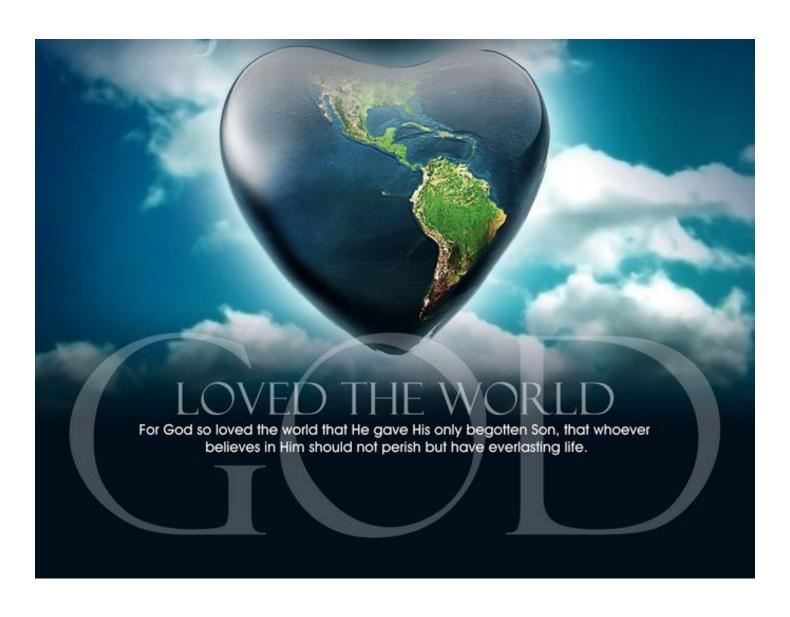
Taizé Prayer





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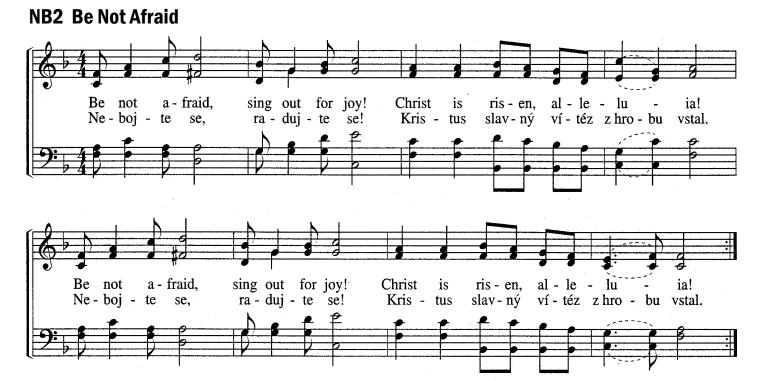
Prelude by Gerard Rohlf

Welcome and Opening Centering by The 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. There are prayer stations up on the altar that you are welcome to explore.

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.



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CLM22 The Heavens And The Earth Rejoice



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Psalm 148 (from 'Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: * Celtic Alleluia (refrain only)



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Praise the Blessed One!
Give praise from the heavens,
And from all ends of the earth!
Give praise, all you angels,
Angels of earth and of heaven!
Give praise, sun and moon,
Give praise, all you shining stars!
Give praise, all universes,
The whole cosmos of Creation!

ALLELUIA

Praise the Blessed One!
For through Love all was created
And firmly fixed forever and ever;
Yes, the pattern of creation was established.

ALLELUIA

Give praise to the Beloved,
All the earth,
All that swim in the deep,
And all the winged ones in the air!
Give praise, all mountains and hills,
All trees and all minerals!
Give praise, all four-legged
And all that creep on the ground!

ALLELUIA

Leaders of the nations and all peoples,
Young and old, give praise!
Unite together in all your diversity,
That peace and harmony might flourish on earth!
ALLELUIA

For all are called to be friends, Companions to the true Friend, Giving their lives joyfully As co-creators and people of peace! Praises be to the Blessed One, The very Breath of our breath, The very Heart of our heart!

ALLELUIA



The Word/Meditation: Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am creating new heavens and a new earth! The things of the past will not be remembered or come to mind! Be glad and rejoice forever and ever in what I create, because I now create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight! I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress.

No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or old people who do not live out their days. They die as mere youths who reach but a hundred years, and those who fall short of a hundred will be thought accursed. At last they will live in the houses they build, and eat the fruit of the vineyard they plant. They will not build for another to inhabit; they will not plant for another to eat. For the days of my people will be like the days of a tree, and my chosen ones will enjoy the fruit of their labors. They will not labor in vain or bear children doomed to die; for they and their descendants are a people blessed by God. Even before they call upon me, I will answer; and while they speak, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed side by side; the lion will eat straw like an ox. Serpents will be content to crawl on the ground; they will not injure or destroy in all my holy mountain.

Words by Meister Eckhart

Apprehend God in all things, for God is in all things. Every single creature is full of God and is a book about God. Every creature is a word of God. If I spent enough time with the tiniest creature — even a caterpillar — I would never have to prepare a sermon. So full of God is every creature.

G83 Many And Great



Intercessory Prayers

Sung Response: 4 Kyrie 1



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Let us pray for God's world. That its beauty may be preserved, its variety retained, its integrity respected.

