

# TAIZÉ PRAYER



*Christ Pantocrator*



**East Liberty  
Presbyterian Church**

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**Wednesday, August 18, 2021 • 7:00 pm**

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## Prelude by Gerard Rohlf

### Welcome and Opening Centering/Candle Lighting by Kathryn Ophardt

*At any time during Taizé you are welcome to move, pray in your body, come forward, light a candle or simply sit before an icon at the steps.*

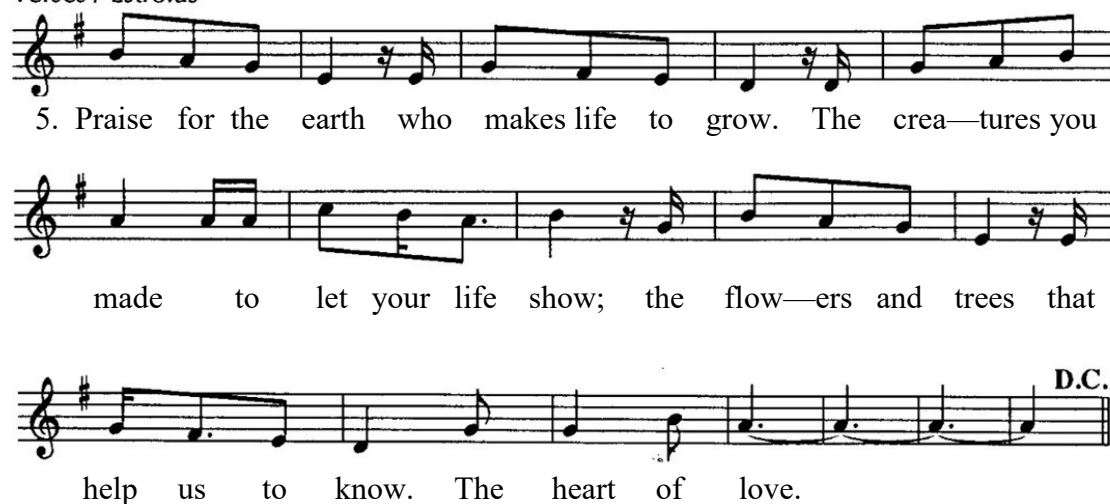
#### \* Cantic of the Sun (verse 5 only)

##### Refrain / Estribillo



The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,  
Los cie - los pro - cla - man la glo - ria de Dios,  
and all cre - a - tion is shout-ing for joy. Come,  
y sus cria - tu - ras le rin - den ho - nor. Ven  
dance in the for - est, come, play in the field, and  
bai - la en el bos - que, ven al - za tu voz; y  
sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.  
can - ta, can - ta a la glo - ria del Se - ñor.

##### Verses / Estrofas



5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow. The crea—tures you  
made to let your life show; the flow—ers and trees that  
help us to know. The heart of love. D.C.

CLM28 I Lift Up My Eyes

Canon

1

L'a - ju - da em vin - drà del Se - nyor, del Se -  
I lift up my eyes to the hills; from -

2

nyor, el nos - tre Déu, que ha fet el cel i la  
where shall come my help? My help is in God who cre -

3

4

(Last time ♪)

ter - ra, el cel i la ter - ra. L'a -  
at - ed the earth and the heav - ens. I

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**Psalm 46** (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: 3 Alleluia 11**

♩ = 104

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (hum)

(Al - le - lu - ia)

D.S.

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The Beloved is our refuge and our strength,  
A Loving Presence in times of trouble.  
Therefore, we need not fear  
Though the earth should change,  
Though the mountains  
Shake in the heart of the sea,  
Though its waters roar and foam,  
Though the mountains  
Tremble with its tumult.

**ALLELUIA**

There is a river whose streams  
Make glad the Holy City,  
The holy habitation of the Most High.  
The Beloved is in the midst of it,  
It shall not be moved;  
Our loving Creator  
Is an ever-present help.

**ALLELUIA**

The nations may be at war,  
Countries left in ruins,  
Yet is the Voice of the Almighty heard,  
Slowly breaking through hearts of stone.  
The Beloved is ever with us,  
The infinite Heart of Love.

