

# Taizé:

Prayerful Song & Quiet Meditation



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**East Liberty  
Presbyterian Church**

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## Prelude by Gerard Rohlf

### Welcome and Opening Centering / Candle Lighting 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.*

### CLM12 I Will Sing To The Lord

Can - ta - rei ao Se - nhor, en - quan - to vi - ver; lou - va -  
I will sing to the Lord my whole life long; I will

rei o meu Deus en - quan - to e - xis - tir. Ne - le en - con - tro a mi - nha a - le -  
wor - ship my God as long as I live. For the Lord brings joy to his

gri - a. Ne - le en - con - tro a mi - nha a - le gri - a. Can - ta -  
peo - ple. For the Lord brings joy to his peo - ple. I will

## CLM15 Lord And Giver Of Life

Do - mi - nus Spi - ri - tus est. Spi - ri - tus au - tem vi -  
Lord and giv - er of life, Spir - it of light and of

vi - fi - cat. Spi - ri - tus au - tem vi - vi - fi - cat. \_\_\_\_\_  
ho - li - ness, Spir - it of light and of ho - li - ness. \_\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 2/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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**Psalm 97** (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 10**

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! ———". The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of eighth and quarter notes.

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The Bestower of Life reigns with mercy,  
Let the earth rejoice!  
Let the heavens be glad!

**ALLELUIA**

Justice preserves creation,  
Allowing it to blossom and thrive;  
Hidden within creation,  
You are the Heart of everything.  
Fire goes before you,  
Burning away the chaff and the tares,  
Your Light enlightens the world;  
There is none to compare with you,  
O Great Transformer!  
All of creation is clothed with your majesty,  
Mirroring your Love throughout the cosmos.

**ALLELUIA**

The heavens proclaim your righteousness;  
And the peoples behold your glory.  
Those who walk in darkness  
Dwell in a house of fear,  
Zealously following their desire for power;  
They live in the shadows of reality.

**ALLELUIA**

Heaven delights and rejoices  
When a hardened heart breaks open  
And recognizes Love's ever-patient  
Presence abiding within.  
For you, O Beloved,  
Encompass and bless all the earth;  
You forgive our wrongdoings  
And welcome us home.

**ALLELUIA**

You, O Beloved, are known by those  
Who are true to the Promise,  
You are the Light of the saints;  
You hide yourself in every soul.  
Light dawns for the just,  
And joy for the upright of heart.

**ALLELUIA**

Rejoice in the Most High,  
O people of the Light,  
And give thanks to the Radiant One,  
The Bestower of Life!

**ALLELUIA**

## The Word: John 17:1; 20-26 *(Inclusive Bible translation)*

After Jesus said this, he looked up to heaven and prayed... I pray for those who will believe in me through [the disciples'] message, that all may be one, as you, Abba, are in me and I in you; I pray that they may be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me that they may be one, as we are one — I in them, you in me — that they may be made perfect in unity. Then the world will know that you sent me, and that you loved them as you loved me.

## Words from Brother Roger

Make the unity of the Body of Christ your passionate concern; for when the Church tirelessly listens, heals, and reconciles, it becomes what it is at its most luminous—a communion of love, of compassion, of consolation, a clear reflection of the Risen Christ. Never distant, never on the defensive, freed of all harshness, the Church can radiate the humble trusting of faith into our human hearts.

## CLM9 God Is Forgiveness

The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'CLM9 God Is Forgiveness'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are provided in both Polish and English. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

