

# TAIZÉ PRAYER



*Christ Pantocrator*



**East Liberty  
Presbyterian Church**

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**Wednesday, September 8, 2021 • 7:00 pm**

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## Prelude by Gerard Rohlf

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

*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 4 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



4. Praise for the fire which gives us its light. The warmth of the  
sun to bright-en our night. It dances with joy, the  
Spir - it so bright. It sings of you. D.C.

# NB15 Lord, Jesus Christ

Je — sus your light is shi — ning with - in us. Let not my  
Jé - sus le Christ, lu - mière in - té - rieu - re, ne lais - se

doubts nor my dark - ness speak to me. Je — sus your light is  
pas mes té - nè - bres me par - ler. Jé - sus le Christ, lu -

shi — ning with - in us. Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.  
mière in - té - rieu - re, don - ne - moi d'ac - cueil - lir ton a - mour.

**Psalm 148** (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 17**



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Praise the Blessed One!  
Give praise from the heavens,  
And from all ends of the earth!  
Give praise, all you angels,  
Angels of earth and of heaven!  
Give praise, sun and moon,  
Give praise, all you shining stars!  
Give praise, all universes,  
The whole cosmos of Creation!

**ALLELUIA**

For all are called to be friends,  
Companions to the true Friend,  
Giving their lives joyfully  
As co-creators and people of peace!  
Praises be to the Blessed One,  
The very Breath of our breath,  
The very Heart of our heart!

**ALLELUIA**

Praise the Blessed One!  
For through Love all was created  
And firmly fixed forever and ever;  
Yes, the pattern of creation was established.

**ALLELUIA**

Give praise to the Beloved,  
All the earth,  
All that swim in the deep,  
And all the winged ones in the air!  
Give praise, all mountains and hills,  
All trees and all minerals!  
Give praise, all four-legged  
And all that creep on the ground!

**ALLELUIA**

Leaders of the nations and all peoples,  
Young and old, give praise!  
Unite together in all your diversity,  
That peace and harmony might flourish on  
earth!

**ALLELUIA**





## **The Word/Meditation: Matthew 2:1-2;7-11**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, astrologers from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.” Then Herod secretly called for astrologers and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

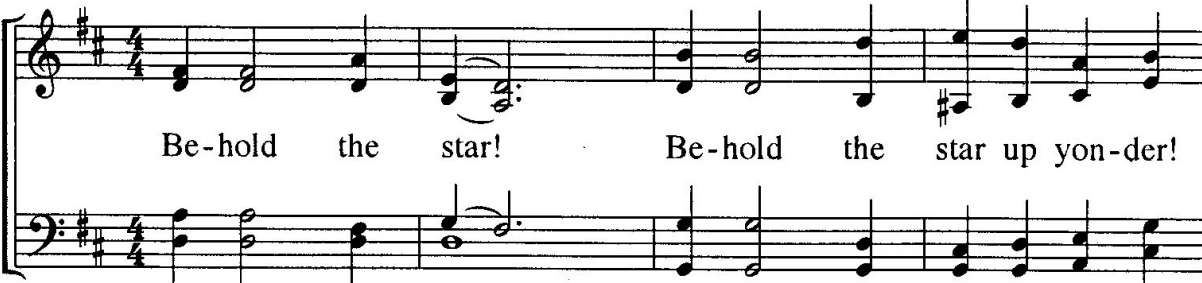
## **Prayer from Hildegard of Bingham**

I, the fiery life of divine essence, am aflame beyond the beauty of the meadows, I gleam in the waters, and I burn in the sun, moon, and stars.

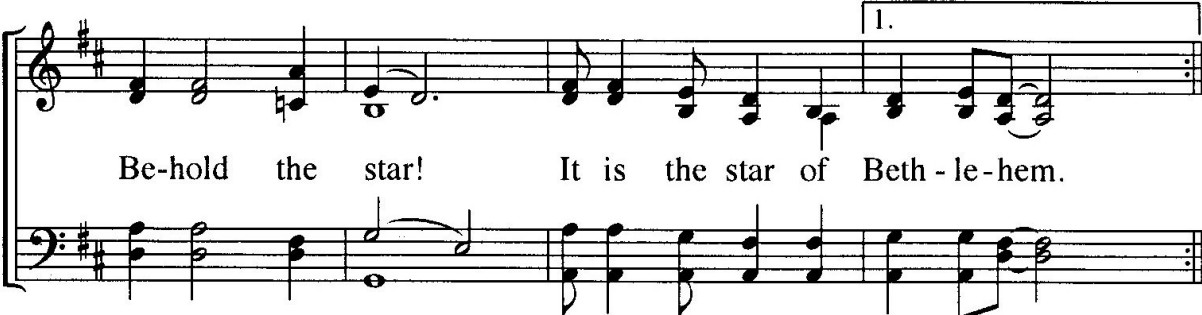


\* Behold the Star!

