

# TAIZÉ PRAYER



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**East Liberty  
Presbyterian Church**

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## Prelude by Gerard Rohlf

### Welcome and Opening Centering by Rev. BJ Woodworth

*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.*

### CLM39 Praise Our God And Savior



Wy - sła - wiaj - cie Pa - na, O — Wy - sła - wiaj - cie Pa - na, O —  
Praise our God and Sav - ior, O — praise our God and Sav - ior, O —



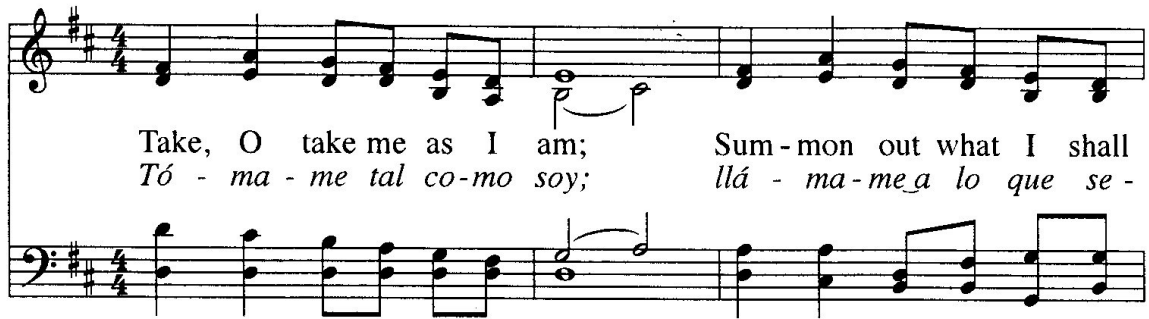
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Śpie - waj Pa - nu ca - ła zie - mio, al - le - lu - ja, al - le - lu - ja! Wy - sła -  
for — God's love en - dures for - ev - er, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise our  
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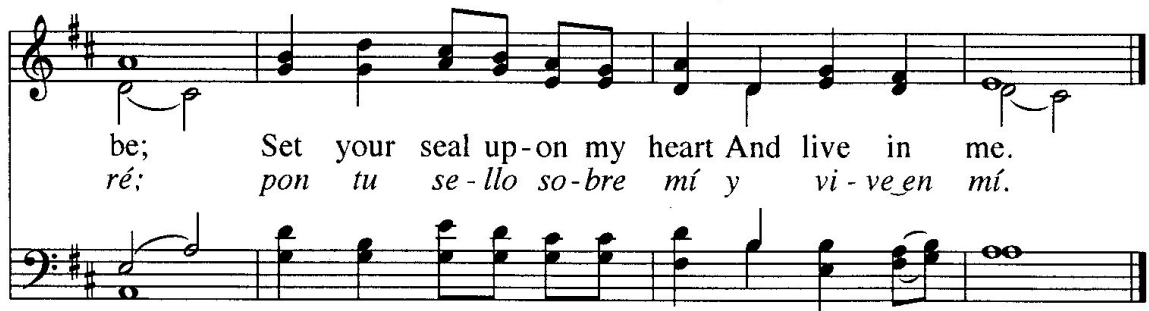




\* Take, O Take Me As I Am



Take, O take me as I am; Sum-mon out what I shall  
Tó - ma - me tal co-mo soy; llá - ma-me a lo que se -



be; Set your seal up-on my heart And live in me.  
ré; pon tu se-llo so-bre mí y vi-ve en mí.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949; tr. by Ronald F. Krisman, b.1946  
Tune: TAKE ME AS I AM, 7 7 7 4; John L. Bell, b.1949  
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**Psalm 119:1-16** (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 17**



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Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,  
Who live with spiritual integrity!  
Blessed are those who honor the Inner Being,  
Who follow you with their whole heart,  
Who enfold the world with love  
And walk on peaceful paths!

**ALLELUIA**

With your word in my heart,  
I delight more than with the world's riches.  
I listen in the silence,  
Awaiting the clarity of your counsel.  
May I become a living fountain of joy  
As I give thanks for your bountiful blessings!

**ALLELUIA**

You have shown us the way of Truth,  
The way that leads to freedom.  
O, that I might ever reflect the light!  
Then I shall know inner peace,  
As I surrender myself into your hands.

**ALLELUIA**

I will praise you with a grateful heart,  
As I lean on your great kindness.  
As I forsake the path of darkness,  
O have mercy on me!

**ALLELUIA**

How can the young keep to the straight path?  
Only by learning to listen to the still voice within.  
With all my heart I see you:  
Let me not wander from your teachings!