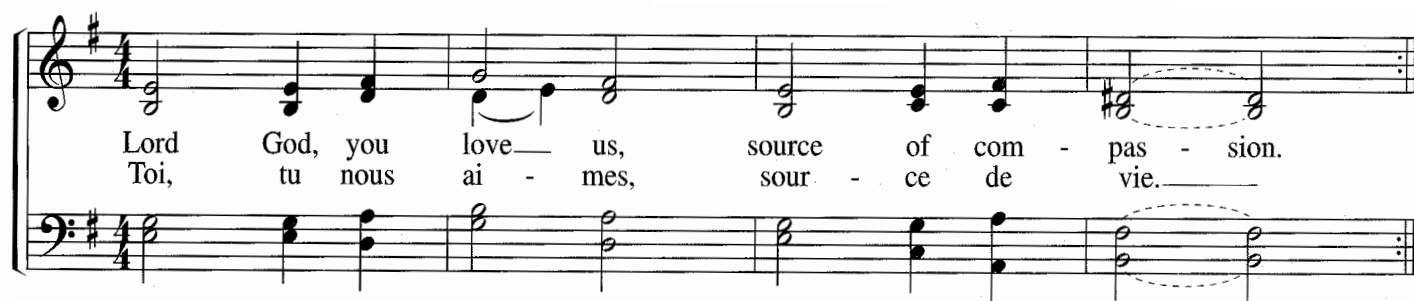
Bóg jest mi - łość - cią      miej - cie od - wa - gę      żyć dla mi - łość - ci.  
God is for - give - ness.      Dare to for - give and      God will be with you.

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

## Prayers of Intercession *(adapted from the World Council of Churches, 2011)*

You are invited to speak aloud the bolded lines in unison.

### Sung Response: NB14 Lord God, You Love Us



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When we pray together  
from our diverse spiritual and religious traditions and practices,  
**Holy One who makes us one,**  
**make our unity visible and bring healing to the world.**  
**LORD GOD, YOU LOVE US**

When we read our sacred texts together  
in our diversity of language and context,  
**Revealing One who makes us one,**  
**make our unity visible and bring healing to the world.**  
**LORD GOD, YOU LOVE US**

When we establish relations of friendships  
among the religions of our world today,  
and seek to tear down the wall of indifference and hatred,  
**Merciful One who makes us one,**  
**make our unity visible and bring healing to the world.**  
**LORD GOD, YOU LOVE US**

When we work for justice and solidarity,  
and seek to move from fear to confidence,  
**Strengthening One who makes us one,**  
**make our unity visible and bring healing to the world.**  
**LORD GOD, YOU LOVE US**

Wherever there is suffering through war and violence,  
injustice and inequality, disease, and prejudice,  
poverty and hopelessness,  
drawing us near to the suffering Christ and to each other,  
**Wounded One who makes us one,**  
**make our unity visible and bring healing to the world.**  
**LORD GOD, YOU LOVE US**



## 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 fermata over the final note of the phrase 'For thine is the King-dom,'. The fifth system covers the final line of the prayer, ending with a double bar line. 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. Bless us, O Lord, as we come before you and seek to experience, through the touch of others, your everlasting love. Amen.**



## CLM31 I Delight And Rejoice

O                      Que j'e - xul - te et ju - bi - le en ton a - mour!  
I                      de - light and re - joice — in your love!

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## *Let us not forget hospitality!*

From the beginning of the universe, God has been mysteriously at work. This conviction is at the heart of the poetic stories of creation at the beginning of the Bible. God contemplates what he brings into being and blesses it: God sees how the whole of creation is good. The entire universe is deeply loved by God.

Sometimes we understand so little about God, but we can go forward in the confidence that God desires our happiness and welcomes us all, with no preconditions. God is the source of hospitality.

Still more, through Christ, God went to the point of becoming one of us, in order to draw humanity to himself and to welcome us. This hospitality of God towards us touches the depths of our souls: it overflows and goes beyond all human frontiers.



