

TAIZÉ PRAYER

January 12, 2022 • 7:00 pm



**East Liberty
Presbyterian Church**

www.ELPC.church

116 South Highland Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

412.441.3800

www.ELPC.church



Shine Like Stars!

During the Season of Epiphany, we celebrate the appearance of Jesus the Christ in the midst of humanity; we rejoice in the dawning of the Light of Christ in darkness. Like the magi we too look for “stars” that will lead us to the Christ, as we are attentive to the light of God showing forth and manifesting itself in ourselves, others and all the world.

We are inviting you to help us create a piece of art, a star-lit sky, to share the Taizé Community with the larger ELPC church community.

In this season of Epiphany (Jan 5-Feb 23) we are inviting you to decorate stars with your scribblings, doodles, and prayers. There are star mandalas you can do in the bulletin, and stars at the craft table in the front of the Chapel. Leave your stars in the basket at the altar.

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.

CLM23 Jesus, Redeemer

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

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.

OneLicense.net #A-700877



CLM14 Christ, You Are Light

Chri - ste, lux mun - di, qui se - qui - tur — te ha -
 Christ, you are light — for — those who fol - low you. You

be - bit lu - men vi - tae, lu - men vi - tae.
 come to bring to all the light — of life.

OneLicense.net #A-700877

Psalm 80 (*selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill*)

Sung Response: 2 Alleluia 7

♩ = 116

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia! (hum) _____

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in 3/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking of ♩ = 116. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of several measures of eighth and quarter notes, followed by a repeat sign. After the repeat, there are two first endings (marked '1.' and '2.') and a double bar line with 'D.C.' (Da Capo). The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia! (hum) _____' are written below the staff. The first ending leads back to the beginning of the phrase, and the second ending leads to a final cadence.

OneLicense.net #A-700877

Eternal Listener,
Give heed to your people,
You, who are our Guide,
And our Light!

A photograph of a single lit candle. The candle is white with a yellow flame. It is set against a dark, almost black background. The candle is positioned vertically and is the central focus of the image. The image is framed with rounded corners.

ALLELUIA

You, who dwell amidst the angels,
Shine forth into the heart of all nations!
Enliven your people with compassion,
That peace and justice might flourish.

ALLELUIA

Restore us, O Holy One;
Let your face shine upon us,
Teach us to love!
Gentle Teacher,
Help us to turn to you in prayer,
Fasting from our negative thoughts.

ALLELUIA

In your steadfast Love,
You weep with our tears,
Tears that rise from fear,
Doubt, and illusion.

ALLELUIA

You uphold us when we feel the sting of pride,
When our anxiety threatens to paralyze us.
Restore us, O Holy One;
Let your face shine upon us,
Teach us to love!

ALLELUIA

The Word/Meditation: Isaiah 60:1-5a

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice

Words from Meister Eckhart

Whenever we turn to
God there is a light
that burns in us,
guiding us.



NB17 Our Eyes Are Turned

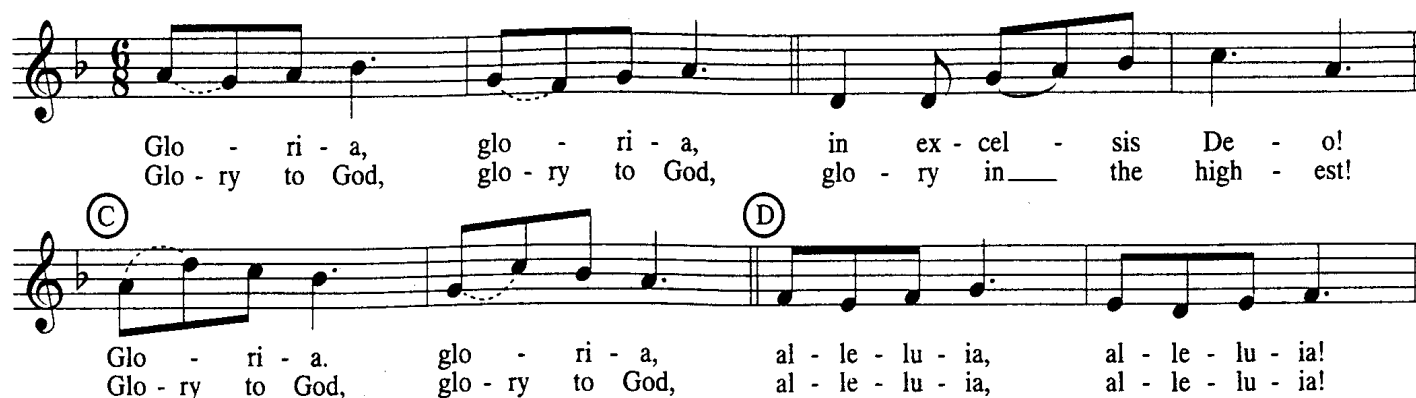
O - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num Je - sum,
Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ.

o - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num nos - trum.
Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior.

