



TAIZÉ:

Prayerful Song & Quiet Meditation



**East Liberty
Presbyterian Church**

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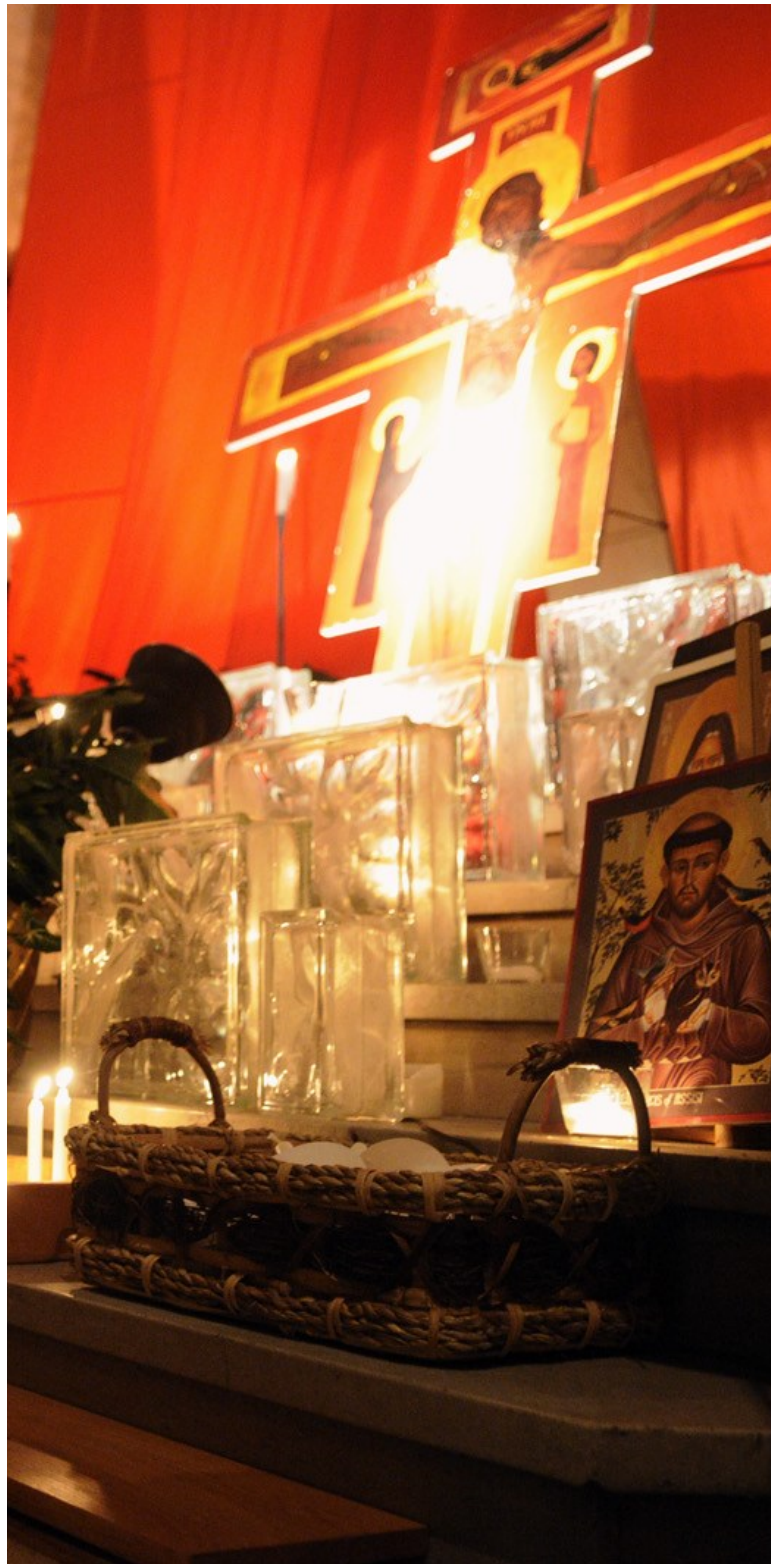
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Welcome to Taizé

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

CLM35 The Kingdom Of God

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly

Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your_ king - dom. The

(Last time ☺)

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CLM8 I Bless You, Lord, My God

Ben - di - go al Se - ñor por - que es - cu - cha mi_ voz. El Se -
I bless you, Lord, my God, for you hear me when I call. You, O

ñor es mi fuer - za, con - fí - a mi co - ra - zón. Ben -
Lord, are my strong - hold; I trust you with all my heart. I

(☺ Last time)

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Psalm 91 (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: CLM3 Alleluia 21

Cantor
S, A
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, —

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

D.S.
Al - le - lu - ia!

D.S.

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Those who dwell
In the shelter of Infinite Light,
Who abide in the wings of Infinite Love,
Will raise their voices in praise:
“My refuge and my strength;
In you alone will I trust.”

ALLELUIA

For you deliver me
From the webs of fear and illusion,
From all that separates and divides;
You protect me as an eagle shields its young,
Your faithfulness is sure,
Like an arrow set upon the mark.

ALLELUIA

Though a thousand
May deride this radical trust,
Ten thousand laugh as I seek to do your will,
Yet will I surrender myself to you,
Abandoning myself
Into your hands without reserve.

