

Taizé:

Prayerful Song &
Quiet Meditation

May 11, 2022
7:00 pm



East Liberty
Presbyterian Church

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Prelude by Gerard Rohlf

Welcome and Opening Centering by The Rev. John Titus

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.

CLM13 Sing a New Song To The Lord, All You Peoples

Canon

1 2

Can - ta - te Do - mi - no can - ti - cum no - vum. Al - le - lu - ia,
Sing a new song to the Lord, all you peo - ples.

3

al - le - lu - ia. Can - ta - te Do - mi - no om - nis ter - ra.
Sing out to God and re - jice, all na - tions.

4

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

NB13 Let Us Sing To The Lord

Let us sing to the Lord!
Bé-nis - sez le Sei - gneur!

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Lord!
gneur!

Let us sing to the Lord!
Bé-nis - sez le Sei - gneur,

Let us sing to the Lord!
bé - nis - sez le Sei - gneur!

O ——— Let us sing to the Lord!
Bé-nis - sez le Sei - gneur,

Let us sing to the Lord!
bé - nis - sez le Sei - gneur!

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Psalm 33 *(from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)*

Sung Response: 3 Alleluia 11

♩ = 104 % D.S.

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

(Al - le - lu - ia)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It begins with a tempo marking of ♩ = 104 and a repeat sign. The melody is in 3/4 time and features a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (hum)' are written below the staff. A 'D.S.' (Da Capo) marking is at the end. A second line of the score, in bass clef, provides a harmonic accompaniment with a similar rhythmic pattern. The lyrics '(Al - le - lu - ia)' are written below this line.

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Rejoice in the Beloved, O you holy ones!
Praise is a grace of the loving.
Praise the Beloved with strings and reeds,
Give praise with dance and leaps;
Sing a new song, and shout with joyful heart!

ALLELUIA

For the work of the Creator is truth,
And all creation reflects
The faithfulness of the Beloved.
Justice and mercy we render to the Holy One,
To the universe filled with Love Divine.

ALLELUIA

Through Love Consciousness
The heavens and earth were created,
And all who dwell on earth
By the Creator's breath of Life.
All creation, from the distant stars
To the depth of the seas,
Is held together by the Oneness of Love.

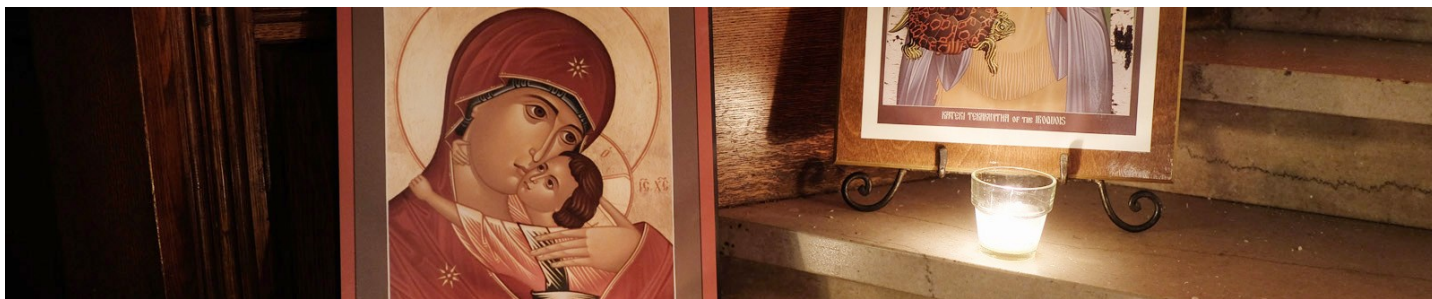
ALLELUIA

May all the earth reverence the Beloved,
May everyone stand in awe of Love!
For when the Beloved speaks,
It comes to pass;
As Love's way guides and directs, thus, it stands.

ALLELUIA

Without Love, the nations' counsel
Comes to nothing,
The plans of the people are futile.
The counsel of the Creator is eternal
Available to every generation.
Blessed are the nations that listen in silence
And make decisions with Wisdom's Counsel;
Blessed are all people
Who respond to Love's Way.

ALLELUIA



The Word/Meditation: John 13: 31-35 (NRSV translation)

When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Silent Meditation *(for 5-10 minutes)*

Words from St. John of the Cross

O living flame of love...
O laps of fire
in whose splendors
the deep caverns of feeling,
once obscure and blind,
now give forth, so rarely, so exquisitely,
both warmth and light to their Beloved.

How gently and lovingly
you wake in my heart,
where in secret you dwell along;
and in your sweet breathing,
filled with good and glory,
how tenderly you swell my heart with love.



CLM16 Whoever Walks In God's Love

1. ,

El al - ma que an - da en a - mor, ni can - sa ni se can - sa. El
Who - ev - er walks in God's love tires no one nor grows wea - ry. Who -

2. (Last time)

can - sa. O O El
wea - ry. Who -

(Last time)

Prayers of Intercession

Sung Response: NB42 Kyrie 7



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God, we pray for the world—for all the communities stricken by violence, war, and hate. The world needs your love and compassion. Help us to love as you love.

KYRIE

We pray for nature, for all the creatures who suffer from pollution, destruction of ecosystems, and climate change. Nature needs the care of the Creator. Empower us to care as you care.

KYRIE

We pray for those who suffer from poverty, for those who hunger and thirst, for those who carry the burden of constant uncertainty. You see all people as your beloved children. Enlighten us to see as you see.

KYRIE

We pray for our society and the ways that individualism gives us the illusion of independence while we miss the blessings of interdependence. So often, we walk alone when we could be walking in solidarity. Guide us to walk as you walk.

