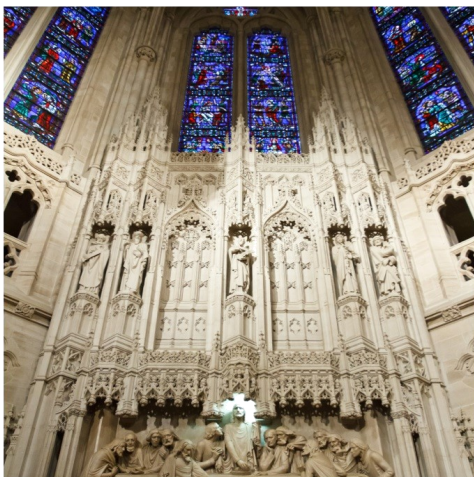
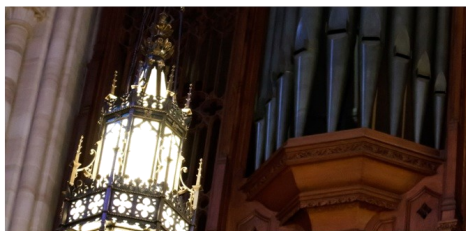
A VIRTUAL SIMULCAST EVENT AT ELPC

**Me / Us / the World
Living Inside God's Great Story**

An online event featuring conference presenters James Finley, Barbara Holmes, Jacqui Lewis, Brian McLaren, Richard Rohr, and Mirabai Starr.

Over the weekend of Sept. 24–26, the Spiritual Life Committee invites you to a virtual simulcast of the Center for Action and Contemplation's CONSPIRE Conference, *Me/Us/the World: Living Inside God's Great Story*.

In this time of great unknowing, how do we expand our sense of self to include love, healing, and forgiveness—not just for ourselves and those like us, but for the entire world? Join spiritual seekers across the world for an interactive, global gathering to experience God's love, grace, and com-



Please visit our website for more information about the ministries of East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

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INFORMATION ABOUT TAIZÉ

ABOUT TAIZÉ: Taizé is an international ecumenical prayer community in Taizé, France which was founded in 1940 by a young seminary student, Roger Schultz, as a place of hospitality and reconciliation during World War II. Today, thousands of young people come each week to Taizé to pray with the brothers and discern God's purpose for their lives. Taizé Prayer Pilgrimages and Intercontinental Meetings around the globe bring together thousands more in an effort to become the prayerful, reconciled presence of Christ wherever they live.

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:

Address:	Taizé Community, 71250 TAIZE, France
To contact Taizé:	community@taize.fr
To visit Taizé:	meetings@taize.fr
List of useful info:	info@taize.fr
Web site:	www.taize.fr
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ELPC Web site: www.ELPC.church

E-mail: BJW@coh.net

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).