



Taizé:

Prayerful Song & Quiet Meditation



**East Liberty
Presbyterian Church**

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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.



NB33 Grant Us Your Peace, O Lord

Canon

(A) (B)* (C) (D)*

Da pa - cem, Do - mi - ne, da pa - cem,
Grant us your peace, O Lord, grant us your

O Chri - ste, in di - e - bus no - stris.
peace, O Lord, may it fill all our days.

Coda

A - men. A - men. A - men.

*The (B) and (D) entrances in the canon are sung a fourth lower.

CLM7 O God, Keep Me Safe

Be - hü - te mich, Gott, ich ver - trau - e dir, du
O God, keep me safe, for I trust in you. The

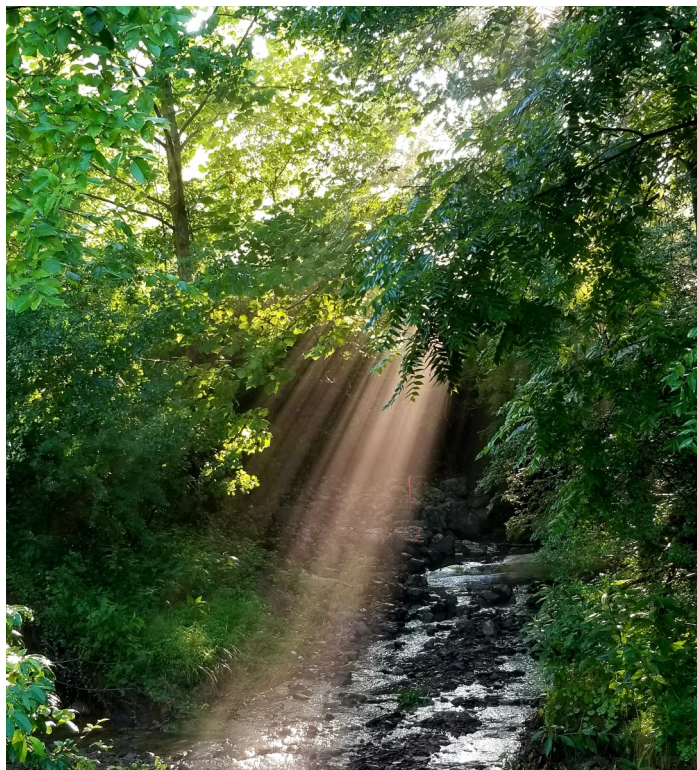
zeigt mir den Weg zum Le - ben. Bei dir ist
path - way to life you teach me. With you is

Freu - de, Freu - de in Fül - le. Be -
peace and joy in all full - ness. O

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Psalm 25 (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 18



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To you, O Love, I lift up my soul!
O Heart within my heart, in you I place my trust.
Let me not feel unworthy;
Let not fear rule over me.
Yes! May all who open their hearts
Savor you and bless the earth!

ALLELUIA

Compel me to know your ways, O Love;
Instruct me upon your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
For through you will I know wholeness;
I shall reflect your Light both day and night.

ALLELUIA

I know of your mercy, Blessed One,
And of your unconditional Love;
You have been with me from the beginning.
Forgive the many times
I have walked away from you
Choosing to follow my own will.
I seek your guidance, once again,
I yearn to know your Peace.
Companion me as I open to your will!

ALLELUIA

You are gracious and just, O Spirit of Truth,
Happy to guide those who miss their way;
You enjoy teaching all who are open,
All who choose to live in truth.
Your paths are loving and sure, O Holy One,
And those who give witness to you
Through their lives are blessed beyond measure.

ALLELUIA

Turn to me, O Holy One,
And envelop me with your love,
For I am lonely and oppressed.
Relieve the blocks in my heart
That keep me separated from you;
See all the darkness within me;
Fill it with your healing Light.
Look at my pain and all my fears;
They shut out love and life.

ALLELUIA

Protect me and free me; let me not live as unworthy,
For I would return home to you.
May integrity and wholeness fill me
As I dwell with you, O Loving Presence.
May we, together with the angels
And the company of heaven,
Help unfold your plan for planet Earth.

ALLELUIA



The Word and Meditation: Matthew 18:1-5

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kin-dom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kin-dom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kin-dom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

Words from "The Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

All grown-ups were once children... but only few of them remember it.

NB15 Lord, Jesus Christ

Je — sus your light is shi — ning with - in us. Let not my
Jé - sus le Christ, lu - mière in - té - rieu - re, ne lais - se

doubts nor my dark - ness speak to me. Je — sus your light is
pas mes té - nè - bres me par - ler. Jé - sus le Christ, lu -

shi — ning with - in us. Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.
mière in - té - rieu - re, don - ne moi d'ac - cueil - lir ton a - mour.

Prayers of Intercession

Sung Response: NB42 Kyrie 18



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God, help each of us to become more like children, may your Spirit nurture in us childlike humility, curiosity, simplicity, and trusting you and others.

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We pray for the safety of children who are affected by political, gang, or domestic violence. May your peace become a reality for societies and homes in turmoil, so children feel safe, and healing of relationships may happen in these communities and families.

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We pray for the children whose lives and educations have been disrupted by war and displacement. Help parents and aid organizations find ways for them to continue their schooling and make up missed lessons. Keep this generation from being lost to poverty and despair.

KYRIE

We pray for children who are lonely, hungry, without adequate housing. Move in and among the Church, government, and families to advocate for and serve children that they may be protected, live a long, healthy, and prosperous life.

KYRIE

God, help us to be your hands and feet welcoming children into our lives, allowing them to teach us and guide us; may we see you in them. Help us also to advocate for children, for their welfare, protection, and empowerment as full participants in your Church and the world.

