

TAIZÉ PRAYER



**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. As you enter, grab a prayer stone or palm cross to hold. Feel free to come forward to the craft table to doodle or color a mandala, come sit on prayer cushion and be closer to the front, pray with one of the icons, light a candle, or move with the music. **During Lent there are two prayers stations up on the altar!** If the songs are new to you, let their simple repeated refrains be sung over you and join in as you are able. 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.*

CLM9 God Is Forgiveness

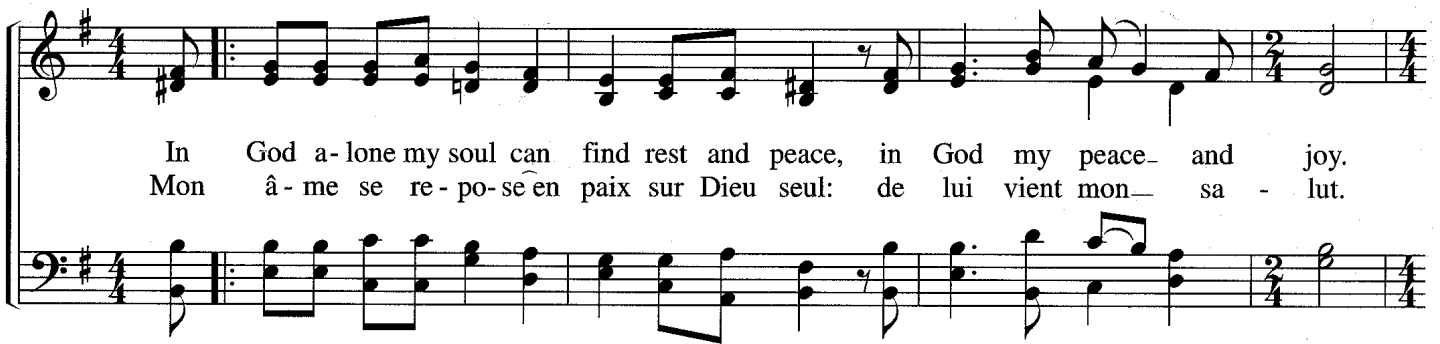


Bóg jest mi - łość - cią miej - cie od - wa - gę żyć dla mi - łość - ci.
God is for - give - ness. Dare to for - give and God will be with you.



Bóg — jest mi - łość - cią. Nie lę - kaj - cie się.
God — is for - give - ness. Love, and do not fear.

NB8 In God Alone



First system of the musical score. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace— and joy.
Mon â-me se re-po-se en paix sur Dieu seul: de lui vient mon— sa-lut.



Second system of the musical score. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the staves. The system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

On-ly in God my soul can find its rest,— find its rest— and peace. In
Oui, sur Dieu seul mon â-me se re-po-se, se re-po-se en paix. Mon

Last time

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Psalm 32 (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: CLM28 I Lift Up My Eyes

Canon

1

L'a - ju - da em vin - drà del Se - nyor, del Se -
I lift up my eyes to the hills; from -

2

nyor, el nos - tre Déu, que ha fet el cel i la
where shall come my help? My help is in God who cre -

3

4

ter - ra, el cel i la ter - ra. L'a -
at - ed the earth and the heav - ens. I

(Last time ♪)

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Blessed are you whose wrongdoings
Have been forgiven,
Whose shame has been forgotten.
Blessed are you in whom Love Divine
Finds a home,
And whose spirit radiates truth.

I LIFT UP MY EYES

When I acknowledged not my shortcomings,
I became ill through all my defenses.
And day and night, guilt weighed heavy
Constricting my heart;
My spirit became dry as desert brines.

I LIFT UP MY EYES

I cried out, "Forgive me, O Comforter,
For those times I have sinned in my thoughts,
My words, and my deeds;"
And the Beloved created within me
A clean and open heart.

I LIFT UP MY EYES

Therefore, let everyone who is sincere
Give thanks to the Beloved;
For whenever we feel paralyzed by fear,
We shall be embraced by Love.
Dwelling in the Heart of the Beloved,
We are free from distress,
Free to live more creatively.

I LIFT UP MY EYES

O my Beloved, you are my guide,
You reach me to walk in the Light.
Be watchful of me, counsel me
As I listen to you in the silence.
I pray for the gifts of inner peace and wisdom,
For the grace to reverence all of Creation.

I LIFT UP MY EYES

Many are the heartaches
Of those separated from love;
Steadfast love abides with those who surrender
Their lives into the hands of the Beloved.
Be glad and rejoice!
Let your life give witness to Love's Way;
And shout for joy,
All you upright of heart!

