



August 3, 2022 • 7:00 pm

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## **Prelude by Gerard Rohlf**

## Welcome and Opening Centering by The Rev. BJ Woodworth

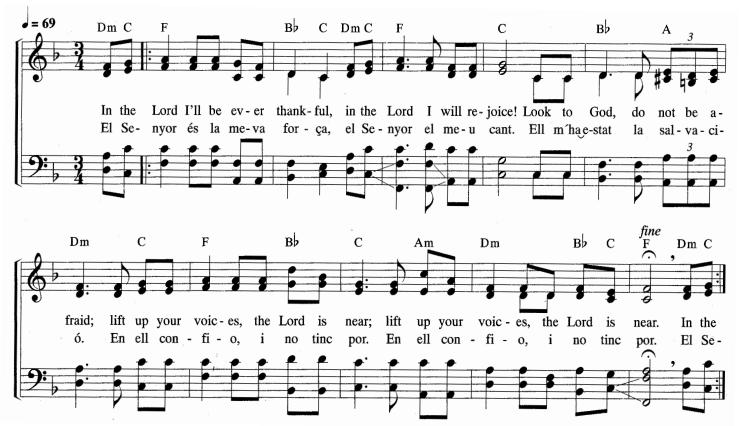
This worship space is created to enhance your prayer. As you enter, grab a prayer stone or palm cross to hold. Feel free to come forward to the craft table to doodle or color a mandala, come sit on prayer cushion and be closer to the front, pray with one of the icons, light a candle, or move with the 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.

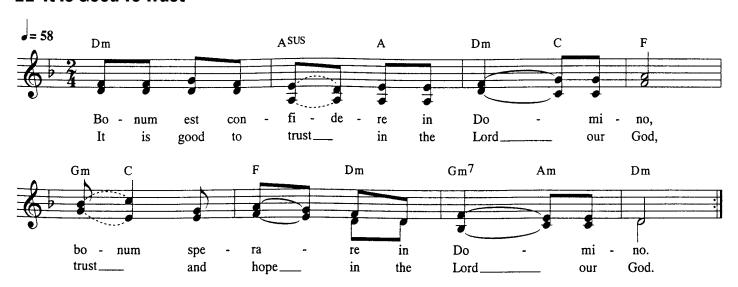


## 47 In The Lord



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## 11 It Is Good To Trust



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**Psalm 37:1-11; 16-19; 39-40** (The Inclusive Bible)

Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 17



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Don't be vexed by evildoers, And don't be envious of the corrupt! They'll soon fade like the grass, And wither away like unwatered plants.

#### **ALLELUIA**

Trust in Yahweh, and do good, And you'll dwell in the land and enjoy security. Delight in Yahweh, And you'll be given the desires of your heart.

#### **ALLELUIA**

Commit your way to Yahweh,
And trust in Yahweh;
God will take action,
Making your vindication as sure as the dawn
And your integrity as bright as noonday.

#### **ALLELUIA**

Be still before Yahweh and wait patiently; Don't fret about those Who amass great fortunes, And carry out their schemes unchallenged.

#### **ALLELUIA**

Let go of your anger,
And leave resentment behind.
And stop worrying!
It produces nothing but evil,
And evildoers will be cut off.
But those who put their hope in Yahweh,
They will inherit the land.

#### **ALLELUIA**

A little while longer, And the violent will be no more; No matter how hard you look for them, They will not be found. But the gentle will inherit the land, And will enjoy abundant peace.

#### **ALLELUIA**

Better the little that honest people have saved Than the ill-gotten gains Amassed by the corrupt. The power of the corrupt will be broken; But Yahweh champions the just.

#### ALLELUIA

Yahweh safeguards the possessions
Of the honest,
And their inheritance will last forever;
They will not wither in the days of drought,
And when famine comes,
They will have abundance.

#### **ALLELUIA**

The safety of the just is from Yahweh, Their refuge when trouble comes. Yahweh helps them and rescues them, Rescues them from the violent and saves them, Because they take refuge in Yahweh.

