



# Taizé:

*Prayerful Song & Quiet Meditation*



**East Liberty  
Presbyterian Church**

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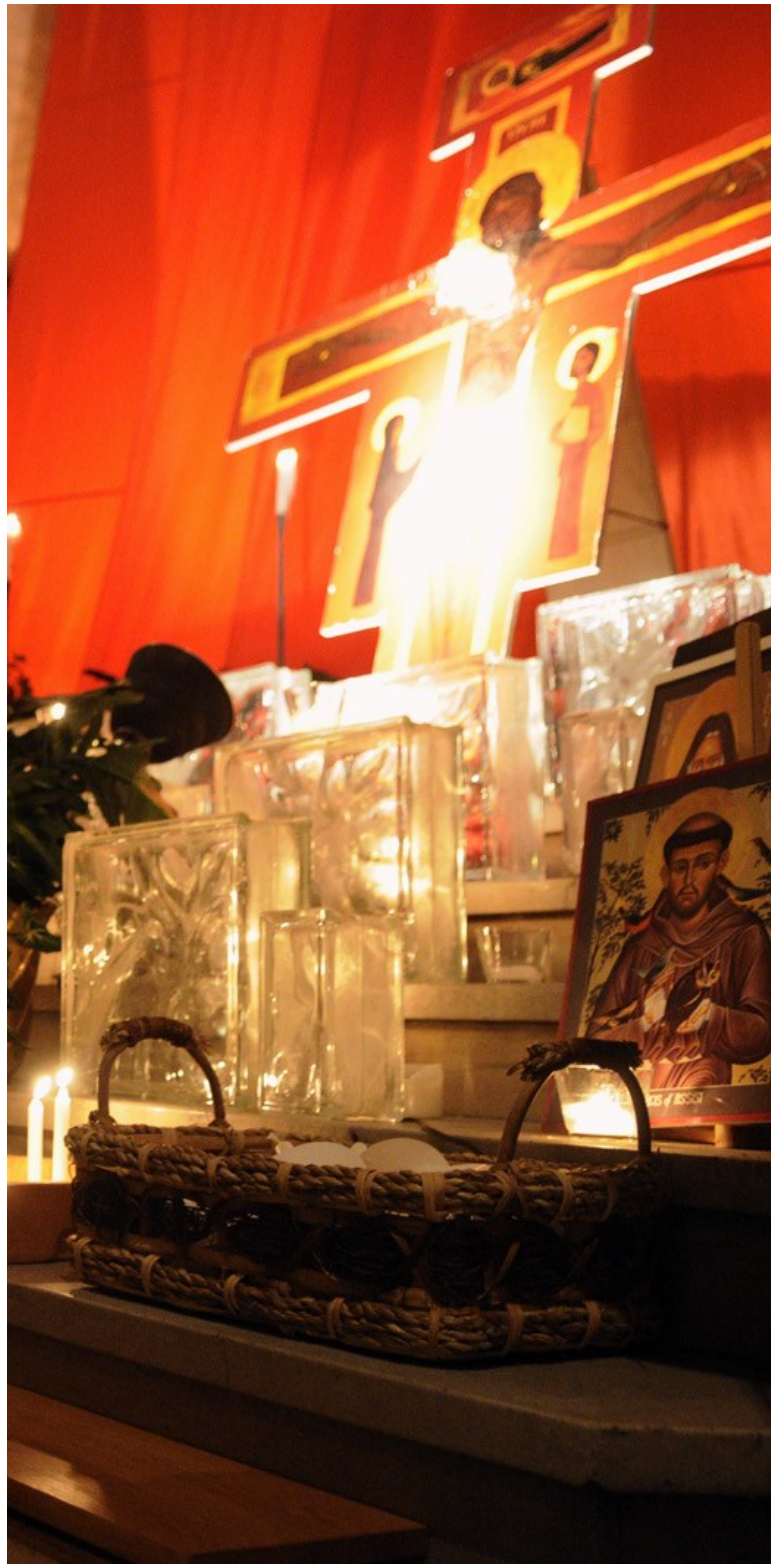
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# Welcome to Taizé

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. BJ Woodworth**



## CLM37 O Come And Let Us Sing To God

Ve - ni - te, ex - ul - te - mus Do - mi - no, ve - ni - te, a - do - re - mus.  
O come and let us sing to God, our hope. God's mer - cy is for - ev - er.

