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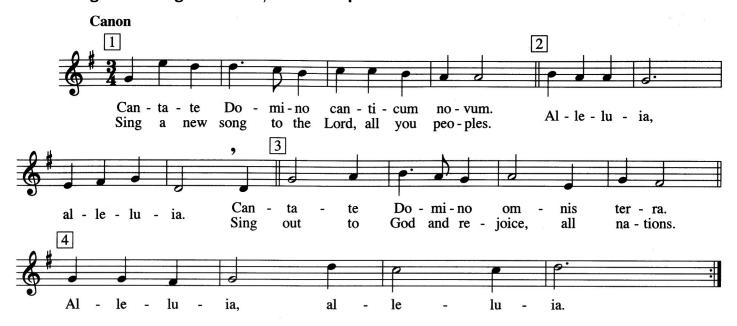


Prelude by Gerard Rohlf

Welcome and Opening Centering by Rev. BJ Woodworth

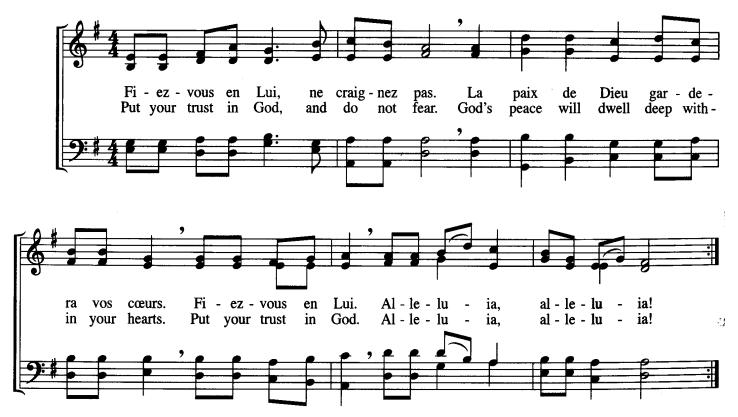
This worship space is created to enhance your prayer. Please feel free, at any time, to come to the front to sit on the rug and be closer to the light, to pray with one of the icons, to light a candle with your prayer, to move with the music, or to sing in whatever language is comfortable to you. We 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.

CLM13 Sing a New Song to the Lord, All You Peoples



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CLM18 Put Your Trust in God



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Sung Response: 2 Alleluia 7



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O sing to the Cosmos a new song; Sing to the Beloved, all the earth! Sing to the Creator, And bless the Name above all names; Sing praises to the Glorious One From day to day. Declare the splendor of the Radiant One To all nations, The marvelous works of Love to all peoples!

ALLELUIA

For great is the Beloved,
And greatly to be praised;
Reverence Love above all else.
For where your thoughts are,
Reveals that which you treasure;
Seek only the true Treasure.
Truth and integrity live with Love;
Strength and beauty dwell with the Beloved.

ALLELUIA

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Yield to Love, O families of the earth, Yield to Love's glory and strength! Yield to Love and learn of justice; Make of yourselves an offering And be guided by Love! Bow down in adoration and holiness; For worthy is the Beloved To be praised in all the earth! The Creator of the Cosmos reigns!
Yes, the world has been created,
Gift to all generations;
Let truth and justice give birth
To peace and harmony!
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
Let the seas laugh, and all that fills them;
Let the fields exult, and everything in them!

ALLELUIA

Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy Before the coming of the Beloved, Who reigns in glory!
For through Love will come truth and justice, Offering all the people gifts of new Life.