I LIFT UP MY EYES

The Word/VISUAL Meditation: Luke 15 – The Prodigal Son

Tonight, instead of the written word we will meditate on the visual depiction of the story of the prodigal sons through Rembrandt's painting. Notice colors, people, hues, and shapes, let your eyes gaze at the whole scene and notice where you are drawn? Where are you in the artwork? What do you see from that perspective? What deeper meaning emerges? What emotions does this image evoke in you? What does the image bring forth in you? Does this image lead you into an attitude of prayer? Rest with a silent soft gaze upon the whole scene.



Rembrandt's The Prodigal Son
c. 1669

Words from Phuc Luu

The younger brother
Who saw his father as dead
Who took his inheritance
And spent his fortunes
Found himself lost
In the squalor of his life
In feeding the pigs
And desiring food not fit for him to eat
A famine had crossed over his soul
Casting a cloud of poverty and disease
This younger son
Saw himself as a sinner
An outcast, to be despised and shamed
And hated
In his self-exile, he came to his senses
And returned home
Returned to himself

And the Father,
Who was waiting all this time

Seeing him from far off
Embraced his child,
Lavished on him a party
Saw his tattered clothing
The worn soles of his shoes
Adorned him richly
With all that he had
In abundance
In plenty

The elder
Perceived someone not estranged
Not other and alien
But as a child
To be loved
Tenderly
Compassionately
Extravagantly
Found
To be finally one
Becoming whole
As he finally came home

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 of 76 and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system continues the melody and bass line with the lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like *p* (piano). Chord symbols are written above the staff: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A in the first system, and Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm in the second system.

System 1:

Tempo: ♩ = 76
Chords: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A
Lyrics: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

System 2:

Chords: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm
Lyrics: Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Intercessory Prayers *(adapted from Thom M. Shuman, at www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)*

Sung Response: NB42 Kyrie 5



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Holy God, Word Shaper: remind us that you are not our accountant, but our lover; you are not angry at us, but you forgive us; you are not our enemy, but the One who runs towards us with wide open arms, throwing a party to celebrate our newness!

KYRIE

Jesus Christ, Shaper of our story: remind us that you travel to that distant country called our sin to bring us home once again; you share your inheritance with us so we might be blessed; you know the famine of our bodies and spirits and fill us with your hope.

KYRIE

Holy Spirit, Life Shaper: surrounded by your grace, we offer glad cries of salvation; encircled by your constant love, we shout for joy; enclosed in your comforting arms, nothing can overwhelm us.

KYRIE

God of all prodigals, whether we have strayed from you, squandering your gifts, and forgotten your deep love for us or whether we have sought to earn your love by following all the rules religiously, remind us that you are LOVE and there is nothing we can do (good or bad) to change that.

KYRIE

May we all become more like You, our loving Parent, and see all who are lost, poor, homeless, and wandering with the eyes of compassion, welcoming them into life and community. May we likewise see all who stive and strain to do the right thing with the eyes of kindness, gentleness, and compassion, reminding that your love is free and graciously given.

KYRIE

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

The musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' is presented in five systems, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the prayer. The second system covers the second line. The third system covers the third line. The fourth system covers the fourth line, which includes a repeat sign and a fermata over the final measure. The fifth system covers the fifth line, which also includes a repeat sign and a fermata over the final measure. The lyrics are: '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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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.



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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29 Nothing Can Trouble

♩ = 72

Am Dm7 G Em/C 1. F Dm6

p Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. *mf* Quien a Dios tie - ne
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

E Am *f* 2. F Dm6 E Am

na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

f

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* Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN



SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS

Contemplative Prayer

Join Rev. BJ Woodworth on Zoom during the season of Lent for Contemplative Prayer, involving the reading of a Psalm and Centering Prayer (20 minutes of silence), in community with one another.

Mondays, 7:30 am to 8 am

Meeting ID #959 8065 3992 • Passcode: bestill

Cathedral Yoga

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

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm

Lenten JourneyDance — April 8

Experience Lent in a unique way this year. Join Yamuna for her Lenten JourneyDance in the Chapel on Friday, April 8 from 6:30-7:45 pm. Take a musical, dancing journey as we approach the end of Lent, with songs from Godspell among other songs, including “Guide me, God,” “Song of the Pharaohs,” “Joyful, Joyful,” and “Prayer of St. Francis.” All ages and body types welcome. Wear comfortable clothes and come with an open heart to dance your Lenten journey. A donation from the heart is very much appreciated. Call or text Yamuna with any questions at 412.728.8645.

