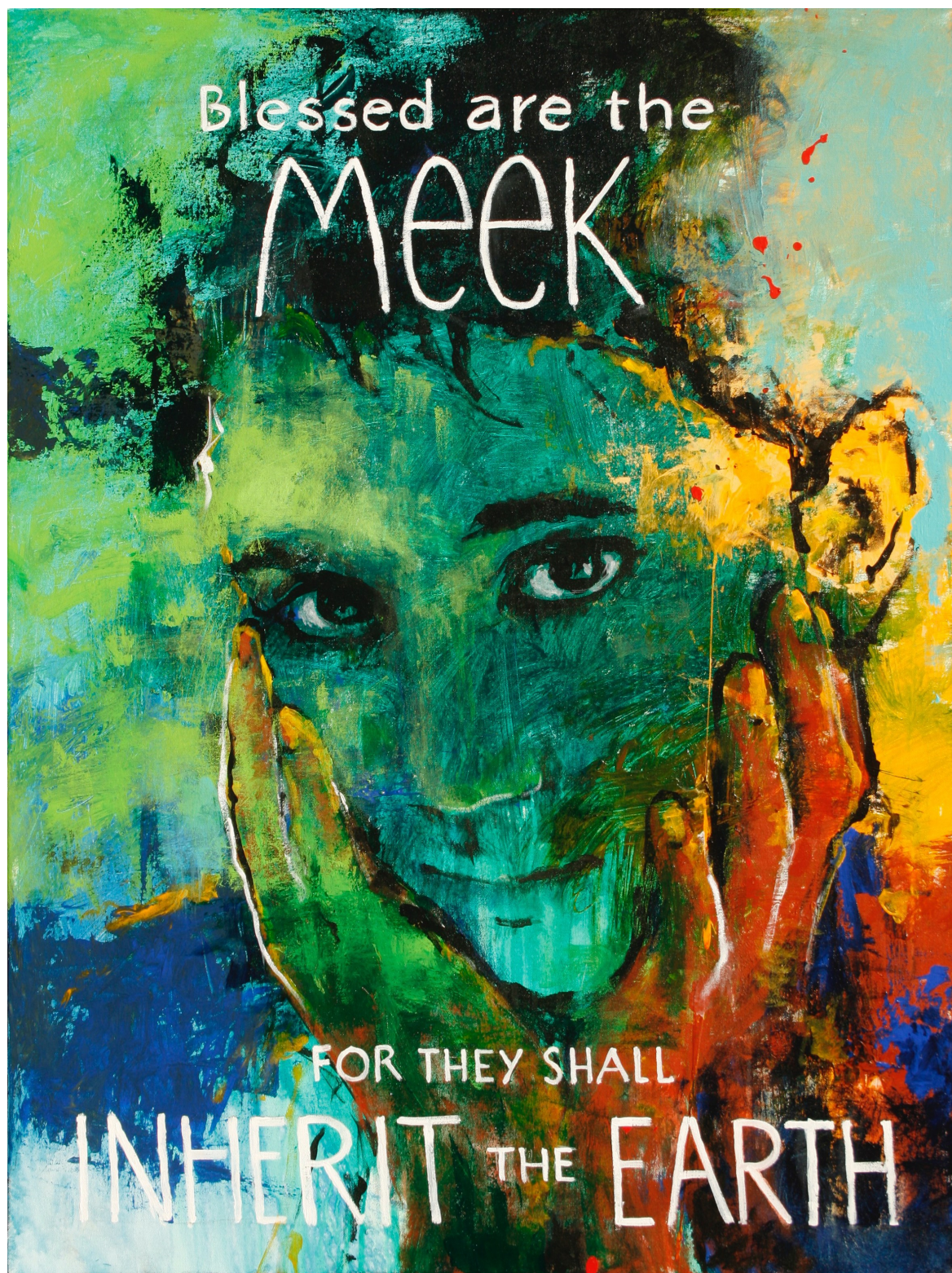


TAIZÉ PRAYER



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**East Liberty
Presbyterian Church**