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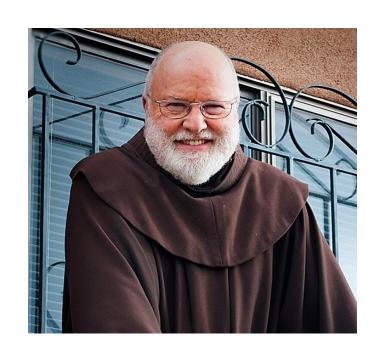


The Word/Meditation: 2 Corinthians 3 (selected verses)

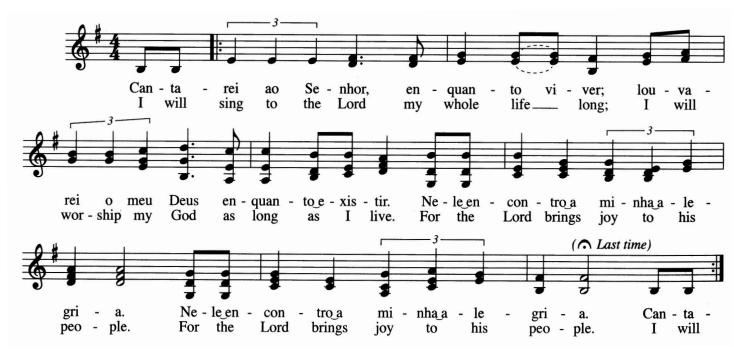
We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away... Whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into God's image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Words from Richard Rohr

In prayer, we simply keep returning the divine gaze, and we become its reflection... We can only see what we already partly are... The Holy Spirit is God's very own life shared with us and residing within us. When we pray, we are steadfastly refusing to abandon this Presence, this True Self, this place that already knows we are beloved and one with God.



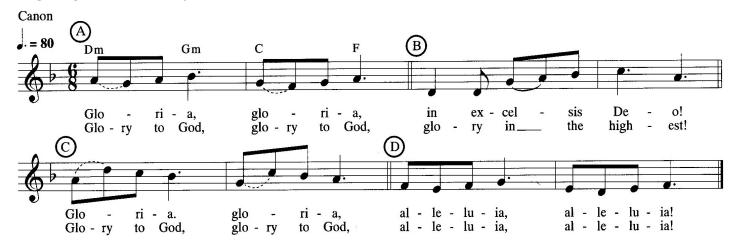
CLM12 I Will Sing To The Lord



Prayers of Intercession

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 Glory To God



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God of light and glory, shine your brilliant, warm, and empowering presence upon us and within us, that we may indeed be transformed into your image with ever increasing glory.

GLORY TO GOD

God of light and glory, shine your consoling, encouraging and companioning presence upon and within all who are sad, lonely, and grieving, that they may know and see you journeying with them.

GLORY TO GOD

God of light and glory, shine your wise, just, and compassionate presence upon and within all our governmental leaders, that they may reflect your glory in the halls of power and represent the people with justice and righteousness.

GLORY TO GOD

God of light and glory, shine your healing, soothing, and calming presence upon and within all who are sick and ill, in body, mind or spirit, that they may experience wholeness, restoration, and relief in all that afflicts them.

GLORY TO GOD

God of light and glory, shine your kind, generous and advocating presence upon and within all who are poor, hungry, imprisoned, and lacking shelter or work, that they might be cared and provided for in their need.

GLORY TO GOD



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



Prayer over the Anointing Oil (in unison)

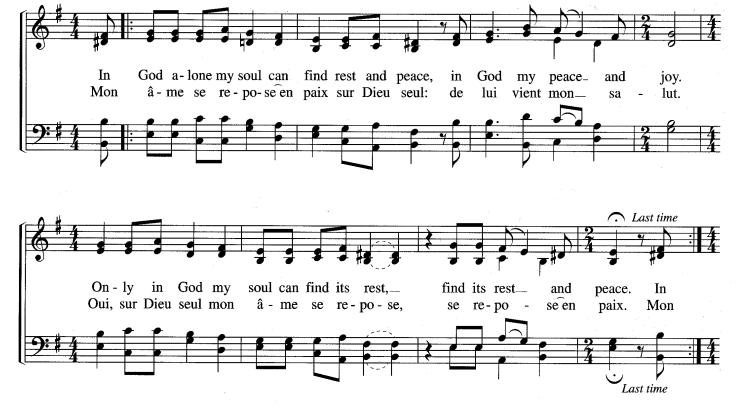
We have an anointing station this evening for those seeking individual prayer to share joys or concerns. Any desiring prayer, and/or anointing with oil, are invited to come forward, waiting in the center aisle if the station is full. To assist in hearing prayer concerns, anointing happens to the left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