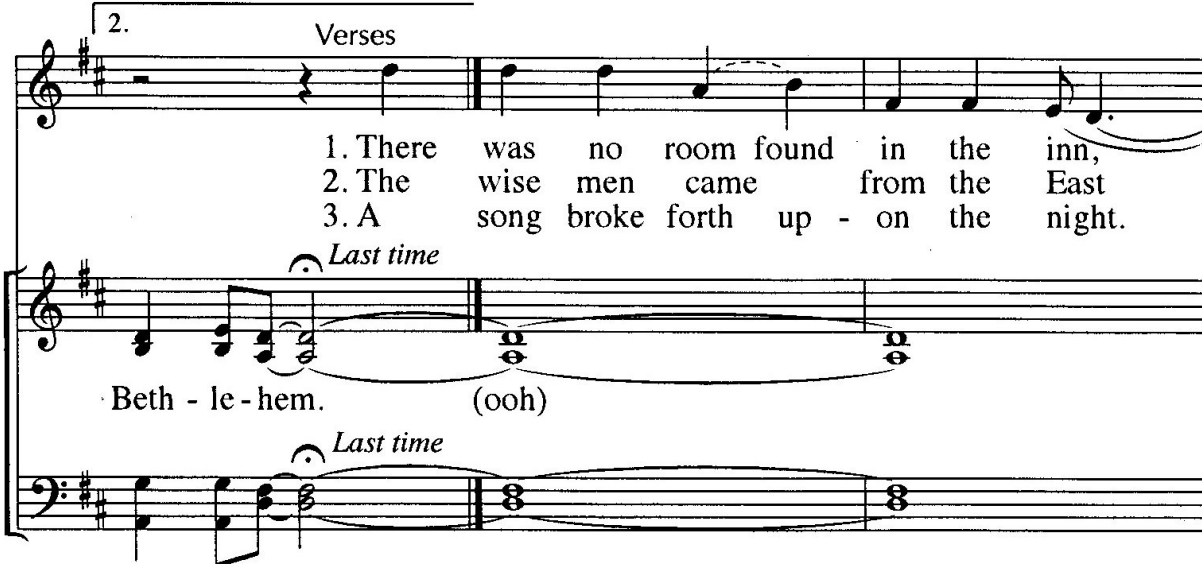
Refrain



Be-hold the star! Be-hold the star up yon-der!



Be-hold the star! It is the star of Beth - le - hem.




2. Verses

1. There was no room found in the inn,  
2. The wise men came from the East  
3. A song broke forth up - on the night.

*Last time*

Beth - le - hem. (ooh)

*Last time*



For him who was born  
To wor-ship him, the  
Peace on earth, good -

It is the star of Beth - le - hem. (ooh)

free from sin. Oh,  
 "Prince of Peace."  
 will to men.

D.C.

It is the star of Beth - le - hem.

D.C.

Text: Negro Spiritual  
 Tune: BEHOLD THE STAR, LM with refrain; Negro Spiritual, arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

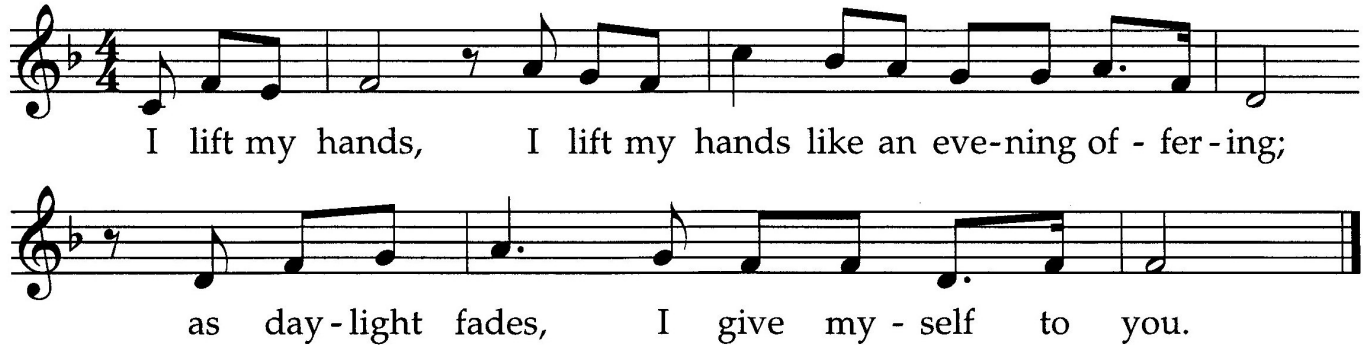
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## Prayers of Intercession: Lighting of Candles

As you feel led to pray this evening,  
you are invited to come and light a candle as your prayer of intercession.

### Sung Response: \* I Lift My Hands (Psalm 141)




I lift my hands, I lift my hands like an eve-ning of - fer-ing;  
as day-light fades, I give my - self to you.