#### **ALLELUIA**

## **The Word and Meditation: Matthew 20:1-16** (The Inclusive Bible)

The kin-dom of heaven is like the owner of an estate who went out at dawn to hire workers for the vineyard. After reaching an agreement with them for the usual daily wage, the owner sent them out to the vineyard.

About mid-morning, the owner came out and saw others standing around the marketplace without work, and said to them, "You go along to my vineyard and I will pay you whatever is fair." At that they left.

Around noon and again in the mid-afternoon, the owner came out and did the same. Finally, going out late in the afternoon, the owner found still others standing around and said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?"

"No one has hired us," they replied. The owner said, "You go to my vineyard, too."

When evening came, the owner said to the overseer, "Call the workers and give them their pay, but begin with the last group and end with the first." When those hired late in the afternoon came up, they received a full day's pay, and when the first group appeared they assumed they would get more. Yet they all received the same daily wage.

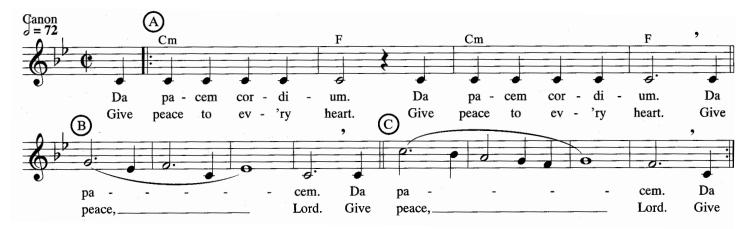
Thereupon they complained to the owner, "The last group did only an hour's work, but you've put them on the same basis as those who worked a full day in the scorching heat."

"My friends," said the owner to those who voiced this complaint, "I do you no injustice. You agreed on the usual wage, didn't you? Take your pay and go home. I intend to give this worker who was hired last the same pay as you. I'm free to do as I please with my money, aren't I? Or are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

## **Words from St. Augustine**

God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are often too full to receive them

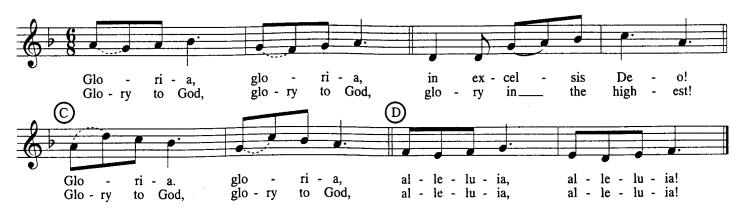
## **44 Give Peace**



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## **Prayers of Intercession**

## **Sung Response: 16 Glory To God**



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Gracious and generous God, creator of all, Birth giver of summer, of sun and warmth Of the green earth and blue sky, We give thanks for the many blessings Flowing from you to us, Like a basket of summer fruit.

#### **GLORY TO GOD**

Gracious and generous God, creator of all,
Pouring your love into Christ Jesus,
Your steadfast promise of love,
Of hope, to us, our faith.
May we hear your words
Calling us to open our hands and be your Body.

#### **GLORY TO GOD**

Gracious and generous God,
Merciful lover of souls,
Tend to those who grieve.
We pray for the suffering of this world
Of body, mind, and spirit,
May your healing love embrace the pain,
Holding it with tender care.

#### **GLORY TO GOD**

Gracious and generous God, Merciful lover of souls, take our worries And the brokenness of the world and heal it, As only you are able. Speak into our lives and show us the way To be your love, healing.

#### **GLORY TO GOD**



## **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**



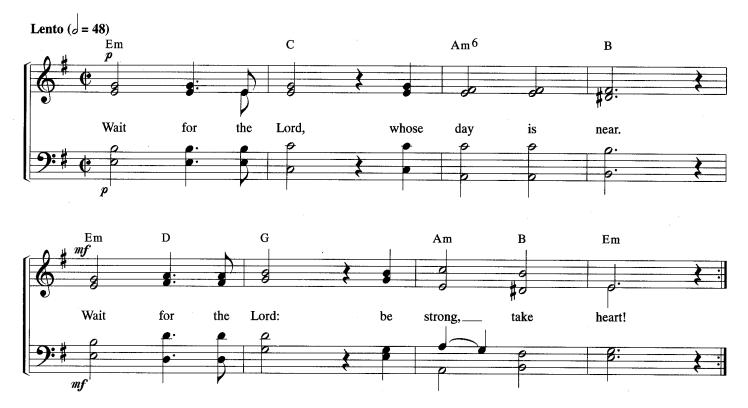
## **Prayer over the Anointing Oil** (in unison)

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.

