

# TAIZÉ PRAYER



*Christ Pantocrator*



**East Liberty  
Presbyterian Church**

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**Wednesday, September 1, 2021 • 7:00 pm**

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## Prelude by Gerard Rohlf

### Welcome and Opening Centering/Candle Lighting by Rev. John Titus

*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 2 only)

##### Refrain / Estribillo



##### Verses / Estrofas



2. Vien - to, por ti doy gra - cias tam - bién— Tu bri - sa su -



tíl y con sua - ve vai - vén. Tor - men - ta vo - raz, mis





40 Holy Spirit, Loving Spirit

Canon

♩ = 100

(A) Cm G Cm Fm G (B)

Ve - ni Cre - a - tor, ve - ni Cre - a - tor,  
Ho - ly Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it,

(C) (D)

ve - ni Cre - a - tor Spi - ri - tus.  
ho - ly, lov - ing Spir - it, come!

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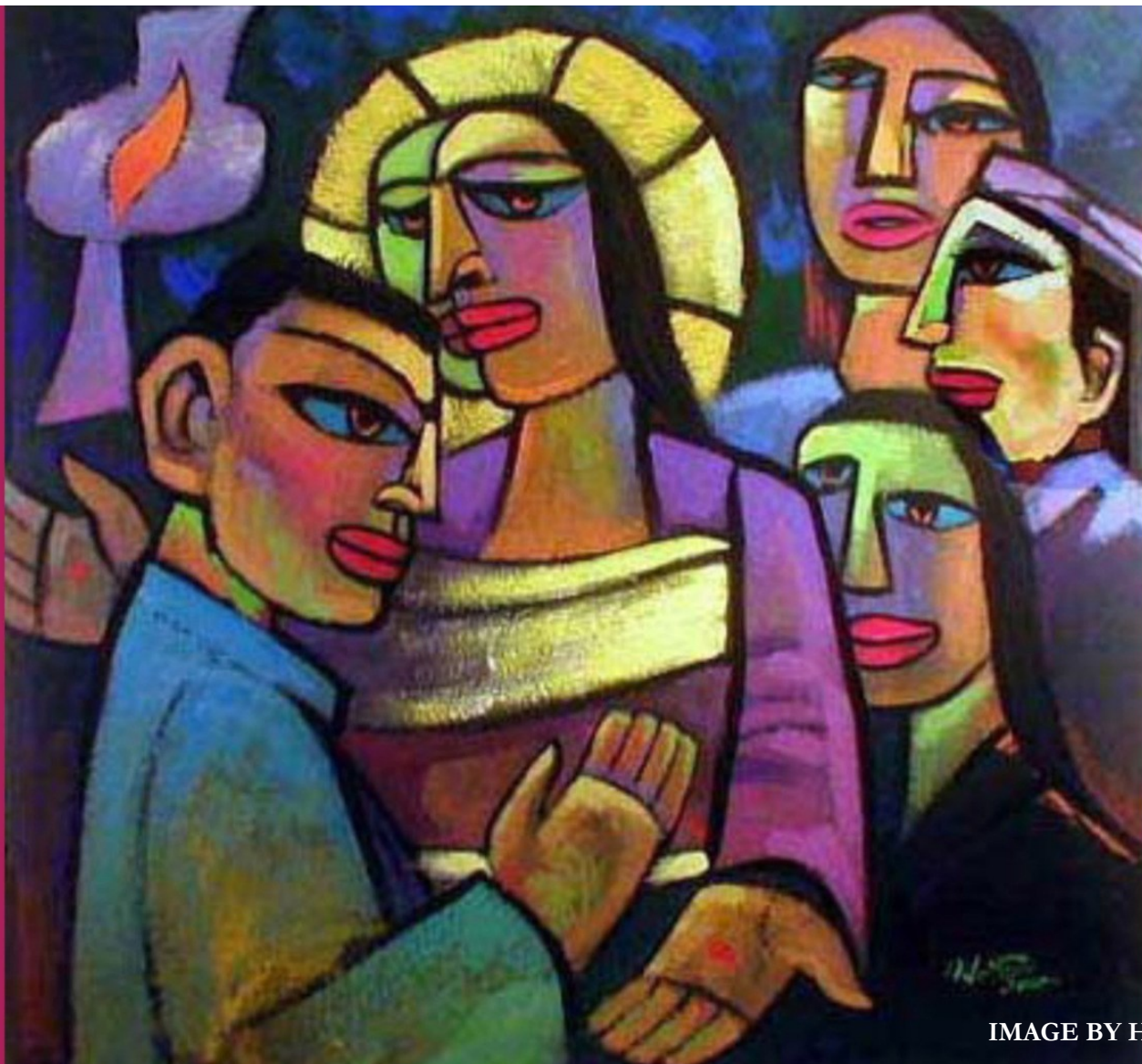


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**Psalm 139** (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 18**



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O Lord, you search me and you know me,  
You know my resting and my rising,  
You discern my purpose from afar.