Steven C. Warner  
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## CLM23 Jesus, Redeemer

### Canon



1 Je - su, re - dem - ptor om - ni - um, tu lu - men et splen - dor  
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world, light and splen - dor of God the

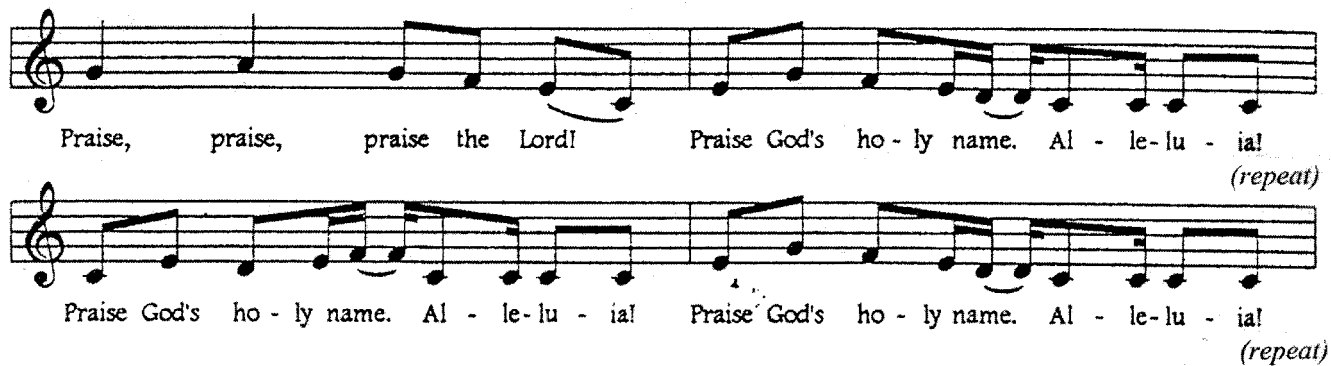
2 Pa - tris, ti - bi sit glo - ri - a, ti - bi Je - su sit glo - ri - a.  
Fa - ther, glo - ry and praise to you, all glo - ry and praise to you.

*div.*

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## G86 Praise, Praise, Praise The Lord



Text: Cameroon song.  
Music: Cameroon melody; arr. Ralph M. Johnson, 1994  
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## Blessing of Fire by Rev. BJ Woodworth

Blessing of fire be up on you  
may the light of God Luminare you  
and may the flame of love burn brightly in you.  
May you discover each day anew;  
Your own hidden fire and enter it fully.  
AMEN!

— *Celtic Prayer Christine Valters Painter,*  
*"Water, Wind, Earth and Fire," pgs. 73-74*

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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).**



# CONSPIRE

THE FINAL IN A SEVEN YEAR SERIES MAY 15-17, 2020

## Monday Contemplative Prayer (on Zoom)

Staring September 13, 7:30-8am

Contemplation has been described as a long loving look at the real. Contemplation is about waking up, listening, noticing and paying attention. In the words of Adele Calhoun, “a contemplative person recognizes that every experience offers more than meets the eye. They know that ‘bidden or unbidden’ God is present.” This takes practice.

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)

Staring September 9 from 8-8:30am

*“Meditation means to be in the process of realizing that God is wholly present in each step along our way. It is to be slowly awakening to the divine destination of our journey manifesting itself in the divinity of our own breathing, our own beating heart, our simply being who we are.” (James Finley)*

Mindfulness meditation is the practice of resting in present moment awareness without judgment, opening to the heart of love and compassion for ourselves, for others, and for our world. Each Thursday morning, Susan Spangler and Ted Cmarada will guide us in mindfulness meditation practices and offer supports for practicing meditation in everyday life. Those new to meditation and those with meditation experience are welcome.

Susan and Ted began practicing Mindfulness Meditation in 1990 with the beloved Vietnamese Buddhist teacher Thich Naht Hanh. Over the years, their practice and appreciation of mindfulness and related meditation practices has deepened through relationships and study with teachers from various meditation traditions. 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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## Enneagram Lunchtime Discussion Group (on Zoom)

3rd Tuesdays of the month beginning September 21 from 12:20-1:30 pm

Contact Rev. BJ Woodworth with questions (BJW@coh.net)

Whether you are new to the Enneagram or a seasoned traveler, you are welcome to join us as we seek to know God and know ourselves through the tool of the Enneagram. Our hope is to help one another to “uncover the traps that keep us from living fully and freely as our True Self so that we will use our unique, authentic gifts for the good of others and the world” (Richard Rohr).

Each month we explore and reflect upon different aspects of the Enneagram like, our Enneagram’s approach to time, spiritual practices, our bodies etc. These topics are chosen by those within the group from month to month, often through an article or podcast to reflect upon.

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*Praying in Color with*

# MANDALAS

*Grab some colored pencils in the back*

One of the most ancient forms of prayer is the mandala and it's used across many different religions. The word mandala means “container of sacred essence” in Sanskrit. It originated as a spiritual practice in the 6th century BC out of the Hindu and Buddhist religions, but is now used by many others, including Christians. Mandala coloring can be a calming and focusing prayerful activity – beyond thoughts, feelings and words – amidst our Taizé prayer.