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Wednesday, October 6, 2021 • 7:00 pm

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Prelude by Kathy Whittaker

Welcome and Opening Centering/Candle Lighting by Kathryn Ophardt

This worship space is created to enhance your prayer. Please feel free, at any time, to come to the front to sit on the rug and be closer to the light, to pray with one of the icons, to light a candle with your prayer, to move with the music, or to sing in whatever language is comfortable to you. We hope that you will become aware of the presence of the living God as you pray in this place and that you might take that awareness out with you into the world.

CLM33 O Lord, You Hold And Protect Me

Sei - gneur, tu gar - des mon â - me; Ô Dieu, tu con - nais mon
O Lord, you hold and pro - tect me; you know all my heart's de -

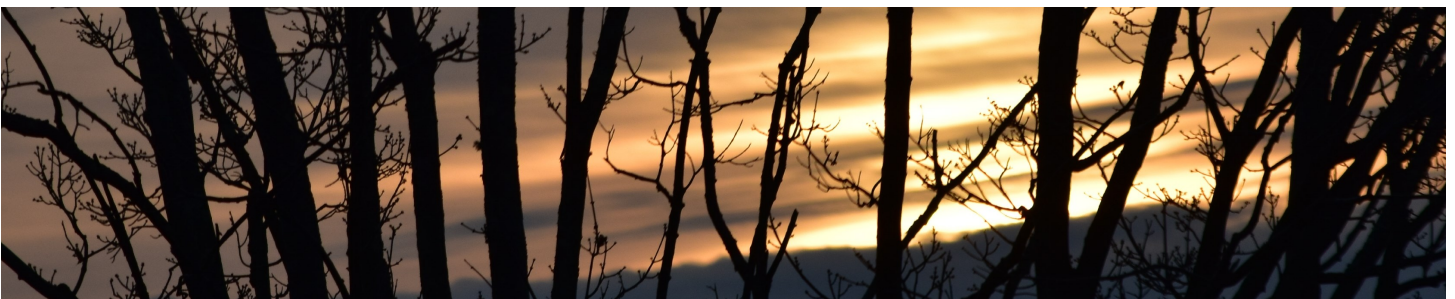
cœur. Con - dui - moi sur le che - min d'é - ter - ni - té, con - dui -
sire. Guide my steps a - long the ev - er - last - ing way, guide my

moi sur le che - min d'é - ter - ni - té. Sei -
steps a - long the ev - er - last - ing way. O

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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 -

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Psalm 10:1-6, 12-14, 17-18 (NRSV)

Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 1

Alleluia 1 *Soprano ad lib.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor

Al - le - lu - ia.

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Why, O Lord, do you stand far off?
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?
In arrogance the wicked persecute the poor—
Let them be caught in the schemes they have devised.

ALLELUIA

For the wicked boast of the desires of their heart,
Those greedy for gain curse and renounce the Lord.
In the pride of their countenance
The wicked say, “God will not seek it out;”
All their thoughts are, “There is no God.”

ALLELUIA

Their ways prosper at all times;
Your judgments are on high, out of their sight;
As for their foes, they scoff at them.
They think in their heart, “We shall not be moved;
Throughout all generations we shall not meet adversity.”

ALLELUIA

Rise up, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand;
Do not forget the oppressed.
Why do the wicked renounce God,
And say in their hearts, “You will not call us to account”?

ALLELUIA

But you do see! Indeed you note trouble and grief,
That you may take it into your hands;
The helpless commit themselves to you;
You have been the helper of the orphan.

ALLELUIA

O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek;
You will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear
To do justice for the orphan and the oppressed,
So that those from earth may strike terror no more.

ALLELUIA



The Word/Meditation: Matthew 5:1-2, 5

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."