**ALLELUIA**

Your love is imprinted upon my heart,  
That I may walk in your light.  
Blessed are you, O Counselor;  
Guide me in all that I do,  
That with my lips I may bear  
Witness to the truth of your way.

**ALLELUIA**





## The Word/Meditation: Matthew 5:1-2, 8

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 pure in heart, for they will see God.”



## Words from Maximus the Confessor

A pure heart is perhaps one which has no natural propulsion towards anything in any manner whatsoever. When in its extreme simplicity such a heart has become like a writing-tablet beautifully smoothed and polished, God comes to dwell in it and writes there God's own laws.



## \* Les Béatitudes

*Tutti*

Hap-py all with hearts clear and sim-ple: for they shall come to see their God.

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## Prayers of Intercession

*On Monday we celebrate All Saints Day, which commemorates those who have died and gone before us and now “see face to face.” It reminds us that even now we are still mystically connected with “the great cloud of witnesses who surround us.”*

### Sung Response: 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 - duis - moi sur le che - min d'é - ter - ni - té, con - duis -  
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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Three in One God of Community, we give you thanks for our connection to lives of particular people of ages past, people we knew, people we never met but have impacted our lives through their lives, writings, or example.

*(You are invited to name out loud the names of people you are thankful for and connected to.)*

### O LORD, YOU HOLD AND PROTECT ME

God since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, help us to throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And strengthen us to run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

### O LORD, YOU HOLD AND PROTECT ME



Until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast together with all the saints at God's great family reunion, keep your church one in service to the world here and now, even as we pray for the world you so love: Speak your peace in the world where wars rage and violence triumphs.

### **O LORD, YOU HOLD AND PROTECT ME**

We lift before you our prayer for the health of all nations, that all people may flourish, for the upcoming elections in our country, for all people in positions of power over others' lives.

### **O LORD, YOU HOLD AND PROTECT ME**

We pray for those who grieve, for those who are sick, for those who are lonely, for those struggling to experience the fullness of your resurrection in the here and now. Send forth comfort, strength and wisdom as only you can give.

### **O LORD, YOU HOLD AND PROTECT ME**

## **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 confidentiality.*

*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.

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### 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.**



## NB31 With You, O Lord

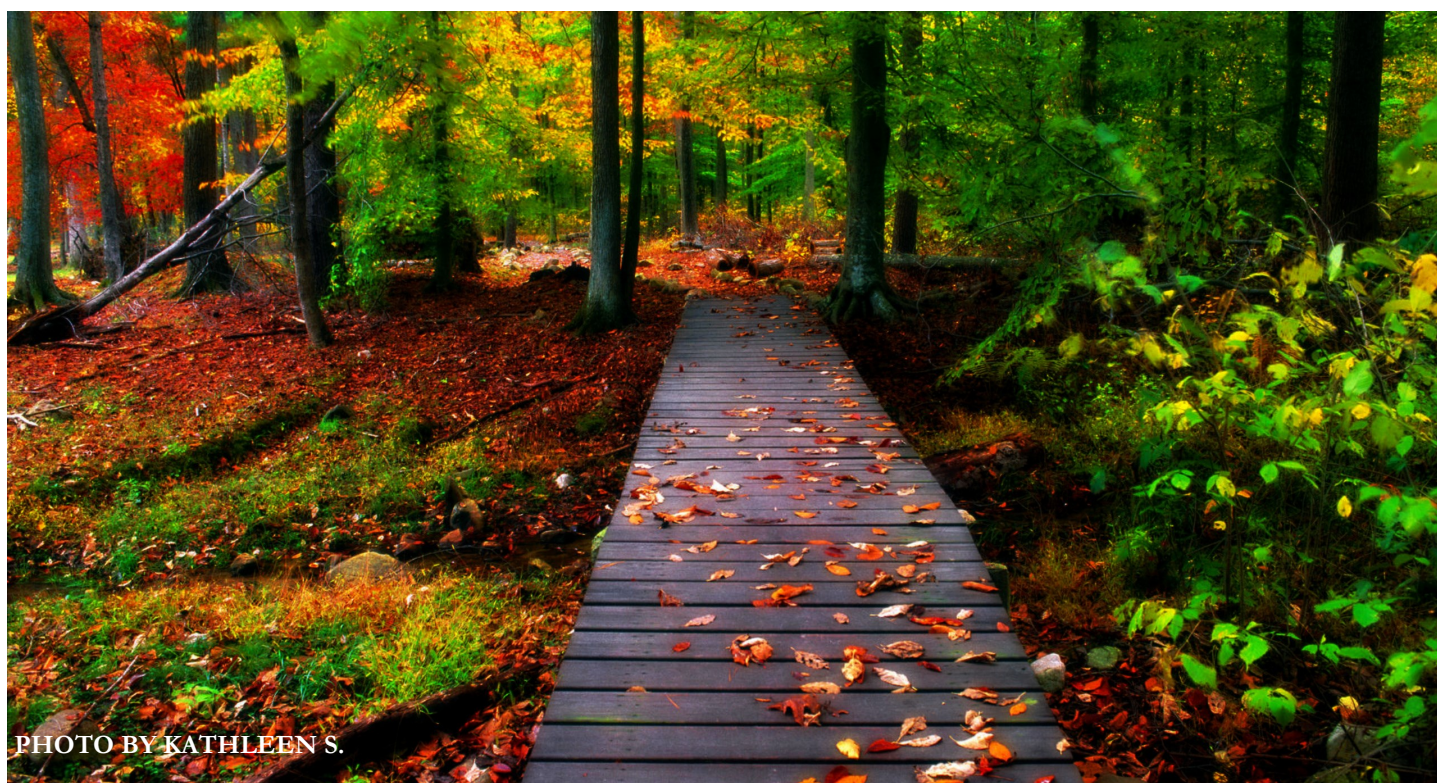
With you, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, and

