

TAIZÉ PRAYER



Christ Pantocrator



**East Liberty
Presbyterian Church**

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Wednesday, September 15, 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.

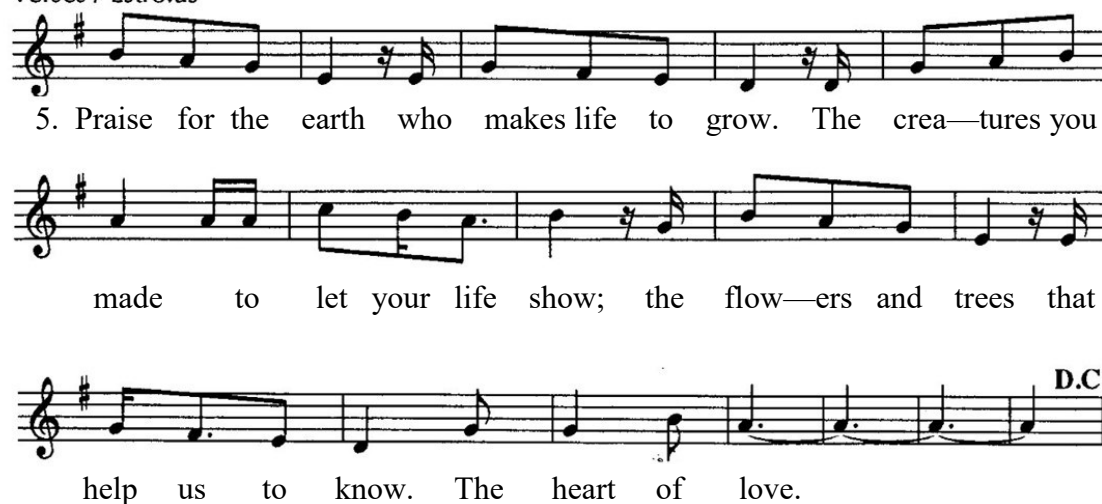
* Cantic of the Sun (verse 5 only)

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.

CLM22 The Heavens and the Earth Rejoice

In re - sur - rec - ti - o - ne tu - a, Chri - ste,
The heav - ens and the earth re - joice, Lord Je - sus,

cœ - li et ter - ra lae - ten - tur. In re - sur - rec - ti - o - ne
raised from the dead, you are liv - ing. The heav - ens and the earth re -

(Last time)

tu - a, Chri - ste, cœ - li et ter - ra lae - ten - tur. In
joice, Lord Je - sus, raised from the dead, you are liv - ing. The

(Last time)

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Psalm 24 (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: 2 Alleluia 7

♩ = 116

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2. Al - le - lu - ia! (hum) D.C.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in 3/4 time. It features two versions of the Alleluia. The first version (1.) consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, ending with a half note. The second version (2.) is a variation of the first, also ending with a half note. Both versions are followed by a 'D.C.' (Da Capo) instruction. The lyrics are written below the staff, with the first version ending in '(hum)'.

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The earth is yours, O Giver of Life,
In all its fullness and glory,
The world and all those who dwell therein;
For you have founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the rivers.

ALLELUIA

Who shall ascend your hill,
O Gracious One?
And who shall stand in your holy place?
All who have clean hands and pure hearts,
Who do not lift up
Their souls to what is false,
Nor make vows deceitfully.

ALLELUIA

All these will be blessed
By the Heart of Love,
And renewed through forgiveness.
Such is the promise to those
Who seek Love's face.

ALLELUIA

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors!
That the Compassionate One may come in.

ALLELUIA

Who is the Compassionate One?
The Beloved, strong and steadfast,
The Beloved, firm and sure!
Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors!
That the compassionate One may come in!

ALLELUIA

Who is this Compassionate One?
The Beloved, Heart of your heart,
Life of your life,
This is the Compassionate One! .