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(♩ Last time)

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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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**Psalm 51** (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 14**



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Have mercy on me, O Gracious One,  
According to your steadfast love;  
According to your abundant kindness,  
Forgive me where my thoughts  
And deeds have hurt others.  
Lead me in the paths of justice,  
Guide my steps on paths of peace!

**ALLELUIA**

Teach me, that I may know my weaknesses,  
The shortcomings that bind me,  
The unloving ways that separate me,  
That keep me from recognizing  
Your Life in me.

**ALLELUIA**

For I keep company with fear,  
And dwell in the house of ignorance.  
Yet, I was brought forth in love,  
And love is my birthright.

**ALLELUIA**

You have placed your truth in the inner being;  
Therefore, teach me the wisdom of the heart.  
Forgive all that binds me in fear,  
That I might radiate love;  
Cleanse me that your light might shine in me.

**ALLELUIA**

Fill me with gladness;  
Help me to transform weakness into strength.  
Look not on my past mistakes,  
But on the aspirations of my heart.

**ALLELUIA**

Create in me a clean heart, O Gracious One,  
And put a new and right spirit within me.  
Enfold me in the arms of Love,  
And fill me with your Holy Spirit.  
Restore in me the joy of your saving grace,  
And encourage me with a new spirit.

**ALLELUIA**

O Gracious One, open my lips  
And my mouth shall sing forth your praise.  
For you do not want sacrifice;  
You delight in our friendship with you.  
A sacrifice most appropriate is a humble spirit;  
A repentant and contrite heart;  
O Merciful One, receive our gratitude and love.

**ALLELUIA**

Let the nations turn from war,  
And encourage one another as good neighbors.  
O Blessed and Compassionate Friend,  
Melt our hearts of stone,  
Break through the fears  
That lead us into darkness  
And guide our steps toward the way of peace.

**ALLELUIA**

## The Word: Luke 15:1-7 *(The Inclusive Bible)*

Meanwhile, the tax collectors and the “sinners” were all gathering around Jesus to listen to his teaching, at which the Pharisees and the religious scholars murmured, “This person welcomes sinners and eats with them!”

Jesus then addressed this parable to them:

“Who among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, doesn’t leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and search for the lost one until it’s found? And finding it, you put the sheep on your shoulders in jubilation. Once home, you invite friends and neighbors in and say to them, ‘Rejoice with me! I’ve found my lost sheep!’ I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to repent.”

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

## Words from Saints and Ancestors

God is always trying to find you, to know you, and to love you... God is looking into the distance for you, trying to find you, and longing to bring you home.

— *Henri Nouwen, (1932-1996), Dutch Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian*

## 32 Christ Jesus

♩ = 60

A D 3 Em/D , D 3 A *fine* ,

O Chri - ste Do-mi - ne Je - su, O Chri - ste Do-mi - ne Je - su! O  
Christ Je - sus, Lord\_ and Sav - ior! Christ Je - sus, Lord\_ and Sav - ior! Christ

3 3 3 *fine* ☺

## Prayers of Intercession

### Sung Response: NB42 Kyrie 8



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Holy and Gracious God,  
You, the one of prodigal grace,  
Seeking tirelessly for the lost.  
We give you thanks for the gift of life  
And for the blessings of this life,  
For family and friends and  
Love abundant.

#### **KYRIE**

Lead us through the trials,  
The suffering and sorrow,  
The challenges and struggles,  
The tired time, despair, and bleak places,  
Back to you and love abundant.

#### **KYRIE**

Be with those who weep  
Or cannot sleep  
Who have no peace  
Who seek release,  
And comfort them with  
Love abundant.

#### **KYRIE**

Fill us with hope,  
Sustained in your mercy,  
With patience and stamina,  
Upheld by your Holy Spirit,  
In your prodigal grace.

#### **KYRIE**

Transform us and all our lost and broken ways,  
Making us whole that we may be  
The hands and heart of Christ,  
Seeking the lost and rejoicing  
Upon their homecoming.