**ALLELUIA**

Come, behold the works of the Beloved,  
How love does reign  
Even in humanity's desolation.  
For the Beloved yearns for wars to cease,  
Shining light into fearful hearts;  
Loving even those who oppress the weak,  
Refining hearts of steel!

**ALLELUIA**

"Be still and know that I am Love,  
Awaken! Befriend justice and mercy;  
Do you not know you bear my Love?  
Who among you will respond?"  
O Blessed One, you know all hearts,  
You are ever with us;  
May Love ever guide our lives!

**ALLELUIA**



## The Word/Meditation: Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

## Prayer from Tim Robinson

One climbs a mountain drawn instinctively by the magnetism of the highest point, as to a summit of personal awareness, awareness of oneself as a point in relation to as much of space as can be grasped within maximal horizon. Thus a mountain top is one of the most sensitive spots on earth.

## CLM7 0 God, Keep Me Safe

Be - hü - te mich, Gott, ich ver - trau - e dir, du  
O God, keep me safe, for I trust in you. The

zeigst mir den Weg zum Le - ben. Bei dir ist  
path - way to life you teach me. With you is

Freu - de, Freu - de in Fül - le. Be -  
peace and joy in all full - ness. O

(,) ( Last time)

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## Prayers of Intercession (posture, practice or spoken)

### Sung Response: NB17 Our Eyes Are Turned



O - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num Je - sum,  
Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ.—



o - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num nos - trum.  
Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior.

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Almighty God, you are God on the mountaintops and in the valleys.  
Meet us here tonight, wherever our feet are planted.

#### **OUR EYES ARE TURNED**

Merciful God, You know that we are prone to stumble. Forgive us  
for the harm we cause to others and to Your creation.

#### **OUR EYES ARE TURNED**

Creator God, this world so often seems overwhelming. We pray for  
the end of the COVID pandemic, the end of wars, the end of  
violence against one another and against your creation.

#### **OUR EYES ARE TURNED**

Loving God, may You be a refuge to every living thing that feels  
unsafe, unwanted, or alone. May we find comfort in You.

#### **OUR EYES ARE TURNED**

Steadfast God, we long for your unwavering calm. Calm our fears,  
O God. Calm our anxieties and our restlessness as we learn to rest  
in You.

#### **OUR EYES ARE TURNED**

In You, O God, may we find stability and hope for You are our  
Rock and our Redeemer.

#### **OUR EYES ARE TURNED**



## 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.*

### \* Many And Great

LACQUIPARLE 9.6.9.9.6

Dakota hymn

Joseph R. Renville, 1842

Trans. R. Philip Frazier, 1953 (Sioux)

Native American melody (Dakota)

Adapt. Joseph R. Renville, 1842

Harm. J. R. Murray, 1877

1. Man - y and great, O God, are Thy things, Mak - er of  
2. Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with Thee, Thou star - a -

earth and sky; Thy hands have set the heav-ens with stars,  
bid - ing One; Come un - to us and dwell with us:

Thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at Thy  
With Thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with

word the wa - ters were formed; Deep seas o - bey Thy voice.  
life that has no end, E - ter - nal life with Thee.

Optional hand drum or tom-tom:

= 76-80

## \* For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX 7.7.7.7.7

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

Conrad Kocher, 1838  
Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861  
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,  
2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,  
4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,  
For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,  
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

*Refrain*  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore Her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lifteth holy hands above, Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
Offering up on every shore This our hymn of grateful praise.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear refrain. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic foundation.