Prayers of Intercession (adapted from "The Open Gate: Celtic Prayers for Growing Spiritually" by David Adam)

In the season of Epiphany, you may also write your prayers for light and guidance on a star found on the activity table and bring it forward and place it in the basket.

Sung Response: 16 Gloria



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

OneLicense.net #A-700877

Christ, light of the world,
Arise and scatter our darkness,
The darkness within and the darkness around us,
Let your healing spring up with the dawn.

GLORIA

In the darkness around us, let this community
Be a still place of light,
Be a still place of love,
Be a still a place of peace,
Be a still a place of your presence.

GLORIA

From here, Lord, from this place, through us,
May your light flow,
May your love radiate,
May your peace reach out,
May your presence be known.

GLORIA

Make us, Lord,
A sure place of your light,
A sure place of your love,
A sure place of your peace,
A sure place of your presence.

GLORIA

Through us,
Let your light shine,
Let your love enfold,
Let your peace fill,
Let your presence be known.

GLORIA



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. Amen.



G105 Jesus Christ, Inner Light

OSTINATO REFRAIN: All

Je - sus Christ, in - ner light, let not our own

dark - ness con - quer us. Je - sus Christ,

in - ner light, en - a - ble us to wel - come your love. *Fine*

G106 Jesus Christ, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ,
yes - ter - day, _____ to - day and for - ev - er.

OneLicense.net #A-700877

* We Are Marching / Siyahamba

We are walk ing* in the light of God, we are

2. marching
3. singing
4. dancing
5. praying

walk - ing in the light of God. We are

walk - ing in the light of the light of God. We are

walk - ing, walk - ing, we are walk - ing, walk - ing, we are

walk - ing in the light of God.

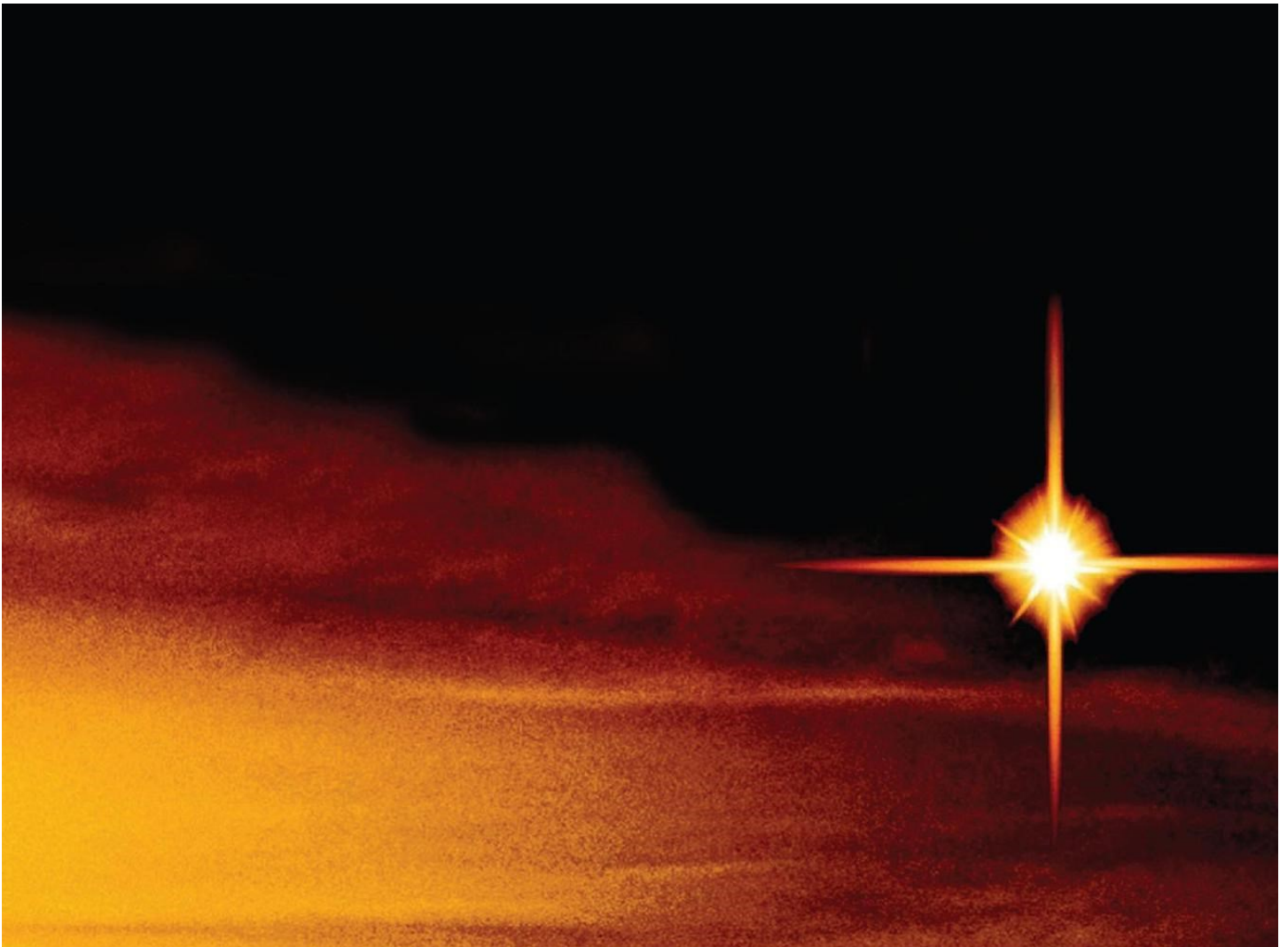
Words &
Music: South
Africa © 1964
Utryck.
Reprinted with
permission of
Hal Leonard
Corp.
OneLicense.net
#A-700877

