

# Taizé:

Prayerful Song & Quiet Meditation

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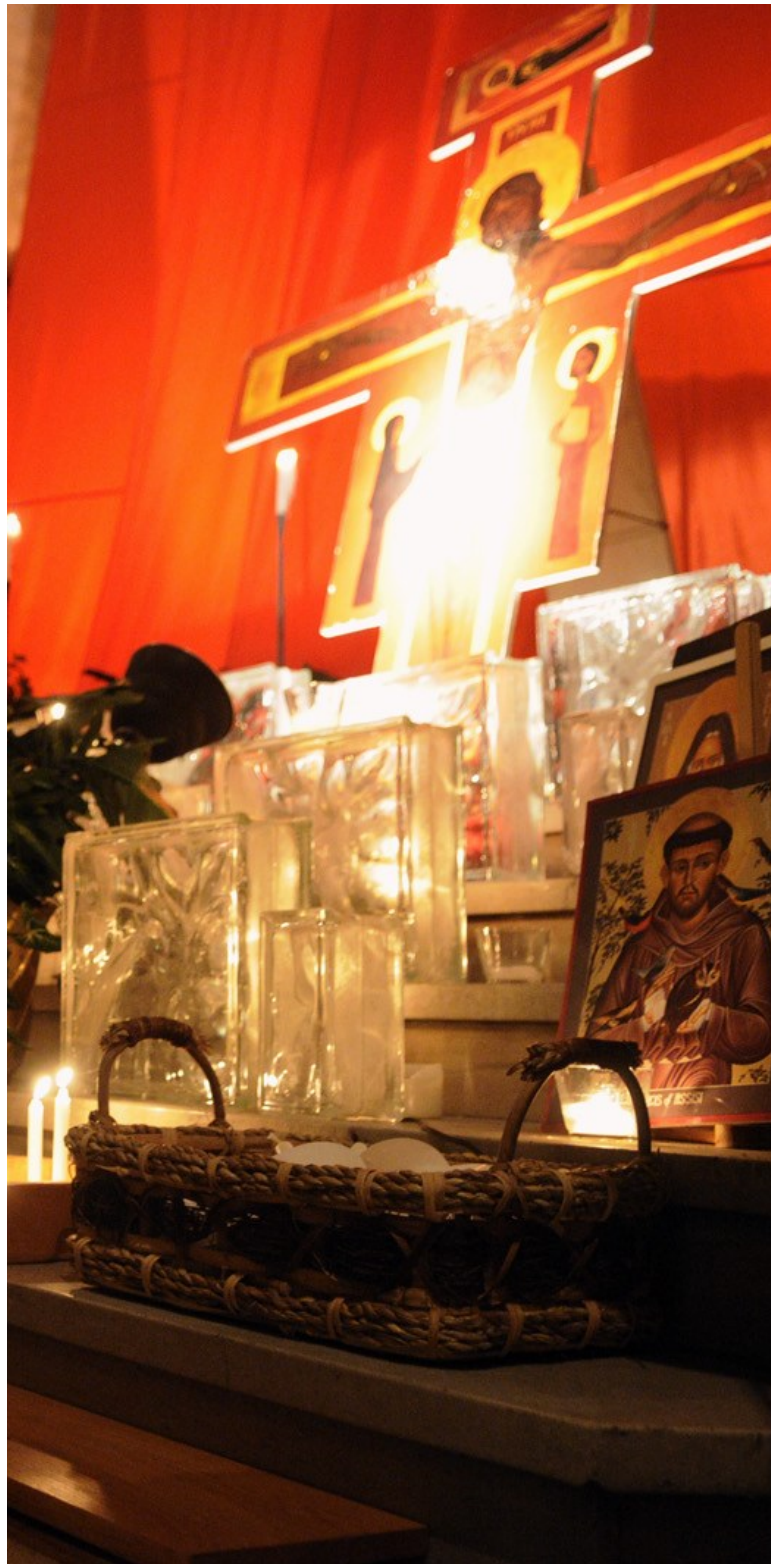


# Welcome to Taizé

We hope this time and space of prayerful song and quiet mediation will give you rest in body, mind and spirit. We invite you to pray and meditate in a variety of ways as you are so inclined.

