

TAIZÉ:

Prayerful Song & Quiet Meditation



**East Liberty
Presbyterian Church**

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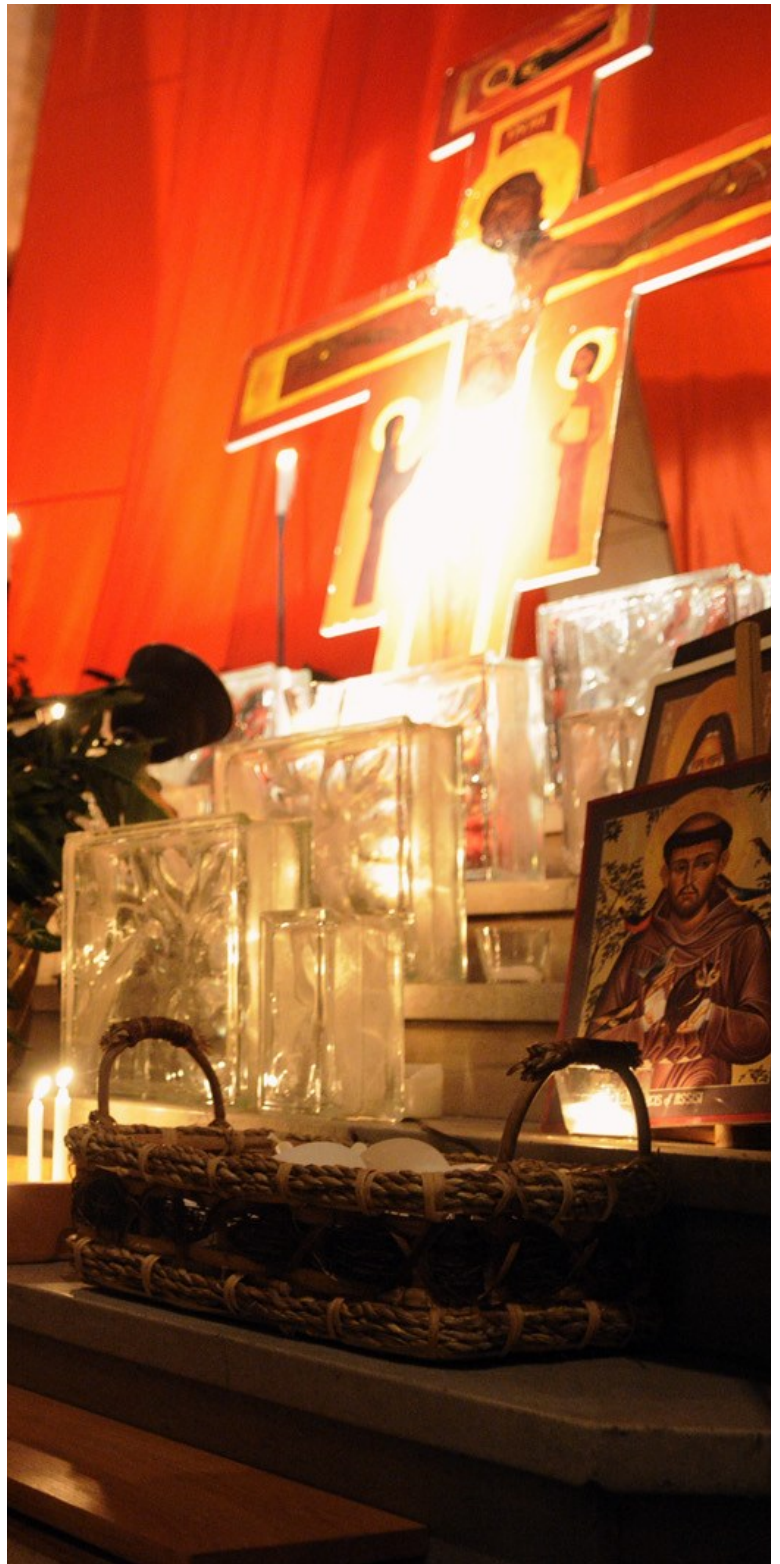
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Welcome to Taizé