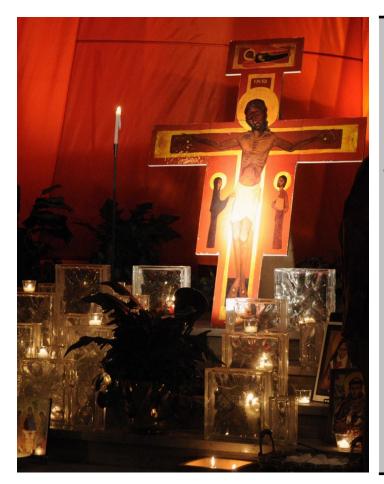
NB8 In God Alone



47 In The Lord



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Christ Jesus, in your Gospel we find a hope for all human beings.

The Kingdom, the Life of God in fullness, is already present among us and within us.

Even if we sense hardly anything of your presence, we place our trust in you. And your love and your joy can blossom in our lives.

(Brother Alois of Taizé)

* Let It Breathe On Me









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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

February Yoga and Mindful Meditation

Start your day on your mat, stretching and moving your body for 45-50 minutes of gentle Hatha yoga and 10-15 minutes of guided mindful meditation. February classes will have gentle and slow mindful movement, linking postures and breath and end with guided silent meditation. Donation-based. Must register online at https://tinyurl.com/Feb-Yoga-and-Meditation.

Monday and Wednesday mornings, 8-9 am Feb 21, 23, 28

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).

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

Lenten Silent Retreat

Friday, March 18 at 5pm to Sunday, March 20 at Noon St. Emma's Retreat House in Greensburg, PA \$150 (scholarships available, contact Rev. BJ Woodworth)

LIMITED to 9 people

RSVP by to Norma by March 13 (norma@coh.net) We invite you to come away with God, in the middle of the Lenten season for a weekend of quiet and rest. The retreat will be a time to rest your body, mind, and spirit, to play and pray, to eat and be still, to walk and sit, to talk and be silent, and simply follow "the unforced rhythms of grace."

ELPC EVENTS

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – Feb 20

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Feb 20 at 12:30 pm. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. This month we will meet via Zoom and in person. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (412.441.3800 x118; Wil@coh.net).

Inquirers' Class — Feb 20

If you are interested in joining the ELPC faith family, please join our next Inquirers' Class at 2 pm on Sunday on Zoom (www.Zoom.us; Meeting ID 824 5064 2591). Please contact Pastor Randy Bush for more info (RandyB@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x123).

Forest Bathing - Feb 26

What is forest bathing? Well, it is not a nature walk or a fitness hike. It is a 60-minute, guided visit into the natural world, where we will slow down, awaken our senses, and nurture our relationship with nature.

Through a series of invitations, beginning on Saturday, Feb 26 (time and location to be determined), you will find your own ways of connecting with nature as you relax into being present with the sights, smells, sounds, textures, and tastes of the woods.

There's no rush and there's no right or wrong way to do it. Simply come as you are and witness the beauty of your own relationship with nature. We also will have opportunities to share our observations with one another. We sit a lot and move slowly, so dress appropriately and consider bringing a blanket.

Congregational Meeting – Feb 27

On Sunday, Feb 27 at 12:45 pm, we will convene for our annual *Congregational Meeting*. This is a time to reflect on the past year, receive reports and budget information, and elect officers to serve on our governing councils. It also is a time to consider the ways in which God is at work in our congregation's programmatic, educational, mission-oriented, and worship lives.

Arrangement are being made for a hybrid event. You are invited to attend the meeting in the Social Hall or on Zoom (www.Zoom.us; Meeting ID 895 1736 2467).



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.