**ALLELUIA**

You mark when I walk or lie down,  
All my ways lie open to you.  
Before ever a word is on my tongue  
You know it, O Lord, through and through.

**ALLELUIA**

O where can I go from your Spirit,  
Or where can I flee from your face?  
If I climb the heavens, you are there.  
If I lie in the grave, you are there.

**ALLELUIA**

If I take the wings of the dawn  
And dwell at the sea's furthest end,  
Even there your hand would lead me,  
Your right hand would hold me fast.

**ALLELUIA**

If I say: "Let the darkness hide me  
And the light around me be night,"  
Even darkness is not dark for you  
And the night is as clear as the day.

**ALLELUIA**

O search me, God, and know my heart.  
O test me and know my thoughts.  
See that I follow not the wrong path  
And lead me in the path of life eternal.

**ALLELUIA**



## The Word/Meditation: John 3:8; 16:13

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all the truth; for she will not speak on her own, but will speak whatever she hears, and she will declare to you the things that are to come.

## Words from Thomas Merton

Every moment and every event of everyone's life on earth plants something in their soul. For just as the wind carries thousands of winged seeds, so each moment brings with it gems of spiritual vitality that come to rest imperceptibly in the minds and wills of men and women. Most of these unnumbered seeds perish and are lost, because men and women are not prepared to receive them: for such seeds as these cannot spring up anywhere except in the soil of freedom, spontaneity and love.

## CLM7 O 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

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

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

(,) (⌢ Last time)



**Prayers of Intercession: Great Spirit Prayer** *(Translated by Lakota Sioux Chief Yellow Lark in 1887)*

**Sung Response: \* Many And Great**



Native American Melody (Dakota)

Oh, Great Spirit,  
Whose voice I hear in the winds  
and whose breath gives life to all the world.  
Hear me! I need your strength and wisdom.

**MANY AND GREAT**

Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes  
ever hold the red and purple sunset.  
Make my hands respect the things you have made  
and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

**MANY AND GREAT**

Make me wise so that I may understand  
the things you have taught my people.  
Let me learn the lessons you have hidden  
in every leaf and rock.

**MANY AND GREAT**

Help me remain calm and strong in the  
face of all that comes towards me.  
Help me find compassion without  
empathy overwhelming me.

**MANY AND GREAT**

I seek strength, not to be greater than my siblings,  
but to fight my greatest enemy: myself.

**MANY AND GREAT**

Make me always ready to come to you  
with clean hands and straight eyes.  
So when life fades, as the fading sunset,  
my spirit may come to you without shame.