in your light we shall see true light. With you, O Lord, is

life in all its full-ness, and in your light we shall see true light.

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words spanning across bar lines.

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NB58 Psalm 62: In You Our Hearts Find Rest

Music score for Psalm 62: In You Our Hearts Find Rest. The score is written for voice and piano, featuring English and French lyrics. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats), and the time signature is 3/4.

**First System:**

English: In you our hearts find rest and peace - ful glad - ness. In  
French: En tout, la paix du cœur, la joie se - rei - ne. En

**Second System:**

English: you our hearts find rest and peace - ful glad - ness.  
French: tout, la paix du cœur, la joie se - rei - ne.

*Last time*

**Third System (Verses (Cantor)):**

**[A] freely** O \_\_\_\_\_ My hope is in the Lord.  
**[B] D.C.** De lui, vient mon es-poir! O \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Give Me A Clean Heart

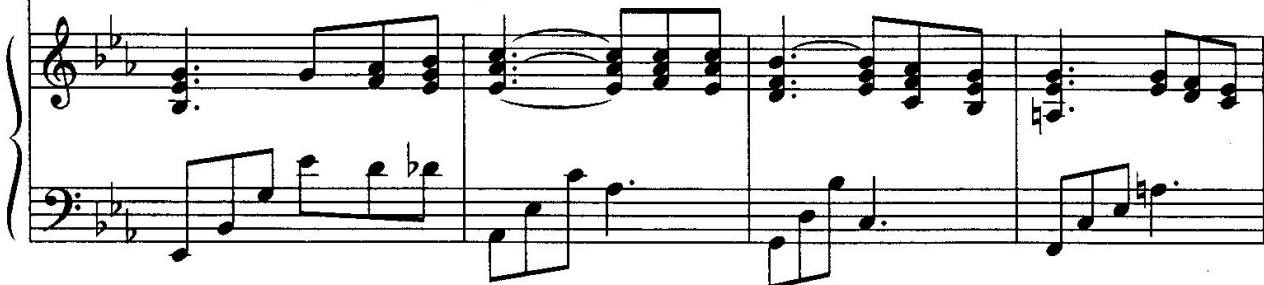
Chorus



Give me . a clean heart so I may serve



Thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by



Thee. For I'm not wor - thy of all these bless - ings.

Give me a clean heart, and I'll fol-low Thee.

*Last time*

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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.





# ADVENTUS RETREAT

*Joining a Hope That Has Come*

**6pm Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7pm Saturday, December 4**

**Cost: \$25**

*“Advent is a season of wondering and waiting; a season where much of the movement is a looking deep within for the call and our response. Advent shows up on the church calendar post-Autumn equinox when there is less daylight and more nighttime and ends just after the winter Solstice when night begins to get shorter, and daylight once again starts its return.*

*Spiritually speaking, the season of Advent is much like a womb-time, at least for people in our area of the world who are snugly wrapped in the long hours darkness. As Christians, we wait together anticipating Jesus’ birth while simultaneously looking toward the future reign of Christ. Advent ends on the eve Christmas; it ends with the birth of Jesus—the Light of the World who broke through the darkness with a new way of seeing.”* (adapted from [www.theworkofthepoeple.com](http://www.theworkofthepoeple.com))

**DETAILS:** We will have opening and closing Zoom time in community with each other and optional times in between to join together for the prayer liturgies and mediations included in the retreat experience.

Everything you need will be prepared for you in advance and be able to be picked up on Sunday, November 28 for you to prepare a space internally and externally to be on retreat.