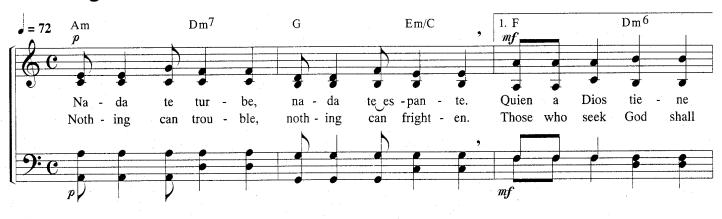


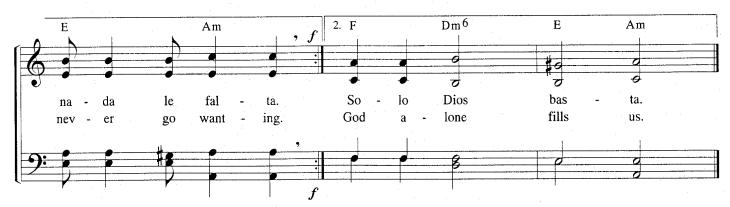
### 12 Wait For The Lord



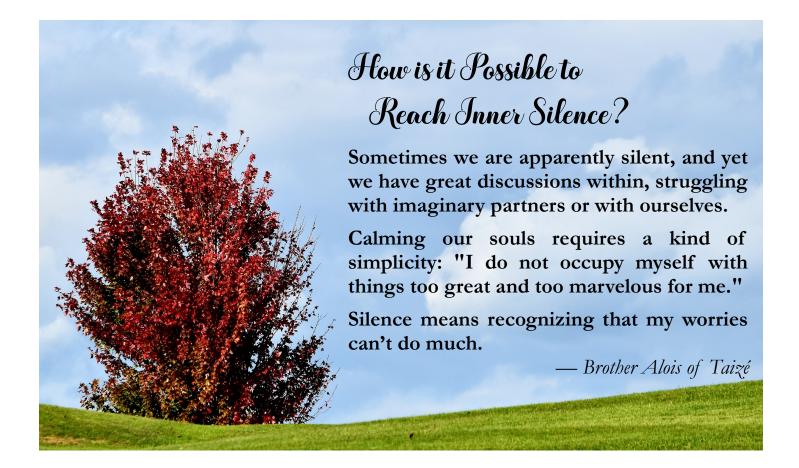
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## 29 Nothing Can Trouble