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 Taizé Musicians

Welcome and Opening Centering by The Rev. BJ Woodworth

47 In The Lord

$\text{♩} = 69$

Dm C F B♭ C Dm C F C B♭ A 3

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re - joice! Look to God, do not be a -
 El Se - nyor és la me - va for - ça, el Se - nyor el me - u cant. Ell m'hàe - stat la sal - va - ci -

Dm C F B♭ C Am Dm B♭ C *fine* F, Dm C

fraid; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near. In the
 ó. En ell con - fi - o, i no tinc por. En ell con - fi - o, i no tinc por. El Se -

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NB5 By Night

p

De no - che i - re - mos, de no - che que
 By night, we has - ten, in dark - ness, to

p

pa - ra en - con - trar la fuen - te, só - lo la sed nos a -
 search for liv - ing wa - ter, on - ly our thirst leads us

cresc.

mf *pp* *Last time*

lum - bra, só - lo la sed nos a - lum - bra. De
 on - wards, on - ly our thirst leads us on - wards. By

mf *pp*

Last time
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Psalm 79 (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: 2 Alleluia 7

♩ = 116

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia! (hum)

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O Merciful Presence,
The ignorant seem unrestrained in the world;
They defile the Sacred Altar,
Your dwelling place within;
They leave those weaker
Than themselves in ruins.
Chaos and destruction follow them,
As they oppress the poor
Through deception and greed,
And kill the faith-filled who resist.

ALLELUIA

Yes, they have poured out their blood
Like water throughout the world;
Many have disappeared without a trace.
How long will the unjust
Bring anguish to the loving,
To those who seek justice and peace?
How long, O Indwelling Presence?
Will your patience last forever?
When will you awaken
Our long dormant spirits?

ALLELUIA

Pour out your Love on every nation,
Open the hearts of all people;
We await a new birth of consciousness,
We call upon your name!
For the ignorant and unloving
Are laying waste to the planet.

ALLELUIA

Forgive us for the misuse
And abuse of your creation;
Humble us with your steadfast love,
Before the world becomes a barren waste.
Help us, O Compassionate One,
To renew the face of the earth;
Deliver us, and forgive our sins,
That we might know the joy of co-creation!

ALLELUIA

Let other nations not cry out,
"Where is their faith?"
Let all who have spilled
The blood of the innocent
Repent and make reparation
Before the eyes of the world!

ALLELUIA

Let the cries of the victims of injustice
Come before you;
According to your great power,
Break the bonds of oppression!
Let all that has been garnered through greed
Be returned in full measure with open hands.
Then we your people,
Those who would companion with you,
Will give thanks to you forever;
From generation to generation
We will abandon ourselves into your hands
With grace-filled, open hearts.

ALLELUIA

The Word: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 *(The Inclusive Bible)*

Joy abandons me. There is no cure for my grief. My heart is sick. Hear the cry of distress of my people from a distant land: “Is Yahweh not in Zion? Is its ruler not there anymore?” And Yahweh replies, “Why do they provoke me with their carved images, with their useless foreign gods?” The harvest is past, summer is ended and we are not saved.

I am devastated, for my people are devastated. I mourn. Terror grips me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my people not been attended to?

Oh, that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my people!

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

Words from Saints and Ancestors

Lament is honesty before God and each other. Lament challenges the church to acknowledge real suffering and plead with God for intervention.

— Soong Chan Rah, *Professor of Church Growth and Evangelism at North Park Theological Seminary*

8 Stay With Me

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
Blei - bet hier und wa - chet mit mir, wa - chet und
pray, be - tet, watch wa - chet and und pray, be - tet.
f p f p f p

Chords: Dm, Gm⁶, Dm, Gm⁶, Dm, C, F, C, Dm, A^{SUS}, A

Tempo: ♩ = 72

Prayers of Intercession (of Lament)

Sung Response: 20 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

♩ = 72

Em C⁶ D G C Am⁶ B

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O

Em C⁶ D G⁶ Am B Em *fine*

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

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Listening God, with each new day comes fresh news of terror, suffering and injustice. We lament each new way we find to be inhumane to each other. We lament the numbness we often feel as we are increasingly desensitized to horror.

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

We mourn and grieve those harmed by the sin of exclusion and hatred but also as those who are complicit in its execution.

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

We lament the structural sin that can sometimes leave us feeling helpless. But, Lord, we aren't helpless. We tear our clothing; we cry aloud, our tears flow, and our hearts break. Hear the deep pain in our hearts. Help us to hear the deep pain in others.