#### **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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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.**



## 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

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

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

(,) ( Last time)

(,) ( Last time)



## 29 Nothing Can Trouble

♩ = 72    Am    Dm<sup>7</sup>    G    Em/C    1. F    Dm<sup>6</sup>

*p*    *mf*

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne  
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

E    Am    2. F    Dm<sup>6</sup>    E    Am

*f*    *f*

na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.  
nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

*f*

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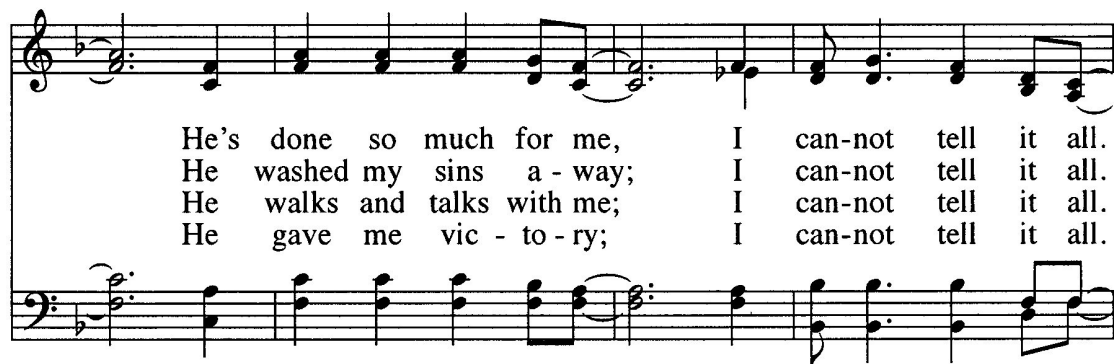
## \* He's Done So Much For Me



1. He's done so much for me, I can-not tell it all,  
 2. He washed my sins a - way; I can-not tell it all,  
 3. He walks and talks with me; I can-not tell it all,  
 4. He gave me vic - to - ry; I can-not tell it all,



I can-not tell it all, I can-not tell it all.  
 I can-not tell it all, I can-not tell it all.  
 I can-not tell it all, I can-not tell it all.  
 I can-not tell it all, I can-not tell it all.



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 He gave me vic - to - ry; I can-not tell it all.



I can - not tell it all.

Text: Theodore R. Frye and Lillian Bowles, c.1884-1949

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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

## JourneyDance

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

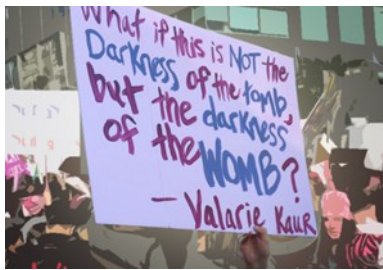
## Taizé Podcast Now Available

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

Jesus taught us to love God, love others as we love ourselves and... even to love our enemies. How do we practice this REVOLUTIONARY LOVE and if we began to learn more about it, act on it and reflect upon it in community with others, how might it change us, others, and our opponents? Join the Spiritual Life Committee on Thursdays from 5:30-7 pm, starting on Sept 15. Please contact the Rev. BJ Woodworth with questions or to RSVP ([BJW@coh.net](mailto:BJW@coh.net)).

Scan the QR code to the right, or visit [www.tiny.cc/m91uuz](http://www.tiny.cc/m91uuz) to see Valarie Kaur's *Ted Talk* for a compelling preview.



# ELPC EVENTS

## “Memorial to the Lost” Prayer Walk — Sept 10

ELPC is joining other local congregations, including Eastminster Presbyterian, Calvary Episcopal, and Valley View Presbyterian, to host a *Memorial to the Lost* on Saturday, Sept 10 from 10 am–12 pm. Join us as we respond to God's call to end gun violence, trauma, and despair by walking together to honor victims of gun violence and their families. The prayer walk will begin at Valley View Presbyterian (601 N Aiken Ave) and end at Calvary Episcopal Church (315 Shade Ave).

## Contemplative Prayer on Mondays — Begins Sept 12

Beginning Monday, Sept 12 from 7:30–8 am, you're invited to a weekly time of quiet contemplation and reflection. The Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead us through a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art, and our bodies to help us start our day and week in communion with God and one another.

Join us online at [www.tiny.cc/contemplative-prayer](http://www.tiny.cc/contemplative-prayer). Enter meeting ID: 959 8065 3992 and passcode: bestill when prompted. Contact Pastor BJ ([BJW@coh.net](mailto:BJW@coh.net)) for more info.