Do not forget to show hospitality,  
for by so doing some people have welcomed  
angels without knowing it. (*Hebrews 13:2*)

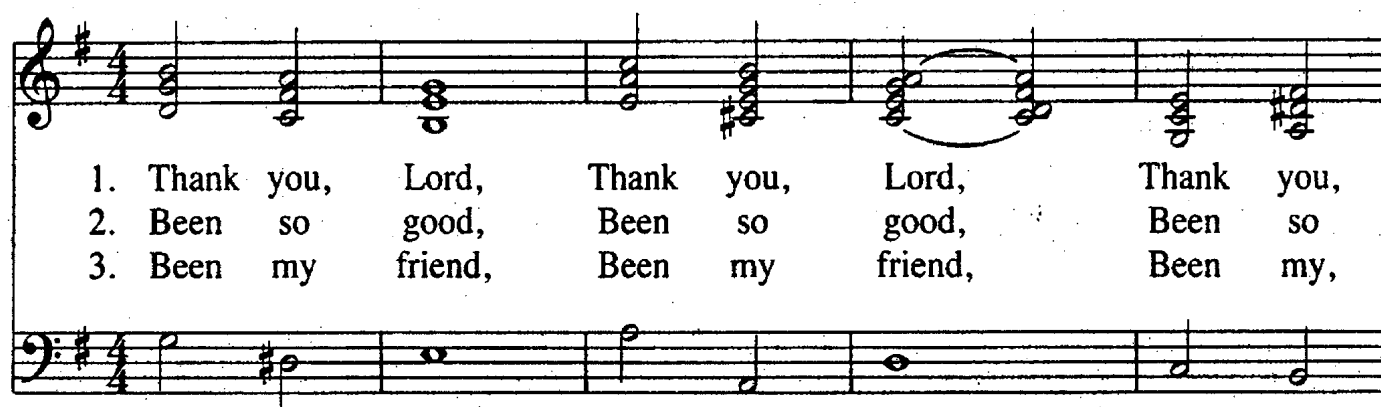
## CLM20 I Am Sure I Shall See

I am sure I shall see the good - ness of the Lord in the  
land of the liv - ing. Yes, I shall see the  
(Last time ☺)  
good - ness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord. I am  
(Last time ☺)

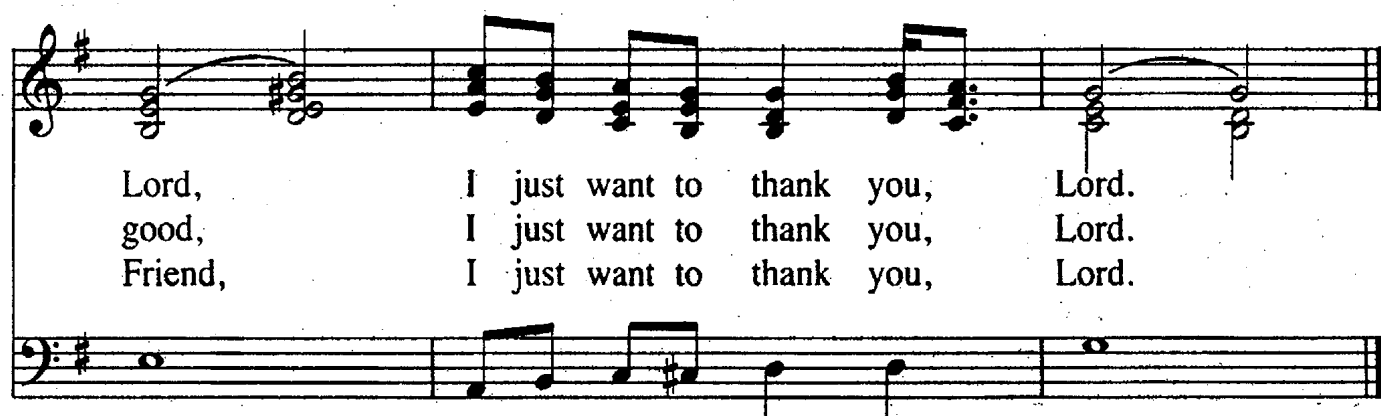
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## G65 Thank You, Lord



1. Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord, Thank you,  
2. Been so good, Been so good, Been so  
3. Been my friend, Been my friend, Been my,



Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.  
good, I just want to thank you, Lord.  
Friend, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Text: Traditional

Tune: Traditional; Harm. by J. Jefferson Cleveland, b. 1937, and Verolga Nix, b. 1933, from *Songs of Zion* © 1981 by Abingdon CCLI #689547

4. Been my Light ...

5. Been my Peace ...

6. Been my Joy ...

7. Been my Life ...

## 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. Register in advance at [www.tiny.cc/n1truz](http://www.tiny.cc/n1truz). 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).