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

Give us the gift of tears that moves us beyond sadness into compassion. Inspire and empower us not only to cry about others but also to weep with them. Teach us to lament, so that we do more than regret our circumstances; we resolve to cooperate with you to change them. Make us instruments of your peace.

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

Amidst all these realities that flood our minds and media feeds, we seek to trust in you, God, our helper, and our defender. Help us to raise our voices, shout out, and not hold back. You call us to justice. Give us courage to pursue it until the day when all the tears will be wiped from our eyes, and we look forward in hope.

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

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 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

Lento (♩ = 48)

Em *p* C Am⁶ B

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Em *p*

Em D G Am B Em

Wait for the Lord: be strong, — take heart!

mf

37 Within Our Darkest Night

$\text{♩} = 63$ B Em D

p

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a -
 Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés al - lu - me le feu qui ne s'é - teint ja -

G C G D G Em C Am

mf *p*

way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the
 mais, ne - s'é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le

B *mf* Em Am B *p* Em Am B

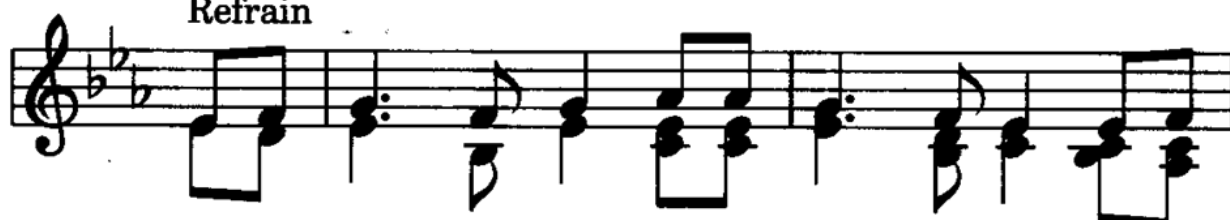
pp *fine* Cresc.

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est
 feu qui ne s'é - teint ja - mais, ne s'é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri -

pp *fine* Cresc.

G134 Saranam

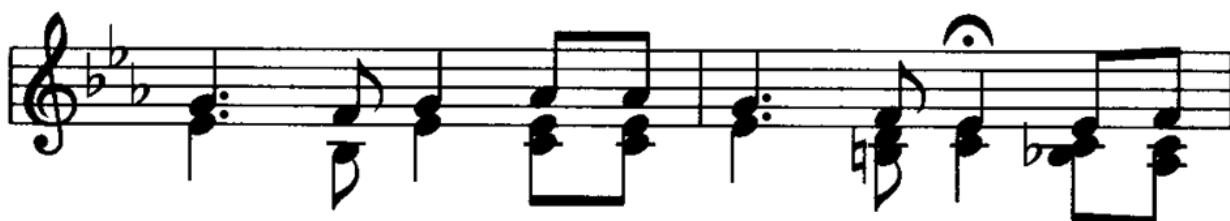
Refrain



Je-sus Sa - viour, Lord Lo to Thee I fly; Sa - ra -
Je-sus, Ret - ter, zu dir hin flie - he ich: Du bist



nam, Sa - ra - nam, Sa - ra - nam, Thou the
Schutz, du bist Hil - fe und Halt. Sei mir



Rock, my Re - fuge that's higher than I: Sa - ra -
Fels und Zu - flucht be - schüt - ze mich: Du bist

VERSES:



nam, Sa - ra - nam, Sa - ra - nam. In the midst of foes I
Schutz, du bist Hil - fe und Halt. Mit - ten in der Angst schrei

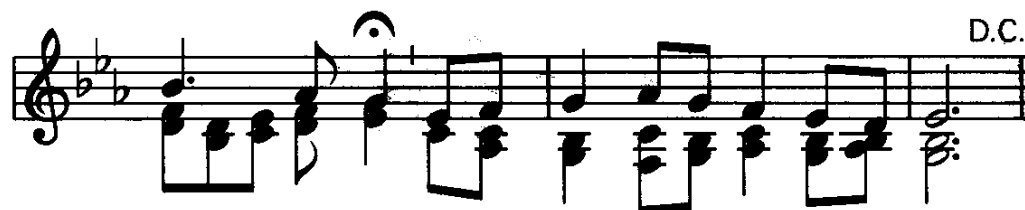
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cry to Thee. From the ends of earth where-ev - er
ich zu dir, wo das En - de droht und nichts mehr



I may be, My strength in help-less-ness, O
wei - ter - geht. Gib Ant - wort, wenn die Stim-me



an - swer me: Sa - ra - nam, Sa - ra - nam, Sa - ra - nam.
helf - los fleht: Du bist Schutz, du bist Hil - fe und Halt.