- Hold a prayer stone, palm cross or prayer beads.
- Allow the simple repeated refrains to be sung over you and join in as you are able.
- Come forward to the table to doodle or color a mandala.
- Sit on a prayer cushion or chair at the front to be closer to the icons and artwork.
- Light a candle in prayer for another.
- Visit one of the prayer stations up on the altar.

May you awaken to the restful and restorative presence of the Spirit, and may you carry that awareness with you out into the world.



**Prelude by Gerard Rohlif**

**Welcome and Opening Centering by The Rev. John Titus**

## CLM 1 | Lift up My Soul to You

### 1. AD TE JESU CHRISTE

I Lift Up My Soul to You

Canon

1

Ad te Je - su Chri - ste le - va - vi a - ni - mam  
I lift up my soul to you, Christ Je - sus, my — re -

2

3\*

4\*

me - am. Sal - va - tor mun - di, in te spe - ra - vi. Ad  
deem - er. All earth's sal - va - tion, my hope is in you. — I

*\*optional entry*

## NB 15 Lord Jesus Christ

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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.

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**Psalm 139: 1-6; 13-18 (NRSV)**

**Sung Response: NB 37 Alleluia 1**

**37. ALLELUIA**

Alleluia 1 *Soprano ad lib.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Cantor*

Al - le - lu - ia.

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O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise  
up; you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**ALLELUIA**

Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**ALLELUIA**

For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully  
made. Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.

**ALLELUIA**

My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written all the days that  
were formed for me, when none of them as  
yet existed.

**ALLELUIA**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O  
God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to  
count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.

**ALLELUIA**

## The Word: Jeremiah 18: 1-6 *(The Inclusive Bible)*

This word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh: “Get up and make your way down to the potter’s house. I will give you my message there.”

So I went down to the potter’s house, and there the potter was working at the wheel. Whenever the object of clay that the potter was making turned out badly, the potter tried again, making of the clay another object, of whatever sort the potter pleased.

Then the word of Yahweh came to me: “House of Israel, can I not do to you what this potter does?—it is Yahweh who speaks. Indeed, like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, house of Israel.

## Quiet Meditation and Reflection *(for approximately 5-7 minutes)*

### Words from Saints and Ancestors

*Human beings are sometimes severe. God, for His part, comes to clothe us in compassion. He weaves our lives, like a beautiful garment, with the threads of His forgiveness. He buries our past in the heart of Christ and He had already taken care of our future.*

-Brother Roger, (1915-2005), the founder and prior of the Taizé Community.

### NB 18 Our Darkness

♩ = 66

F# Bm Am D G F#

Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight: the  
La té - nè - bre n'est point té - nè - bre de - vant toi: la

Bm A D Em6 F#SUS fine F#

deep - est night is clear as the day light. Our  
nuit com - me le jour est lu - miè re. La té -

## Prayers of Intercession

### Sung Response: NB 42 Kyrie 6

#### Kyrie 6



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God of Glory,  
Take the clay of our lives and mold us into  
who you created us to be that we might be ful-  
ly alive and show your glory.

**KYRIE**

God of Light,  
Take the clay of the Church and mold your  
people so they may shine like stars in the sky  
and a city upon a hill.

**KYRIE**

God of Peace,  
Take the clay of our cities and neighborhoods  
and mold them into places that seek the peace  
and prosperity of all their people.

**KYRIE**

God of Healing,  
Take the clay of the broken bodies, minds,  
and spirits of friends, families and strangers  
and mold them, so they are whole, healthy,  
and free.

**KYRIE**

God who Hears us,  
Take the clay of our prayers, and mold them  
to your will and your way, that we might be  
your hands and feet in 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

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.