KYRIE

That pollution and cruel exploitation might cease so that rivers can clap their hands, waste places burst into flower, valleys laugh and sing, wildlife live in safety, and all as you intended.

KYRIE

That the children of tomorrow may not need a museum to show them the wonders of nature today.

KYRIE

That the poorest nations of the world may not harvest their fields only to fill foreign tables.

KYRIE

That Christ who pointed to the birds, the flowers, the corn, the sunset, might not find their beauty lacking were he to return.

KYRIE

Hear us, Creator of all; convert the hearts of those who ravage the earth and strengthen the resolve of those who respect it. And since the earth is your gift to us, prevent us from destroying by thoughtlessness that which is not ours to own.

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 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



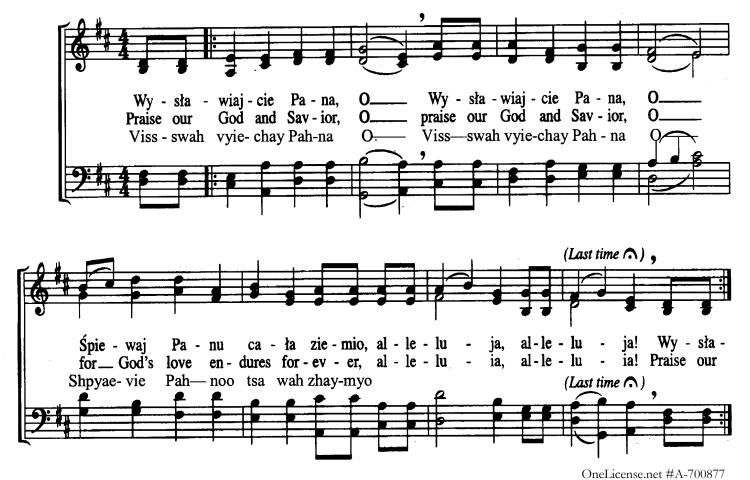
Prayer over the Anointing Oil (in unison)

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.

CLM 39 Praise Our God and Savior



* How Great Thou Art



WORDS and MUSIC: Stuart K. Hine, 1953, based on a Swedish folk melody and a poem by Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885

O STORE GUD 11 10.11 10 w. refrain





* Christ The Lord Is Risen!



Text: Tom Colvin, b.1925
Tune: Garu, Ghanian folk song, arr. by Kevin R. Hackett
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The Closing Blessing (in unison)

God of Life and Light, awaken us to your presence among us in the ordinary activity of our lives. Jesus, the Christ, walk with us, forgive us, and make us your wounded healers. Spirit, produce your fruit in us that we may become the beloved community of God.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS

Contemplative Prayer

In the Season of Eastertide we will be mediating and dwelling in the stories of resurrection and new life. The group will take a break starting May 30 through Labor day, and resume on Monday, Sept 12. Join Rev. BJ Woodworth on Zoom for this on Monday mornings.

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

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 (May 13) • 6:30-7:45 pm

Enneagram Study Group

Join facilitator Lynn Holden on the third Mondays now through June and Sept through Dec, from 12:15-1:30 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. (Please note: During May, the group will meet on May 9 and May 23, instead of May 16, due to scheduling conflicts.)

Yoga, Pranayama, and Meditation Retreat Saturday, April 30 from 9 am-4 pm

Join Yamuna Morgenstern and Katrina Woodworth for a day of enjoying practicing yoga in the Sanctuary and learning pranayama (yogic breathing techniques) to facilitate meditation, relaxation and good health in your daily life. The day will include 2 yoga classes, pranayama instruction, time for reflection and group activity, meditation practices, and lunch. Class will be limited to 15 people. Suggested donation is \$35-\$60 (lunch included). **Register and donate at www.tiny.cc/yoga-retreat.** Contact Pastor BJ with questions (BJW@coh.net).

Decolonizing our Spiritual Practices — June 4

Join us on Saturday, June 4 from 9 am—3pm at ELPC or on Zoom for a day of teaching, conversation, and spiritual practice, as we seek to continue in our journey to be a Matthew 25 church and decolonize our spiritual practices.

We will be led by Leeann Shaw Younger. Under her leadership, we will look at the world and the story of Jesus through the eyes of those impacted by the work of colonial missionaries here in the U.S. and around the world. We will deepen our relationship with the Divine by considering how we might begin to unlearn the spiritual practices we've inherited that ignore and even denigrate the way indigenous cultures see the world and the Divine. We will consider what we can learn about the story of Jesus through the eyes of those finding a story of liberation and healing for both our human and other-than-human relatives.

RSVP to Norma by Sunday, May 29.

(Norma@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x111) The suggested donation is \$10 (lunch included).

About Our Facilitator

Leeann Shaw Younger is the lead pastor of Cityview Church in Pittsburgh's East Deutschtown/Spring Garden neighborhood. She co-founded the Evangelical Covenant Church congregation in 2010 with her husband, Wayne. Leeann has a breadth of vocational experiences in her background as a nonprofit



executive leader, campus minster, and pastor, but most recently has enjoyed her role as a Democratic committee woman. She is in the process of completing a Master of Theological Studies, with a focus on decolonizing church practice from the Pacific School of Religion.