While this retreat is virtual, if you are interested in physically getting away to participate, we have up to 10 single rooms available at Camp Crestfield for \$75/night and \$14/meal (if you would want meals provided). Please contact Rev. BJ Woodworth for details.

**RSVP to Norma**

(Norma@coh.net)

**by Sunday, November 21.**

**Contact Rev. BJ Woodworth**

(BJW@coh.net)

**with questions.**



# ❧ 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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# ELPC EVENTS

## Intermediate SSL Class — Thursdays

Our intermediate Spanish as a Second Language class meets on Thursdays at 4 pm. You are welcome to join us as we learn about ourselves, our neighbors, and God through the Spanish language! Join us on Zoom at [tiny.cc/elpc-ssl-class](https://tiny.cc/elpc-ssl-class).

## Role of Educators in Affirming Racial Identity — Oct 31

The topics of race and education are—and have always been—inextricably intertwined. So, let's talk about it! Join the Facing Systemic Racism Committee during the Church School hour on Sunday, Oct 31 for an intergenerational conversation through story with Dr. Beverly Harris-Schenz and Dr. Linda Lane. If interested in learning more about racial identity in the classroom from the lived perspective of Dr. Beverly Harris-Schenz, please join us!



## Special Acknowledgements During Worship — Oct 31

As part of our All Saints' Day service at 11 am on Sunday, Oct 31, we will remember those in our congregation and larger church family who have passed away since January 2020. Please submit your loved one's name (and photo) if you would like them to be included to Megan ([MeganL@coh.net](mailto:MeganL@coh.net)).

## Presbyterian Women Bible Study — Nov 1 and 2

Join the PW Bible Study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* on Monday, Nov 1 from 7–8:30 pm and/or Tuesday, Nov 2 from 10 am–12 pm. Both sessions will meet on Zoom. For more info, email [PW.ELPC@gmail.com](mailto:PW.ELPC@gmail.com).



## YAM "Champing" Fall Retreat — Nov 5 to 7

This year's retreat is unique in that it is "champing"—camping at a church that is no longer used for services. Tents, camping mats, and/or cots are provided, but you may bring your own. There is 3,000+ sq ft of space, so plenty of room to spread out safely.

The theme will be *Being Comfortable with the Uncomfortable*. Four guest speakers will be leading the discussions on being comfortable in the moments of our life when we might find discomfort: being uncomfortable with ourselves, in community, and bearing witness to suffering and change.

The cost is \$30/person (scholarships are available). Contact Kelli Booher ([KelliB@coh.net](mailto:KelliB@coh.net)) for more details about this retreat. RSVP by Friday, Oct 29.

## Spiritual Gathering — Nov 14

All LGBTQIA+ folks and allies are welcome to attend our LGBTQ Ministry's next Spiritual Gathering on Sunday, Nov 14 at 12:30 pm. For more details, please contact Wil Forrest ([Wil@coh.net](mailto:Wil@coh.net); 412.441.3800 x118).

## Giving Tree — Nov 14, 21 and 28

ELPC members have always been extremely generous in supporting this important ministry, and we look forward to providing gifts to children in our community once more. This year, you will have three Sundays to participate online using SignUp Genius on Sundays, Nov 14, 21 and 28. Gifts will be due at the church no later than Sunday, Dec 5.

## Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Asa Lee — Nov 21

On Sunday, Nov 21, we will welcome Dr. Asa Lee, the new president of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, as a guest preacher at our 11 am worship service. The Rev. Dr. Lee is an ordained Baptist minister with degrees in music, theology, and educational leadership.

## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

*Join us for worship on Stewardship Sunday, Nov 7 and come forward with your pledge and food donations.*

How many of us have wished that God would work on our timeline and just do exactly what we ask? How many of us have been awakened by the brilliance of God's glory when it showed up in God's way, in God's time?

It takes faith to go where God leads. This year, we are summoning our faith as we walk with God in re-activating our church and manage the ongoing effects of the pandemic. In order to keep ELPC vital and be prepared to follow God, we are planning a pledge goal of \$760,000, which is a 4% increase over last year.

We also are planning a fall food drive to support our sisters and brothers who are experiencing food insecurity. Requested items include canned fruits, vegetables, and tuna; pastas; instant potatoes; etc.

During this season, **listen** for the sounds of God's presence in birds singing, belly laughter, and the choir's anthems. **Watch** for God's presence in spectacular murals, crunchy leaves, and purple sunrises. **Experience** God's presence in the courage of civil servants, the tenderness of caregivers, and the deep commitment of our teachers.

As we attend to all that God has given us and to where God has led us, our hope is that we all can be prayerful and faithful in pledging, so that our church can follow where God is leading us in 2022.



*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.