2. In Thy tent give me a dwelling place, / And beneath Thy wings may I
find sheltering grace, / let fall on me the sunshine of Thy face: / Sara-
nam, Saranam, Saranam. / Jesus Saviour, Lord . . .

3. O that I my vows to Thee may pay, / And that by Thy faithfulness to
me each day: / May live, and on Thy love my burdens lay: / Saranam,
Saranam, Saranam. / Jesus Saviour, Lord . . .

4. Yesterday, today, for e'er the same, / Lo, the heritage of all who bear
His name / To ransom them from sin the Saviour came; / Saranam, Sa-
ranam, Saranam. / Jesus . . .

2. Laß dein Zelt mir Haus und Wohnung sein, / wo die Gnade deiner
Flügel mich bedeckt, / wo mich dein Antlitz gleich der Sonne weckt: /
Du bist Schutz, du bist Hilfe und Halt. / Jesus, Retter, . . .

3. Hilf, Gelübde, die ich gab, zu tun / und zu sehn, was deine Treue täg-
lich schenkt, / wie Liebe auch an meine Lasten denkt: Du bist Schutz,
du bist Hilfe und Halt. / Jesus, . . .

4. Gestern, heute und zu aller Zeit / soll, wer seinen Namen trägt, auch
Erbe sein, / daß Jesus kam von Sünden zu befrei'n: / Du bist Schutz,
du bist Hilfe und Halt. / Jesus, Retter, . . .

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

Contemplative Prayer on Mondays

On Mondays 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. Enter meeting ID: 959 8065 3992 and passcode: bestill when prompted. Contact Pastor BJ (BJW@coh.net) for more info.

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

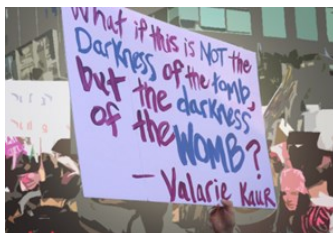
If you are unable to come to our Taizé services in person on Wednesdays at 7 pm, stream or download a 15-minute contemplative recording each week. Each podcast includes a brief time of centering, music, a meditation, and a closing prayer. You can find a link to listen to the recordings at www.ELPC.church,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

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



ELPC EVENTS

Church Life Extravaganza — Sept 18

On Sunday, Sept 18 after the 11 am worship service, our Membership & Outreach Committee is partnering with our Faith Formation Board to host a church-wide celebration combining elements of our annual Sampler and Picnic. Different ministries of our church will have information about how you can get involved in the life of our church; food trucks will provide lunch; music will play; church tours will be offered; there will be balloon art, face painting, and games for kids; and a dunk tank to raise money for our Church School offering.

Keeping Our Trees Healthy — Sept 24

Join the Environmental Team (of the Justice Committee), Neighbors Committee, and Tree Pittsburgh on Saturday, Sept 24 from 9–11:30 am as we weed and mulch around the street trees in our East Liberty community. It also will be a chance to learn more about the many benefits these trees bring—cooling, absorbing CO2 and storm water, filtering air pollution, and much more!

We will meet at ELPC. Water and snacks will be available, and Tree Pittsburgh will provide tools and mulch. Volunteers should dress for the elements and wear sun screen. And bring your love for God's creation! Contact Mary Barr to sign up (empirephobic@gmail.com).

Worshipping with the Rev. Shanea Leonard — Sept 25

On Sunday, Sept 25, we're excited to welcome the Rev. Shanea Leonard (they/them) as our special guest preacher at our Journey and Sanctuary worship services. The Rev. Leonard is a pastor, teacher, consultant, community activist, and modern-day abolitionist. They currently carry out their justice mandate as the national Coordinator for Gender & Racial Justice for the PC (USA) in the Presbyterian Mission Agency.



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; 412.361.5003 x104).