## 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 bearing 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.



## 28 Come and Fill

Confitemini Domino

Come and fill 28

♩ = 66

D Bm D A

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Em C Em A D

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!



### 33. SEIGNEUR, TU GARDES MON ÂME

O Lord, You Hold and Protect Me

Sei - gneur, tu gar - des mon â - me; Ô Dieu, tu con - nais mon  
O Lord, you hold and pro - tect me; you know all my heart's de -

cœur. Con - duis - moi sur le che - min d'é - ter - ni - té, con - duis -  
sire. Guide my steps a - long the ev - er - last - ing way, guide my

moi sur le che - min d'é - ter - ni - té. Sei -  
steps a - long the ev - er - last - ing way. O

(^) Last time

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## Silence and Love

Christ says: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). We need silence in order to welcome these words and put them into practice. When we are agitated and restless, we have so many arguments and reasons not to forgive and not to love too easily. But when we "have calmed and quieted our soul", these reasons turn out to be quite insignificant. Maybe we sometimes avoid silence, preferring whatever noise, words or distraction, because inner peace is a risky thing: it makes us empty and poor, disintegrates bitterness and leads us to the gift of ourselves. Silent and poor, our hearts are overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit, filled with an unconditional love. Silence is a humble yet secure path to loving.

— Brother Alois of Taizé

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Thank You, Jesus  
(Tino Tenda, Jesu)

2081

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 6/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system of music covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is in a simple, folk-like style with a mix of eighth and quarter notes.

Thank you, Je - sus, a - men! Thank you, Je - sus, a - men! Thank you,  
Ti - no ten - da, Je - su! Ti - no ten - da, Je - su! Ti - no

Je - sus, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
ten - da, Je - su! Ha - le - lu - jah! A - men!

WORDS: Trad. Shona; trans. by Patrick Matsikenyeri (Ps. 118:21; Rev. 11:17; 19:4)

MUSIC: African folk song; transcribed and arr. by Patrick Matsikenyeri

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Irregular

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**Blessing** (*in unison*)

Go from this place awake and aware of God's Light, Life and Love;  
inspired to reveal God's Light,  
exhibit God's Life,  
and embody God's Love.

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

## Journey Dance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month (with a few exceptions).

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](http://www.ELPC.church), in our *This Week in Worship* email news flash each Friday, or in our new app.

## New Fall Spiritual Life Group: "The Revolutionary Love Project" – Begins Sept 15

To experience spiritual growth and transformation in our lives we need to practice!! The REVOLUTUIONARY LOVE compass helps us practice loving others, opponents, and ourselves. We need internal actions: (breathe, rage, wonder), interpersonal actions (grieve, listen, push) and social actions (fight, reimagine, transition). If this intrigues you, consider joining us this fall on Thursday nights at ELPC, from 5:30pm -7pm, starting on September 15th. Sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee, contact BJ Woodworth with questions or to RSVP.



Scan the QR code or visit the web site below to see Valarie Kaur's Ted Talk, for a compelling preview, [tiny.cc/m91uuz](https://tiny.cc/m91uuz)



# ELPC EVENTS

## Join Our Connections Groups – 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 this community-building event:

- 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](mailto:connectelpc@gmail.com)) to participate.

## LGBTQ Ministry

**Sun., Sept. 4: Spiritual Gathering 11:30 am.** All allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are invited to our LGBTQ Ministry's next Spiritual Gathering following worship. To ask questions or RSVP, contact Wil Forrest at [Wil@coh.net](mailto:Wil@coh.net) or 412.441.3800 x218.

## Rally Day Preview

On Sunday, Sept 11, we will begin our 2022–2023 Church School year with classes for people of all ages, and resume our two Sunday services with Journey worship at 8:45 am, and Sanctuary worship at 11 am. Worship and adult Church School classes will continue in a hybrid format, while classes for children will be held in person only.

**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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