June 17, July 15, Aug 19, Sept 16,  
Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 9 (*second Friday*)  
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](http://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.

**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; [BJW@coh.net](mailto: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.**

(412.441.3800 x111)

*The suggested donation is \$10 (lunch included).*

**Attend in-person or on Zoom!**

[www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)

Meeting ID: 835 6152 8224

Passcode: 579308

*Please mention attendance option when registering.*

## 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](http://www.elpc.church/careers) for more info.

## Church Tour – May 29

All are invited to join a *Hidden Places Tour* after the 11 am Sanctuary service on Sunday, May 29. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to join this exciting tour!

## 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.

## Tween Gym Night – May 29

Tweens in grades 4–6 will be gathering for pizza and games in the church gym on Sunday, May 29 from 4–6 pm. RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net). We will stay at a safe distance while eating and wear masks the rest of the time.

## Environmental Book Club – June 2

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to read *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs The Climate* by Naomi Klein. Then join the book club for a discussion on Thursday, June 2 at 7 pm, led by Amanda DeWitt. For more info, please contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

## Pentecost Sunday – June 5

Pentecost Sunday, June 5, will be the last Sunday of our 2021–2022 Church School Year. On this day, we will:

- Give thanks for the musical leadership of Dr. Michael J. Warren, who has directed ELPC's Journey Praise Team for the last three years. Michael is relocating to Ohio as his wife begins medical school.
- Participate in our final Sunday of Church School before summer break.
- Receive three youth as members, and one youth as a friend at our Sanctuary worship service.

The *Pentecost Offering* will also be received. Your gifts will support ministries with children, youth, and young adults in our community, across the nation, and around the world.



## The Chapel Marketplace is Re-Opening! – June 6

*We've been waiting for this day!*

*Keep it on your calendar and in your prayers!*

The Chapel Marketplace is a clothing ministry of ELPC where people from the community can come and shop (no cost) for clothing. To re-open, we need your help, especially help sorting clothes and staffing the Chapel Marketplace. We also need donations of new or gently used clothes (spring/summer seasonal – please, no men's suits or ties right now). You can leave your donations in the bins near the main desk at Highland Ave. If interested, please contact Frank Bauerle (frbauerle@yahoo.com). Someone will contact you about how and when you can help.

## Summer Worship Schedule – Begins June 12

We will begin our summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 12 with one service at 10 am. We will continue to worship in the Sanctuary throughout June, but will move to the Courtyard beginning July 3 (weather permitting). We hope that you will make worshiping with our faith family a consistent part of your summer!

## Inquirers Class – June 12

If you are interested in learning more about ELPC and would like to join our faith family, please attend the next *Inquirers Class* on Sunday, June 12 after the 10 am Sanctuary worship service in the Fellowship Room. To register or for more info, please contact Megan (MeganL@coh.net).

## Celebrating the Gifts of Our Youth – June 12

Join us on Youth Sunday, June 12 at 10 am, as we celebrate the Spirit's presence in our church through the leadership of our youth in worship. On this special Sunday, the liturgy will be written and led by ELPC youth, and graduating seniors will share a message with the congregation.

## Registration is Open for VCS!

ELPC will be hosting Vacation Church School for children in pre-K (age 4 and potty-trained) through grade 5 (completed), during the week of June 20–24 from 9 am–3 pm. Our theme will be *Passports to Peace*. Registration is now open for students and volunteers. Visit our website for registration forms and more info ([www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church)).



## VCS Volunteer Training – June 19

There will be training and orientation for all adult and teen volunteers for VCS on Sunday, June 19 from 11 am–2 pm in the Social Hall. Lunch will be provided. Contact Megan Leisher (MeganL@coh.net).