The Closing Blessing *(in unison)*

Radiant Morning Star, you are both guidance and mystery.
Visit us with disturbing dreams, and our journeys with strange companions.
Grace us with the hospitality to open our hearts and homes
to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom
bearing profound and unusual gifts.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.



SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS

Contemplative Prayer

Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead a time on Zoom to practice a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art and our bodies.

Mondays, 7:30 am to 8 am
Meeting ID #959 8065 3992
Passcode: bestill

Yoga and Centering Prayer Offering

The ELPC Spiritual Life Committee is excited to offer Yoga and Centering Prayer led by Katrina Woodworth in the Sanctuary. This class include breathing practices along with Hatha Yoga postures and ends with 10–15 minutes of silent Centering Prayer. Donations are accepted. Please register in advance online at www.tiny.cc/yoga-and-prayer.

Mondays and Wednesdays, 8-9 am

Enneagram Lunchtime Discussion Group

Each month on Zoom we will explore and reflect upon different aspects of the Enneagram, 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.

3rd Tuesdays of the month, 12:20-1:30 pm
Meeting ID: 966 6904 5127
Passcode: 9types

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person in the Sanctuary before the 7 pm Taizé Prayer service.

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm

Journey Dance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month (with a few exceptions) from

Third Friday of every month (mostly), 6:30-7:45 pm
(Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 13)

Yoga Retreat

Treat yourself to the first ever *yoga retreat* at ELPC! Whether you are a regular attendee to Wednesday night Cathedral Yoga or not, consider joining Yamuna Morgenstern and Katrina Woodworth for a *yoga retreat* in the church. We will begin the day with yoga, followed by moments for movement, reflection, meditation, and lunch. We hope also to offer the experience of *kirtan* (sacred call and response chanting in Sanskrit) and perhaps the labyrinth. We will end the day with a luscious restorative yoga class to send you on your way with a divine sense of renewal. Register by Jan 23 to Norma (Norma@coh.net).

Saturday, Jan 29, 9 am-5pm
Suggested donation \$35-\$60 (*includes lunch*)

ELPC EVENTS

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – Jan 16

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Jan 16 at 12:30 pm to share food and fellowship. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. This month we will meet in person and via Zoom. Contact Wil Forrest for more info and/or to attend (412.441.3800 x118; Wil@coh.net).

Sanctuary/Chapel Tour – Jan 23

Following the 11 am service on Sunday, Jan 23, join a tour of ELPC highlighting church history and architectural contrasts of the Chapel and Sanctuary. The Narthex, Trinity Chapel, and Chancel will be included. Please gather at the Highland Lobby after worship.

A Letter from the Birmingham Jail – Jan 30

On April 16, 1963, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., wrote "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." That statement is still true today.

During the Church School hour on Sunday, Jan 30, the Facing Systemic Racism Committee and the Faith Formation Board invite all adults and students in grade 6 and up to participate in a discussion of the Rev. Dr. King's Letter from the Birmingham Jail. Join us—either in person or via Zoom (tiny.cc/MLK-letter or call 312.626.6799; enter meeting ID 874 9214 5751 and passcode 651698 when prompted).

The Rev. BJ Woodworth is Minister of Taizé Prayer here at ELPC. BJ is also Director of Spiritual Life Ministries and is available to provide spiritual direction to anyone who is a part of the ELPC community (attending Taizé makes YOU a part of that community). He can be reached at 412.441.3800 x141 or at BJW@coh.net.



Shine Like Stars!

During the Season of Epiphany, we celebrate the appearance of Jesus the Christ in the midst of humanity; we rejoice in the dawning of the Light of Christ in darkness. Like the magi we too look for “stars” that will lead us to the Christ, as we are attentive to the light of God showing forth and manifesting itself in ourselves, others and all the world.

We are inviting you to help us
create a piece of art, a star-lit sky,
to share the Taizé Community with the
larger ELPC church community.

In this season of Epiphany (Jan 5-Feb 23) we are inviting you to decorate stars with your scribblings, doodles, and prayers. There are star mandalas you can do in the bulletin, and stars at the craft table in the front of the Chapel. Leave your stars in the basket at the altar.