**MANY AND GREAT**

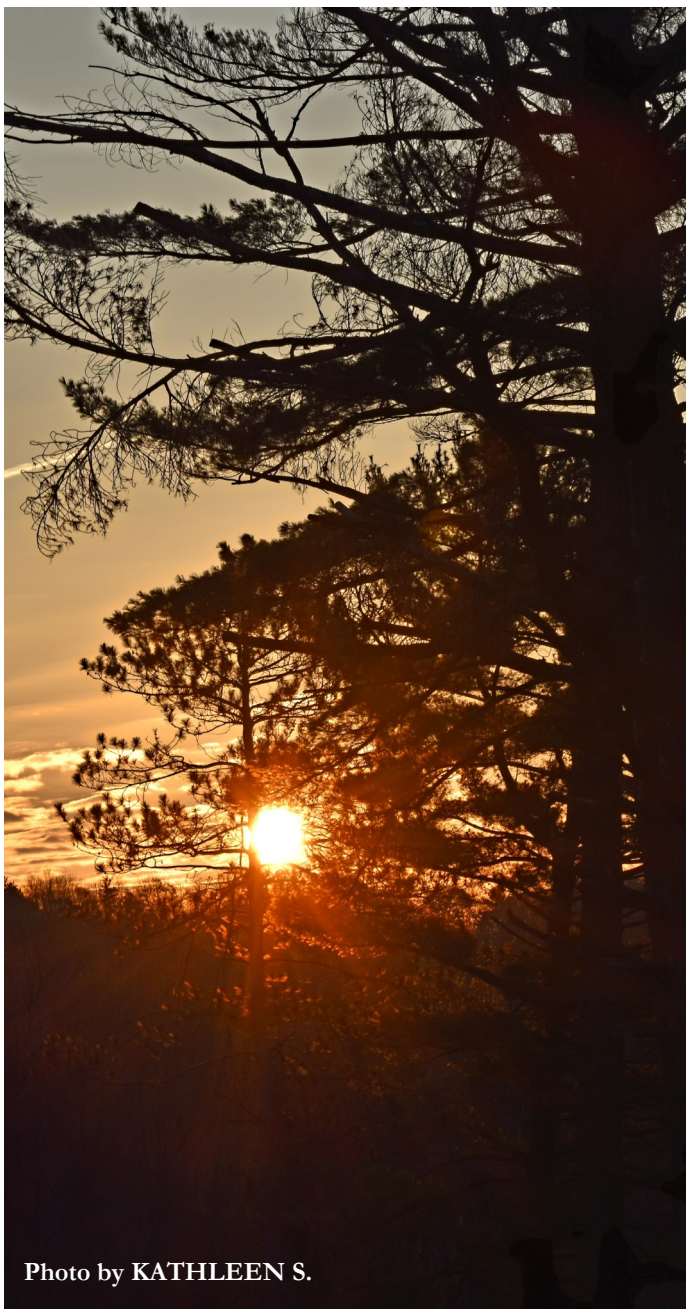


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## Silent and Spoken Prayers

*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.*

## NB26 Veni Creator Spiritus



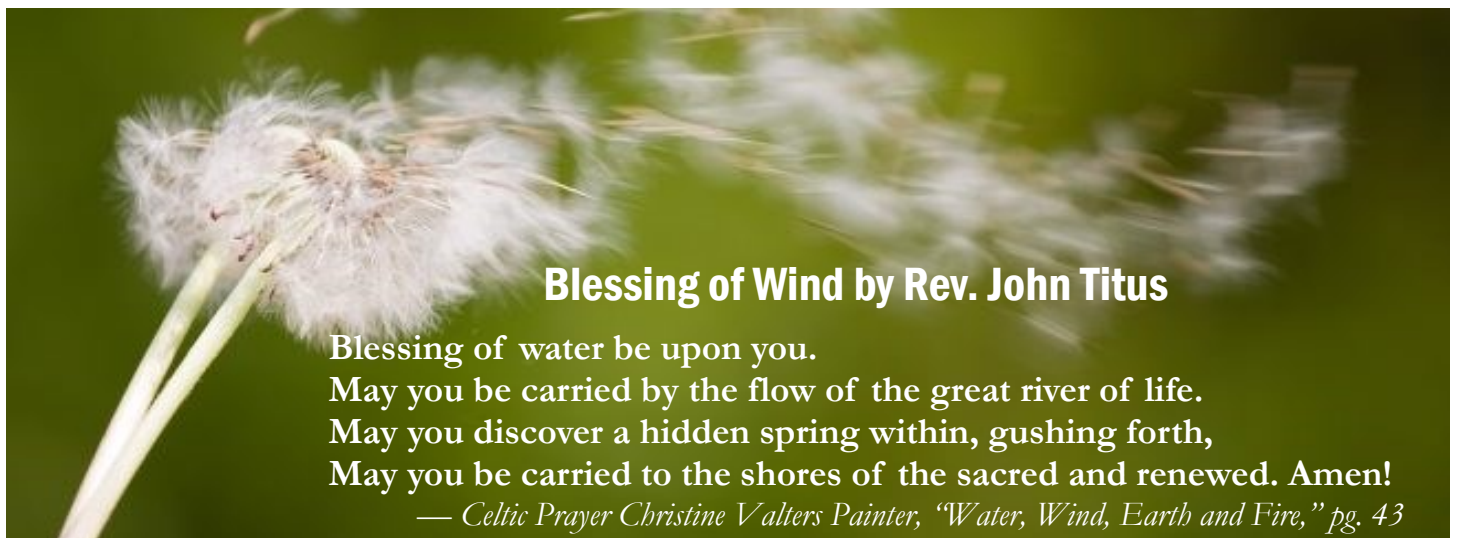
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## G118 Friend

Holy Spirit, Holy Ghost, Comforter, Teacher  
Paraclete, Mediator, Advocate, Reminder  
Some call you Holy Spirit  
And some say Holy Ghost,  
But I long to call you Friend.

Holy Dove, Spirit of Love, Spirit of Truth, Leader  
Holy One, Mighty One, Counselor, Revealer  
Some call you Holy Spirit  
And some say Holy Ghost,  
But I long to call you Friend.

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# ☞ SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS ☞

## 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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### **Monday Contemplative Prayer (on Zoom)** **Starting September 13 from 7:30-8am**

Join us for a time to practice a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art and our bodies to help us start our day in communion with God and one another.

*Facilitated by Rev. BJ Woodworth*

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### **Thursday Mindfulness Meditation (on Zoom)** **Starting September 9 from 8-8:30am**

Susan and Ted began practicing Mindfulness Meditation in 1990 with the beloved Vietnamese Buddhist teacher Thich Naht Hanh. They bring to their teaching the warmth, humor and compassion modeled for them by these teachers, a caring presence cultivated through the practice of psychotherapy, and loving hearts nurtured through their deep and life-long commitment to the Christian path.

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