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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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. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are some circled notes in the original image, likely indicating specific musical features or corrections.

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CLM14 Christ, You Are Light

Chri - ste, lux mun - di, qui se - qui - tur te ha -
Christ, you are light for those who fol - low you. You

be - bit lu - men vi - tae, lu - men vi - tae.
come to bring to all the light of life.

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* Guide My Feet



1. Guide my feet
 2. Hold my hand while I run this race,
 3. Stand by me
 4. I'm your child



Guide my feet
 Hold my hand while I run this race,
 Stand by me
 I'm your child



Guide my feet
 Hold my hand while I run this race, For I
 Stand by me
 I'm your child



don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual

Tune: African American spiritual; harm. by Dr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1931–1987

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Blessing *(in unison)*

May your kin-dom come; may your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Help us to notice its nearness within us and around us.

Free us to graciously sow it, seek it, and celebrate it,

knowing your kin-dom always lies beyond us.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS

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).

Aug 19, Sept 16,
Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 9 (*second Friday*)
6:30-7:45 pm

Film Discussion: Day of the Stranger — July 24

Join us on Sunday, July 24 after the 10 am worship service for a short film (30 minutes, 2021) about Trappist monk Thomas Merton, one of the most influential spiritual writers of the twentieth century. Through rare audio recordings, this film explores the final years of Merton's life from 1965-1968, when he lived as a hermit in the Kentucky woods. Interweaving meditative images of his hermitage nestled deep in the woods of Kentucky and rare audio recordings he made as a hermit; the film pieces together a first-person narrative of one of the twentieth century's most brilliant minds. For more info, visit www.dayofastranger.com/home.

Taizé Podcast Now Available

If you are unable to come to our Taizé services in person on Wednesdays at 7 pm, stream or download a 15-minute contemplative recording each week. Each podcast includes a brief time of centering, music, a meditation, and a closing prayer. You can find a link to listen to the recordings at www.ELPC.church, in our *This Week in Worship* email news flash each Friday, or in our new app.

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:

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ELPC EVENTS

Summer Worship Schedule Through Labor Day

We have begun our summer worship schedule, with one service at 10 am. We will worship in the Courtyard throughout July and August (weather permitting). Journey Worship will resume on Rally Day, Sept 11. Please see ELPC's updated mask usage policy on the preceding page.

The Chapel Marketplace Re-Opened

The Chapel Marketplace is a clothing ministry of ELPC where people from the community can come and shop (no cost) for clothing on Thursdays from 10 am—Noon. 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.

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.

Summer Choir

If you would like to sing with the summer choir when we worship in the Courtyard, please contact Dr. Ed Moore (EdM@coh.net). Rehearsals will be at 9 am on Sunday mornings to sing for the 10 am service.

YAMs to Host a Game Day for All — July 30

Rest is essential, relaxation is great, but play is even better! Our Young Adult Ministry will host a *Game Day* on Saturday, July 30 from 9 am–3 pm, for all people with various abilities. There is no cost to attend. Food and entertainment will be provided, but we could use some volunteers! To RSVP or volunteer, contact Derail Holcomb (DerailH@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x133).

Church Tower Tour — July 31

On Sunday, July 31 after the 10 am summer worship service, Steve Evrard will guide a tour of the tower. Please wear closed-toe walking shoes. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to attend.



The Kin-dom of God

When I first encountered a prayer using “kin-dom” instead of “kingdom,” I remember thinking that it was a sort of liberal watering down of the robust vision of Christ the King in glory, diminishing the power of his lordship. The noted theologian



Ada María Isasi-Díaz recalls originally hearing “kin-dom” from a friend who was a nun as an alternative to the language of “kingdom,” a word fraught with colonial oppression and imperial violence. “Jesus,” she wrote, “used ‘kingdom of God’ to evoke ... an alternative ‘order of things’” over and against the political context of the Roman Empire and its Caesar, the actual kingdom and king at the time.

“Kingdom” is, however, a corrupted metaphor, one misused by the church throughout history to make itself into the image of an earthly kingdom. Indeed, Christians have often failed to recognize that “kingdom” was an inadequate and incomplete way of speaking of God’s governance, not a call to set up their own empire. Isasi-Díaz argues that “kin-dom,” an image of *la familia*, the liberating family of God working together for love and justice, is a metaphor closer to what Jesus intended.

If that sounds more like contemporary political correctness than biblical theology, it is worth noting that Isasi-Díaz’s “kin-dom” metaphor echoes an older understanding, one found in medieval theology in the work of the mystic Julian of Norwich. Julian wrote of “our kinde Lord,” a poetic title, certainly, summoning images of a gentle Jesus. But it was not that. Rather, it was a radical one, for the word “kinde” in medieval English did not mean “nice” or “pleasant.” Instead, in the words of theologian Janet Soskice:

In Middle English the words “kind” and “kin” were the same—to say that Christ is “our kinde Lord” is not to say that Christ is tender and gentle, although that may be implied, but to say that he is kin—our kind. This fact, and not emotional disposition, is the rock which is our salvation.

To say “our kinde Lord” was to say “our kin Lord.” Jesus the Lord is our kin. The kind Lord is kin to me, you, all of us—making us one. This is a subversive deconstruction of the image of kingdom and kings, replacing forever the pretensions and politics of earthly kingdoms with Jesus’s calling forth a kin-dom. King, kind, kin.

This excerpt is from Diana Butler Bass’s newest book *Freeing Jesus* and was featured in her newsletter *The Cottage*. Published on www.redletterchristians.org, on 12/15/21.