JourneyDance

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
Apr 15, May 13

Spring Yoga and Creation Contemplation classes

In March and April, Katrina Woodworth will teach one class on Wednesdays from 8-9 am on Zoom. Winter is waning and Spring is around the corner. Seasonally and spiritually, we are entering into Lent, Easter and Spring. What better way to transition than to get on our mat and be in touch with our bodies! Inspired by the PC(USA) Lenten Daily Reflection Calendar, our yoga practice, readings and meditations will focus on caring for creation in solidarity with Christ's sacrifice and resurrection! Please register in advance at <http://tiny.cc/spring-yoga>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Enneagram Study Group

Join facilitator Lynn Holden on the third Mondays of March through June and Sept through Dec, from 12:30-1:30 pm on Zoom (www.Zoom.us; Meeting ID: 966 6904 5127, Passcode: 9types) for an Enneagram Study Group. Required book is *The Sacred Enneagram: Finding Your Path to Spiritual Growth* by Christopher L. Heuertz.

ELPC EVENTS

Support Our Winter Food Drive — March 20

Following 11 am worship on Sunday, March 20, the Neighbors Committee will host a *Winter Food Drive* in the staff parking lot on Baum Blvd. Requested donations include: canned or dried fruit, canned vegetables, cereal, crackers, individual fruit cups, jelly, peanut butter, pasta and sauces, rice, soups and broth, salt, seasonings, and spices. Contact Tim VanFleet (tavanfleet@gmail.com) or Pastor Patrice (patricefs@coh.net) for info.

Church Tours — March 20

Join us on March 20 for a tour of the tower. Please wear closed-toe walking shoes for the tower tour. The tour begins after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service on Sunday, March 20. Please gather in the Highland Lobby at the hospitality desk to join the tour guide.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — March 27

Join us at our LGBTQ Ministry's next *Spiritual Gathering* — either in person at the church or online via Zoom on Sunday, March 27 at 12:30 pm. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome — in fact we will be focusing on our wonderful allies during this time together! For more details or to attend, contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).

Letter Writing Event — March 27

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee will offer an in-person letter-writing and advocacy time on Sunday, March 27, following our Sunday Church School classes and our Sanctuary worship service in the Highland Room. Topics address environmental and social justice components of the Build Back Better Act, as well as the Hopes for Homes Act. Please join and contribute your voice to advocate for these issues. If unable to join in person, sample letters, fact sheets and your representative addresses are available on our website at ELPC.church.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Wednesday, April 13: 7 pm

Taizé Stations of the Cross | Led by Pastor BJ

Thursday, April 14: 7 pm

Maundy Thursday | Led by Pastor Heather

Friday, April 15: 7 pm

Good Friday | Led by Pastor Randy

Saturday, April 16: 7 pm

Easter Vigil | Led by Pastors BJ and Randy

Sunday, April 17

Easter at 8:45 am | Led by Pastor Patrice

Easter at 11 am | Led by Pastor Randy



Tread Lightly for Lent 2022

DAILY REFLECTION / ACTION CALENDAR

The *Presbyterian Hunger Program* strives to walk with people in moving towards sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God's children and creation. As people of faith, we seek to "serve and preserve" God's world. However, some of our collective choices have led to a changing global climate. To turn this tide, we must commit to treading lightly on God's Earth.

In Lent, we reflect on Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection. We slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us.

Our hope is that this Lenten calendar will be the beginning of actions intended to create more mindful behaviors throughout the year.

March 23

Refresh your memory regarding which items your city or town allows for curbside recycling. Remind your family, friends and coworkers to recycle.

March 24

Learn about the UN's the Children's Climate Risk Index (CCRI) at <https://bit.ly/3EphRZk>

March 25

Watch this short video on environmental injustice's disproportionate impact on people of color: https://youtu.be/dREtXUij6_c.

March 26

Participate in Earth Hour by switching off all electricity at 8:30pm local time in solidarity with global efforts to secure nature and our home: www.earthhour.org.

March 27

Take PHP's Climate Care Challenge at www.pcusa.org/ccc.

March 28

Read and Reflect on Genesis 1:29.

March 29

Pray: "Creator of the rivers and oceans, who washes us clean and refreshes us daily, help us to be like a cup of cold water to others in your name: refreshing, cleansing, and relieving. Amen"

March 30

Pick up as many pieces of litter as you can and challenge a friend to do the same.

*Reflect
and
Act*