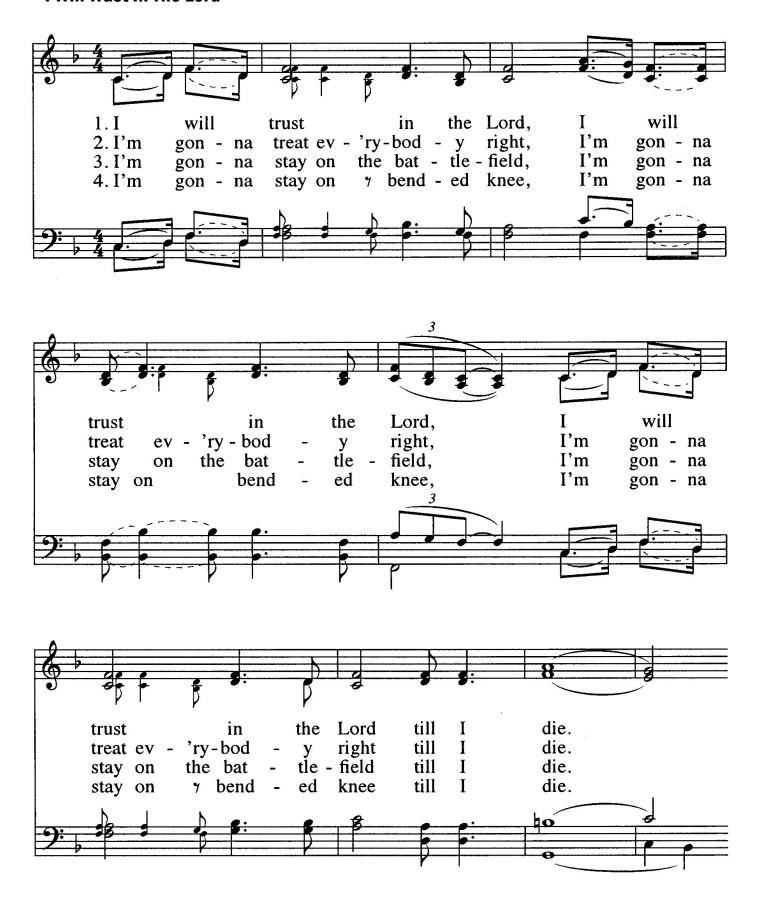


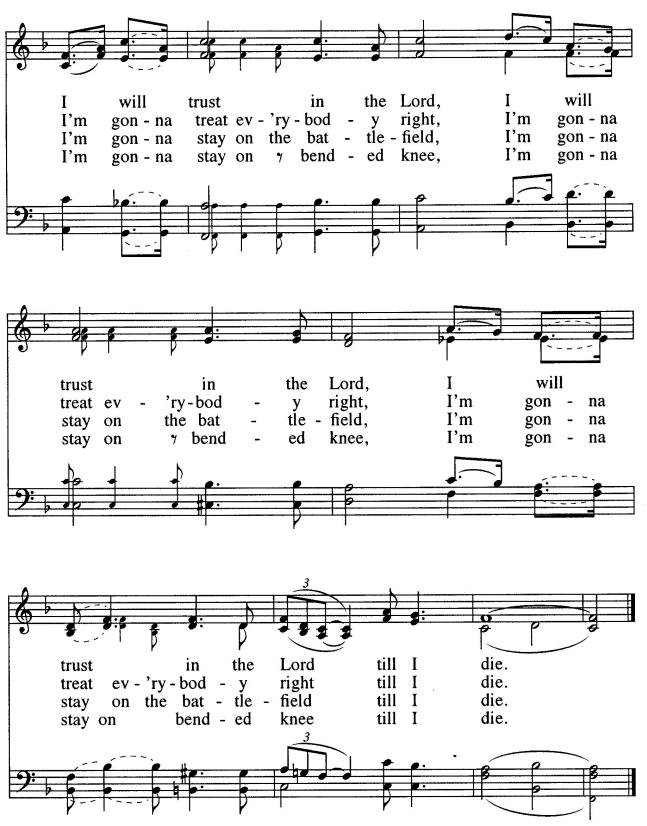


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## \* I Will Trust In The Lord





Alternate lyrics:

Father, I stretch my hands to thee;

No other help I know.

If thou withdraw thyself from me,

O whither shall I go?

Text: Negro Spiritual
Tune: TRUST IN THE LORD, Irregular; Negro Spiritual; arr. by Jeffrey Radford, 1953–2002, and Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969, © 2000,
GIA Publications, Inc.

## 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

#### **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**

#### High School Mission Trip — Aug 6 to 13

Students who have completed grades 8–12 will be traveling to Memphis, TN for our High School Mission Trip from Aug 6-13. We will be serving with Memphis Youth Mission. For info about the trip, trip requirements, and cost, contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

#### Join ELPC at Our Connections Groups - Aug 7 and Sept 2

ELPC's *Connections Groups* build small communities within the large ELPC congregation. We invite everyone who has participated in *Connections* in the past, as well as everyone else, to these community-building events:

- On Sunday, August 7 from 5–7 pm, we'll attend the Reservoir of Jazz live outdoor concert in Highland Park. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and some picnic food!
- On Friday, Sept 2 from 6–8 pm, we'll attend Fridays at Frick for some live music. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. You can bring picnic food or buy from the food trucks on site.

RSVP to Elaine Phillips (connectelpc@gmail.com).

#### **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.

#### **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.