## Active Living with Chronic Conditions — Begins Sept 26

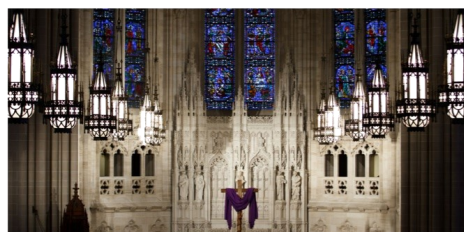
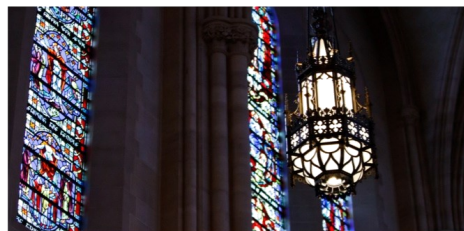
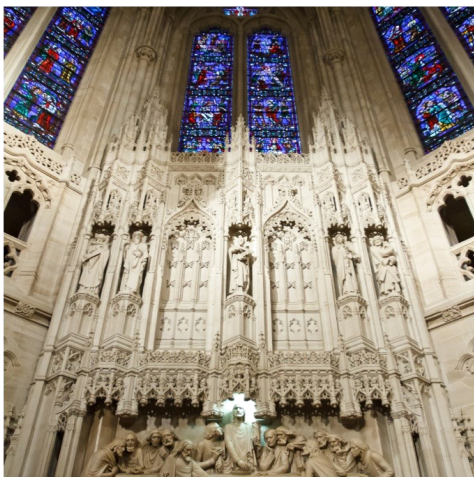
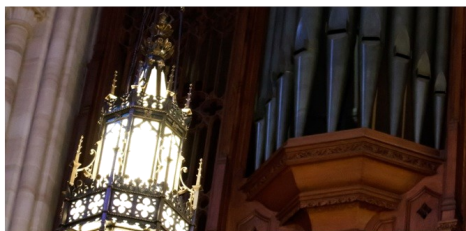
Do you have an ongoing health condition, such as arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke, asthma, heart disease, chronic pain, cancer, depression, or another condition that affects your daily life? The ELPC Health Ministry, in collaboration with Vintage Senior Center, is offering a *Self-Study* program to help you solve problems, manage your symptoms, and set and achieve goals. The program is free, but limited to people age 60 and older. The program—presented in the memory of Carla Coles, who first launched this program at ELPC—begins the week of Sept 26. For more info and to register, contact Tom Sturgill ([tsturgill@familylinks.org](mailto:tsturgill@familylinks.org); 412.361.5003 x104).

**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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*Please visit our website for more information about the ministries of East Liberty Presbyterian Church.*

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## INFORMATION ABOUT TAIZÉ

**ABOUT TAIZÉ:** Taizé is an international ecumenical prayer community in Taizé, France which was founded in 1940 by a young seminary student, Roger Schultz, as a place of hospitality and reconciliation during World War II. Today, thousands of young people come each week to Taizé to pray with the brothers and discern God's purpose for their lives. Taizé Prayer Pilgrimages and Intercontinental Meetings around the globe bring together thousands more in an effort to become the prayerful, reconciled presence of Christ wherever they live.

Taizé prayers at East Liberty Presbyterian Church were begun in the Spring of 1992 in preparation for an intercontinental meeting in Dayton. The experience proved to be so meaningful that we have continued to pray every Wednesday evening since then, inviting people of all backgrounds to join with us.

Taizé is located in eastern France, southeast of Paris, north of Lyons, due west of Geneva, Switzerland, between the towns of Chalon-sur-Saône and Macon. Here are the ways to get Taizé information:

<b>Address:</b>	Taizé Community, 71250 TAIZE, France
<b>To contact Taizé:</b>	community@taize.fr
<b>To visit Taizé:</b>	meetings@taize.fr
<b>List of useful info:</b>	info@taize.fr
<b>Web site:</b>	www.taize.fr
<b>Telephone:</b>	011-33 385 50 30 02 Fax: 011-33 385 50 30 16

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You are welcome at any of our programs and worship services. It is possible to have more than one church home. Perhaps you would be interested in becoming a member or friend of this Church. If so, please speak to The Rev. BJ Woodworth, Minister of Taizé Prayer (BJW@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x241).