KYRIE

We pray for quiet in midst of all the noise. Help us to discern the truth from lies. You are the voice of truth and understanding. Teach us to speak as you speak.

KYRIE

So often, we fail to love others as ourselves because we fail to love ourselves. May we love ourselves and others as *you* love us. May your love be measure.

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 note. The fifth system covers the fifth line, which also includes a repeat sign and a fermata over the final note. 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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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;

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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.



NB9 Christ Of Compassion

Je - su Chri - ste in te con - fi - do.
Christ of com - pas - sion, O Lord God, I trust you.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'O Je - su Chri - ste in te con - fi - do. Christ of com - pas - sion, O Lord God, I trust you.' The score includes a repeat sign at the end.

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NB14 Lord God, You Love Us

Lord God, you love us, source of com - pas - sion.
Toi, tu nous ai - mes, sour - ce de vie.

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* Bless That Wonderful Name of Jesus

Refrain: Bless that won-der-ful name of Je - sus.
 1. There's pow - er in the name of Je - sus.
 2. There's heal - ing in the name of Je - sus.

Bless that won-der-ful name of Je - sus.
 Pow - er in the name of Je - sus.
 Heal - ing in the name of Je - sus.

Bless that won - der - ful name of Je - sus,
 Pow - er in the name of Je - sus,
 Heal - ing in the name of Je - sus,

no oth - er name I know.

3. There's love in the name of Jesus...

Eastertide 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

Wednesday Morning Yoga and Contemplation Series

Join Katrina Woodworth for a Hatha yoga class on Wednesdays at 8 am on Zoom in May and June to explore our relationship with creation through the 4 elements of water, wind, earth and fire. The ancient Yogis understood that our bodies contain all 4 elements. In this class we will explore the elements through movement, posture, breath and meditation. Each class will end with a contemplative reading and 15 minutes of silent meditation. Register in advance at us02web.zoom.us/j/zoommeeting/register/tZEscOqvqzMvHNXq7TKKgnoekVRX2nVZVa6A. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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 23, instead of May 16.)*

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 minister, 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.



ELPC EVENTS

Child Care Worker Needed

ELPC is looking to hire a Child Care worker to provide care for infants and toddlers on Sunday mornings in our nursery. The ideal candidate for this position will create a welcoming, engaging, safe, and age-appropriate environment for infants and toddlers. If you know someone who might be interested, please visit www.elpc.church/careers for more info.

Church Tour – May 15

All are invited to join a tour of the majestic ELPC tower next Sunday after the 11 am Sanctuary service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to join the tour.

Organ Concert – May 15

ELPC and *The Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh* are co-sponsoring an organ concert presented by Jan Kraybill on Sunday, May 15 at 3 pm. Dr. Kraybill is Principal Organist for the Dome and Spire Organ Foundation, an affiliate of the international headquarters of Community of Christ, in Independence, Missouri, and Organ Conservator at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City. ELPC members should contact Dr. Ed Moore for complimentary tickets to this concert (EdM@coh.net). The concert will also be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Volunteer Flower Planting Day – May 21

Would you like to help ELPC live into its commitment to care for God's green earth? Please plan to join the Gardening Crew on Saturday, May 21 for their annual volunteer flower planting day. Each spring a group of dedicated members and friends refresh the Highland Ave entrance with beautiful flowering plants, so it is vibrant and welcoming, and the Courtyard, so it is a lovely setting for summer weddings and worship. Green thumbs are not required—just bring your generous spirit and a pair of work gloves to the Highland driveway around 9 am. If you're interested in helping, or would like to learn about other upcoming garden workdays, please contact Don Breitbarth (donbreitbarth@gmail.com).

Refugee Furniture Drive

May 14

The Justice Committee is hosting a Refugee Furniture Drive. Please drop off your furniture and household goods donations from 9 am-4 pm on Saturday, May 14 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N Highland Ave). Volunteers are also needed to load/unload. Contact Carol Chonoska to help: carolchonoska@gmail.com

Congregational Meeting – May 22

There will be a *Congregational Meeting* on Sunday, May 22 in the Sanctuary immediately after the 11 am service.

GCF Sidewalk Seedling Sale – May 22

Garfield Community Farm will be hosting a Sidewalk Seedling Sale on Penn Ave in front of ELPC on Sunday, May 22 from 12–2 pm. Stop by after Sanctuary worship and get started on your garden while supporting a local neighborhood community farm.

LGBTQ Ministry Gathering – May 22

All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, May 22 at 12:30 pm both in person and via Zoom. Contact Wil Forrest to attend (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).



Brass and Organ Concert – May 29

The Brass Roots and conductor/arranger Jim Nova return to team up with Dr. Edward Alan Moore in a concert of music adapted from the movies and video games at 3 pm in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 29. A freewill offering will be accepted. The concert will also be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

➤ The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush ◀

Last Sunday at ELPC is May 15



Following the Sanctuary service on Sunday, May 15 in the Social Hall, ELPC family and friends will have an opportunity to say *thank you* and send our prayers and best wishes to our departing Senior Pastor Randy Bush and his wife, Beth.

There will be a box at the event to collect cards sharing reflections and good wishes for the Bush family. Cards can also be mailed to ELPC c/o Wil Forrest.

➤ *Share your Picture Memories of the Bush Family* ◀

Do you have pictures that include Pastor Randy, Beth, Ian, and/or Charlotte over their 16 years with us at ELPC that you are willing to share? Please send any pictures to Norma in the church office by Noon on Friday, May 13 so they might be included as we celebrate the Bush family and their time in Pittsburgh! Her email is on the church's website: www.ELPC.church, or call 412.441.3800 x111.