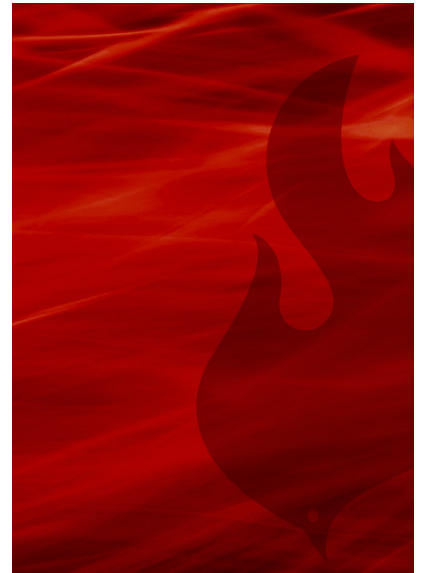
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## Blessing of Wind, Fire, Earth or Water by Kathryn Ophardt

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, who, herself  
unmoving, harbors the movements and facilitates the life of  
the ten thousand creatures, while resting contented, stable,  
tranquil. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you!

— *Celtic Prayer* Christine Valters Painter,  
"Water, Wind, Earth and Fire"

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# ⌘ SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENT ⌘

## Center for Action and Contemplations CONSPIRE Conference

Friday, Sept 24 from 10 am–6 pm

Saturday, Sept 25 from 10 am—6 pm

Sunday, Sept 26 from 12:30 pm—6 pm

A VIRTUAL SIMULCAST EVENT AT ELPC

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

Over the weekend of September 24–26, the Spiritual Life Committee invites you to join us in person at ELPC, for 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 compassion. Presenters include James Finley, Barbara Holmes, Jacqui Lewis, Brian McLaren, Richard Rohr, and Mirabai Starr.

- Participate in contemplative sits led by Fr. Richard Rohr each morning.
- Connect with other participants around the globe and at ELPC.
- Deepen your experience with presentations, workshops, and book talks.

Learn about opportunities to nourish your path of transformation and live into new ways of thinking and being.

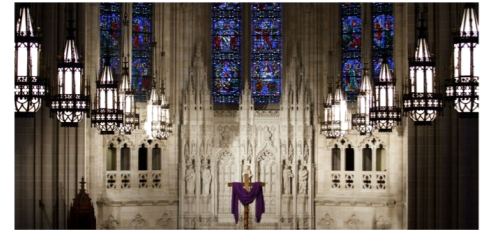
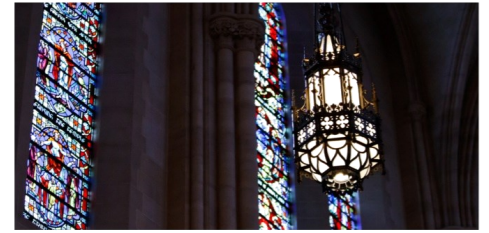
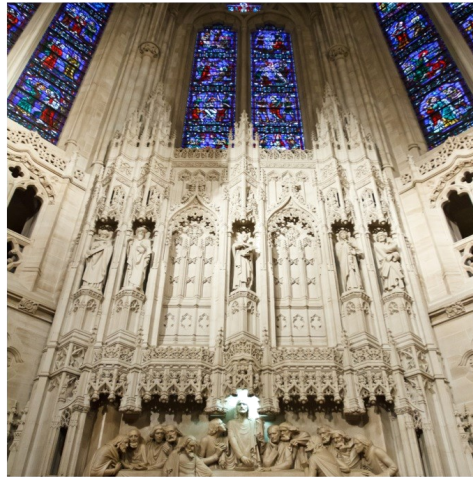
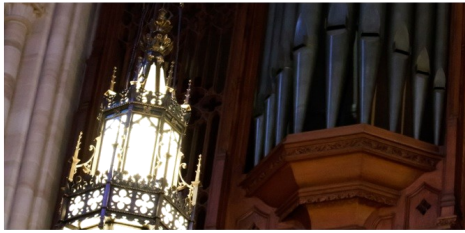
Please join us in-person for free at ELPC! Pastor BJ will stream the conference in the McKelvy Room. You are welcome to join us for any or all of the conference. Please indicate the day(s) you will attend. Lunch will be provided each day.

**Please fill out the registration by Sunday, September 19 at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church). Learn more at [cac.org/conspire-2021](http://cac.org/conspire-2021).**



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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:

<b>Address:</b>	Taizé Community, 71250 TAIZE, France
<b>To contact Taizé:</b>	community@taize.fr
<b>To visit Taizé:</b>	meetings@taize.fr
<b>List of useful info:</b>	info@taize.fr
<b>Web site:</b>	www.taize.fr
<b>Telephone:</b>	011-33 385 50 30 02 Fax: 011-33 385 50 30 16

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<b>ELPC Web site:</b>	www.ELPC.church
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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).