ALLELUIA



The Word/Meditation: Exodus 3:1-5

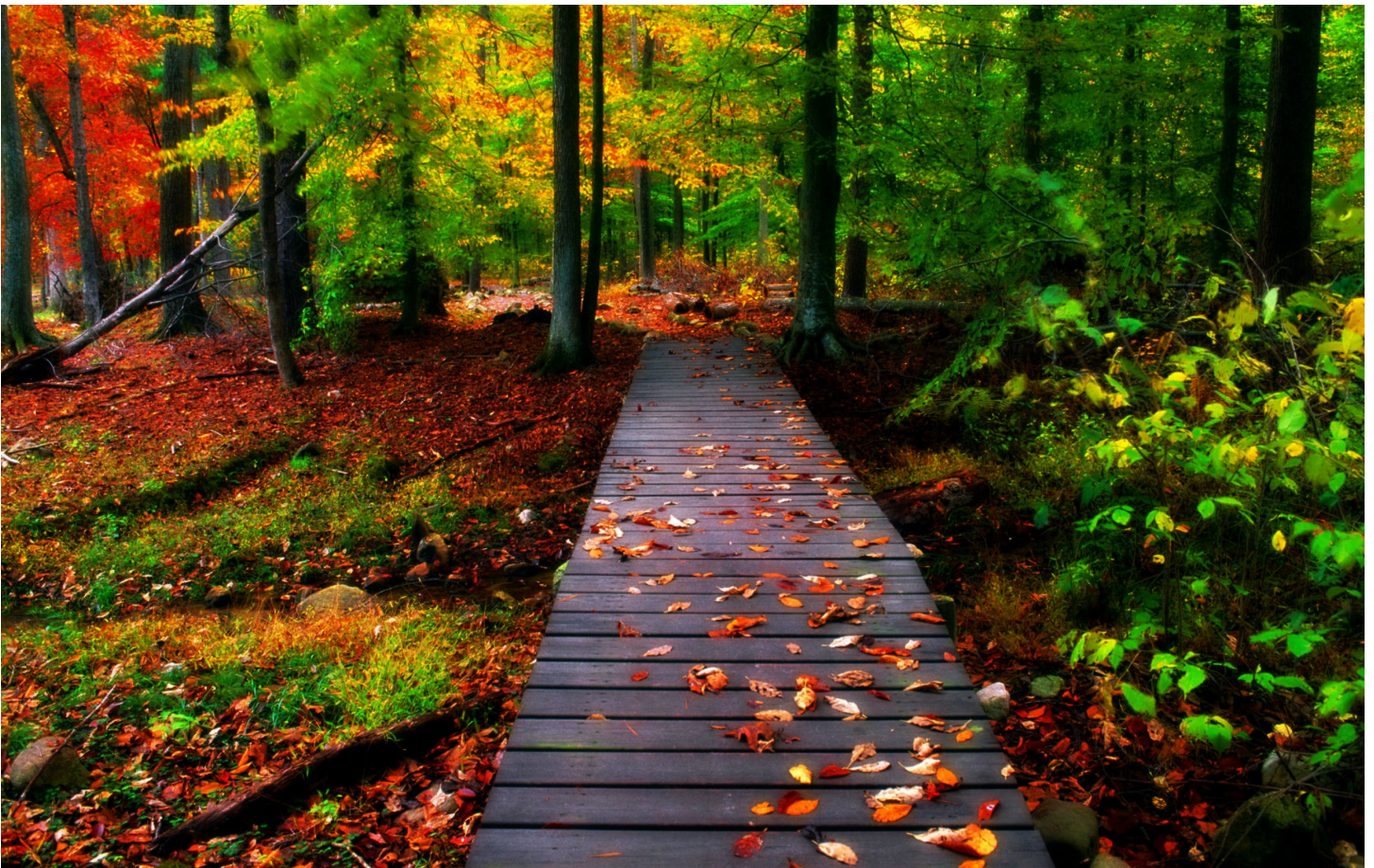
Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.”

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”

Words/Prayer from Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Earth is crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God;
But only he who sees
Takes off his shoes —
The rest sit around it and pluck blackberries.



* Holy Ground

Geron Davis

Chord symbols for the first system: $A\flat_2/B\flat$, $A\flat Maj7/B\flat$, $E\flat$, $B\flat/F$, $E\flat/G$, $A\flat$, $E\flat/G$, Fm .

Chord symbols for the second system: $E\flat$, $A\flat/B\flat$, $A\flat$, Gm , $Gm7$, $C7$, $C7(\flat 9)$.

Chord symbols for the third system: F/A , $A\flat m$, $A\flat m(\sharp 7)$, $E\flat/G$, $B\flat 7/F$, $E\flat$, $A\flat$.

Chord symbols for the fourth system: $E\flat/G$, Fm , $Gm7$, $A\flat$, $E\flat/G$, $A\flat$.

Chord symbols for the fifth system: $E\flat/B\flat$, $Fm7/B\flat$, $E\flat$, $A\flat/E\flat$, $E\flat$.

Prayers of Intercession

Sung Response: 9 Bless The Lord

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a tempo marking of quarter note = 76. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The first system of music has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system of music also has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The score includes various musical notations such as chords (Dm, G, Bb, C, F, A), dynamics (p), and phrasing slurs.

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Father and Mother of us all, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.

BLESS THE LORD

Beloved of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory.

BLESS THE LORD

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Creator's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you!

BLESS THE LORD

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you.

BLESS THE LORD

Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

BLESS THE LORD

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.



CLM16 Whoever Walks In God's Love

1.

El al - ma que an - da en a - mor, ni can - sa ni se can - sa. El
Who - ev - er walks in God's love tires no one nor grows wea - ry. Who -

2. (Last time)

can - sa. O O El
wea - ry. Who -

(Last time)

* For The Fruit Of All Creation

F B♭ F G C F B♭ C F

1 For the fruit of all cre-a-tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re-ward of la-bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har-vests of the Spir-it, thanks be to God.

F B♭ G C F B♭ C F

For God's gifts to ev-ery na-tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in-her-it, thanks be to God.

B♭ F B♭ F B♭ Cm Gm D Gm F Gm Dm B♭maj7 F C

For the plow-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si-lent growth while we are sleep-ing,
In our world-wide task of car-ing for the hun-gry and de-spair-ing,
For the won-ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,

F B♭ G C F B♭ C F

fu-ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
in the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: Welsh melody; arr. Rosalee Elser, 1925–2007 CCLI #689547

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AR HYD Y NOS

Blessing of the Earth by Rev. BJ Woodworth

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”

SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS

Center for Action and Contemplations CONSPIRE Conference

Friday, September 24 | 11 am–6:45 pm

Saturday, September 25 | 11 am–6:45 pm

Sunday, September 26 | 12:30 pm–6:45 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. Learn more at cac.org/conspire-2021.

Contemplative Prayer (on Zoom)

Mondays from 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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Mindfulness Meditation (on Zoom)

Thursdays 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.