Words from Aiden Wilson Tozer, American Author and Pastor

The meek person will attain a place of soul rest. As they walk on in meekness they will be happy to let God defend them. The old struggle to defend themselves is over. They have found the peace which meekness brings.

* Les Béatitudes

Tutti

Hap - py all the hum - ble the gen - tle: for the earth one day will be theirs.

Prayers of Intercession

Sung Response: CLM32 Look to God And Be Filled

Qui re - gar - de vers Dieu res - plen - di - ra, sur son vi -
Look to God and be filled with ra - diant joy. Lift up your

sa - ge, plus d'a - mer - tu - me, sur son vi - sa - ge, plus d'a - mer - tu - me.
heads for God hears our prayer, - lift up your heads for God hears our prayer. -

(Last time ☺)

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We look to the mountains, God, and you are there. We look to the valleys, and you are there. Help us to see you in the face of every person we encounter, wherever we go.

LOOK TO GOD AND BE FILLED

Through you every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places plain. Help us, O God, to walk in your path that both humbles and empowers.

LOOK TO GOD AND BE FILLED

Clothe us with simplicity and fill us with the truth that you are God and we are not. May our humility be an active posture in the world.

LOOK TO GOD AND BE FILLED

God, we pray that you would be with those who feel downtrodden and forgotten. Shield them under the protection of your loving wing.

LOOK TO GOD AND BE FILLED

Fill us with your compassion when one of your beloved children shows their vulnerability. Remind us that gentleness is one of the gifts of your Spirit.

LOOK TO GOD AND BE FILLED

May we, and all your people, be meek not out of fear but out of awe of your wonderful works in the world.

LOOK TO GOD AND BE FILLED

May our meekness be an embodiment of our trust in you.

LOOK TO GOD AND BE FILLED

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.

NB53 The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name; thy king - dom come;

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;

for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;

lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the King - dom,

and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Prayer over the Anointing Oil (in unison)

We have an anointing station this evening for those seeking individual prayer to share joys or concerns. Any desiring prayer, and/or anointing with oil, are invited to come forward, waiting in the center aisle if the station is full. To assist in hearing prayer concerns, anointing happens to the left in the columbarium.

Bless this oil, O Lord, pressed from the fruit of the earth. Let it be a holy ointment for the wounds and worries of those who receive it. May it be a sign to all of us of your constant desire to touch our lives and bring us to health and wholeness. Bless us, O Lord, as we come before you and seek to experience through the touch of others, your everlasting love. Amen.



44 Give Peace

Canon
♩ = 72

(A) Cm F Cm F

Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da
Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give

(B) (C)

pa - - - - - cem. Da pa - - - - - cem. Da
peace, Lord. Give peace, Lord. Give

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CLM12 I Will Sing To The Lord

Can - ta - rei ao Se - nhor, en - quan - to vi - ver; lou - va -
I will sing to the Lord my whole life long; I will

rei o meu Deus en - quan - to e - xis - tir. Ne - le en - con - tro a mi - nha a - le -
wor - ship my God as long as I live. For the Lord brings joy to his

(♩ Last time)

gri - a. Ne - le en - con - tro a mi - nha a - le - gri - a. Can - ta -
peo - ple. For the Lord brings joy to his peo - ple. I will

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G86 Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

For if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.



I am weak and I need thy strength and power
 Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness,
 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
 Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
 I am blind with - out thy Light to see,

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see,
 I am put - ting all my trust in thee.
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

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The Closing Blessing *(in unison)*

May the Lord bless and keep us from all harm,
and may God lead us to eternal life; that awake
we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may
rest in peace.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.



☞ SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS ☞

Contemplative Prayer (on Zoom)

Mondays 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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Mindfulness Meditation (on Zoom)

Thursdays from 8-8:30am

Be guided in mindfulness meditation practices and offer supports for practicing meditation in everyday life. Those new to meditation and those with meditation experience are welcome.

Facilitated by Susan Spangler and Ted Cmarada

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Enneagram Lunchtime Discussion Group (on Zoom)

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

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

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.