# Brother Roger

founder of Taizé

## ON PRAYER

From the depths of the human condition, a secret aspiration rises up. Caught up in the anonymous rhythms of schedules and timetables, men and women of today are implicitly thirsting for the one essential reality: an inner life, signs of the invisible.

Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again.

In a technological society, there is a clear separation between prayer and work. When inner life and human solidarity appear to be in competition with one another, as if people had to choose between them, that opposition tears apart the very depths of the soul.

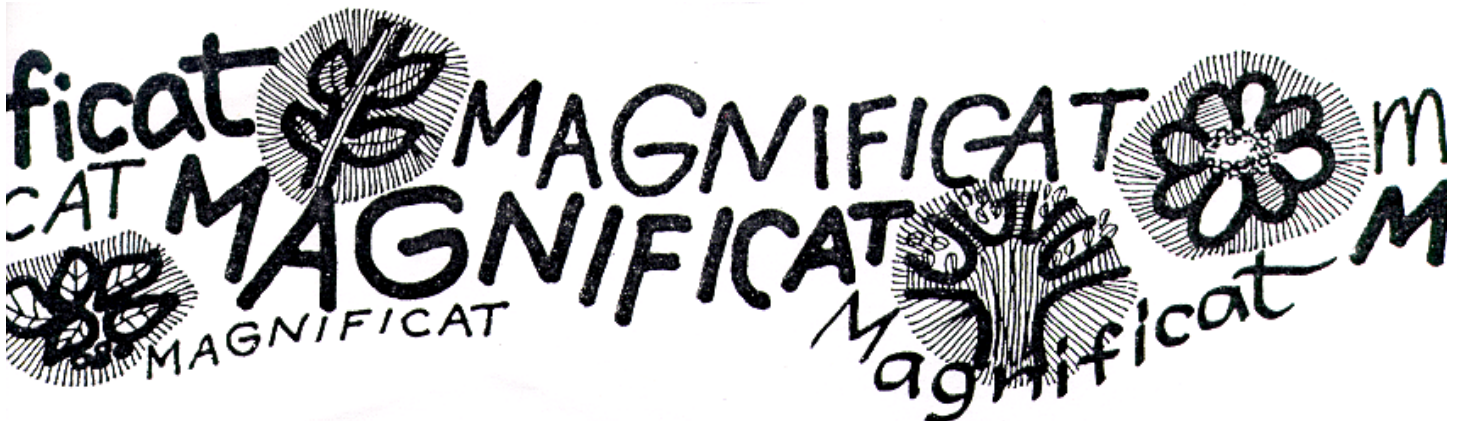
Prayer is a serene force at work within human beings, stirring them up, transforming them, never allowing them to close their eyes in the face of evil, of wars, of all that threatens the weak of this world. From it we draw the energy to wage other struggles—to enable our loved ones to survive, to transform the human condition, to make the earth a place fit to live in.

## ON SINGING

Singing is one of the most important forms of prayer. A few words sung over and over again reinforce the meditative quality of the prayer. They express a basic reality of faith that can quickly be grasped by the intellect, and that gradually penetrates the heart and the whole being. These simple chants also provide a way of praying when one is alone, during the day or at night, or even in the silence of one's heart while one is working.

## ON SILENCE

When we try to express communion with God in words, we rapidly reach the end of our capacities. But in the depths of our being Christ is praying, far more than we imagine. Compared to the immensity of that hidden prayer of Christ in us, our explicit praying dwindles to almost nothing. That is why silence is so essential in discovering the heart of prayer.







**Christ Jesus, in your Gospel we find  
a hope for all human beings.**

**The Kingdom, the Life of God in  
fullness, is already present among  
us and within us.**

**Even if we sense hardly anything of  
your presence, we place our trust in  
you. And your love and your joy can  
blossom in our lives.**

(Brother Alois of Taizé)