ALLELUIA

“Because you cleave to me in love,
I will deliver you;
I will protect you,
Who call upon my Name.

ALLELUIA

When you call to me, I will answer you;
I will be with you in times of trouble,
I will rescue you,
So that you will know my Peace,
All through the years,
Will I dwell in your heart,
As Loving Companion Presence, forever.”

ALLELUIA

The Word: 1 Timothy 6:6-11 *(The Inclusive Bible)*

There is, of course, great benefit in religion, but only for those who are content with what they have.

We brought nothing into the world, nor have we the power to take anything out. If we have food and clothing, we have all that we need. Those who want to be rich are falling into temptation and a trap. They are letting themselves be captured by foolish and harmful desires which draw us down to ruin and destruction.

The love of money is the root of all evil. Some people, in their passion for it, have strayed from the faith and have come to grief amid great pain.

But you are to flee from these things. As one dedicated to God, strive to be a person of integrity and piety, filled with faith and love, patience and gentleness.

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

Words from Saints and Ancestors

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.

— *Desmond Mpilo Tutu (1931– 2021), a South African Anglican bishop and theologian, known for his work as an anti-apartheid and human rights activist*



CLM20 I Am Sure I Shall See

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system covers the first line of lyrics. The second system covers the second line of lyrics. The third system covers the third line of lyrics and includes repeat signs and the instruction '(Last time ☺)' above the final measures of both the treble and bass staves.

I am sure I shall see the good - ness of the Lord in the

land of the liv - ing. Yes, I shall see the

good - ness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord. I am

(Last time ☺)

(Last time ☺)

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**Christ Jesus, you lead us along
the way of faith, that very
simple act of trust. In your
presence we find something we
can rely on, so as to get
through times of trial. Your
resurrection is our hope.**

(Brother Alois of Taizé)



Photo by Kathleen S.

Prayers of Intercession *(adapted from Mark Scandrette's "Abundance Prayer")*

Sung Response: 49 Live In Charity

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

The musical score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in 2/4 time. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the staff: F, C, Dm, Bb, D, G, C, F, Gm, C, F. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words split across lines. The score includes a repeat sign and a final double bar line.

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God, may we know that we are cared for by you, our abundant Provider, and choose to be grateful and trusting.

LIVE IN CHARITY

Giver of all good things, remind us that we have enough and that what we need will always be provided; help us to choose to be content and generous.

LIVE IN CHARITY

O great Wisdom, teach us that our daily choices matter for ourselves, for others and for future generations and to live consciously and creatively, celebrating signs of your new creation that is present and coming.

LIVE IN CHARITY

Creator, who made us to seek the greater good of your kingdom, guide us to use our time, talents, and resources to pursue what matters most.

LIVE IN CHARITY

Spirit, help us to choose freedom, to live without worry, fear, or greed in the freedom of your abundance, and give us our daily bread, as we share with those in need.

LIVE IN CHARITY

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.'

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.

NB17 Our Eyes Are Turned

Two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Our Eyes Are Turned'. The first system has two staves (treble and bass clef) with lyrics in German and English. The second system also has two staves with lyrics in German and English. The music is in 3/4 time, key of D major. There are repeat signs at the end of each system.

O - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num Je - sum,
Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ.—

o - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num nos - trum.
Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior.

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CLM7 O God, Keep Me Safe

Three systems of musical notation for the hymn 'O God, Keep Me Safe'. The first system has two staves (treble and bass clef) with lyrics in German and English. The second system also has two staves with lyrics in German and English. The third system has two staves with lyrics in German and English. The music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. There are repeat signs and 'Last time' markings at the end of each system.

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

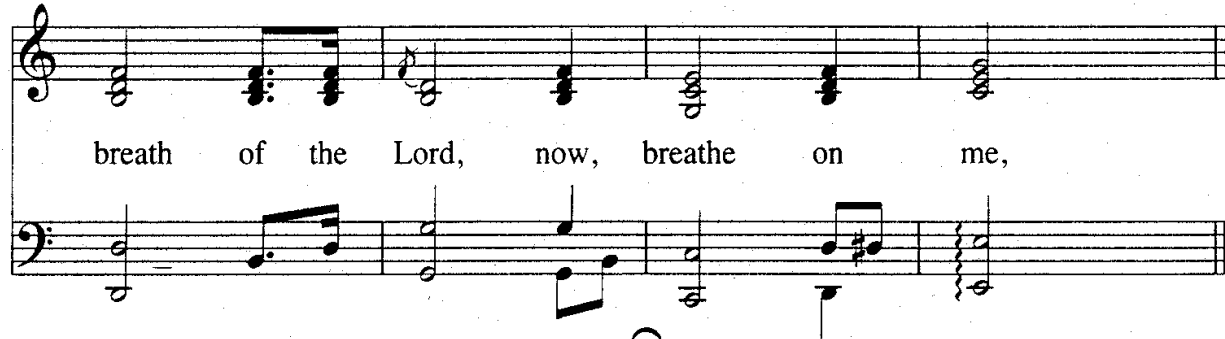
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G114 Let It Breathe On Me

Slow with feeling



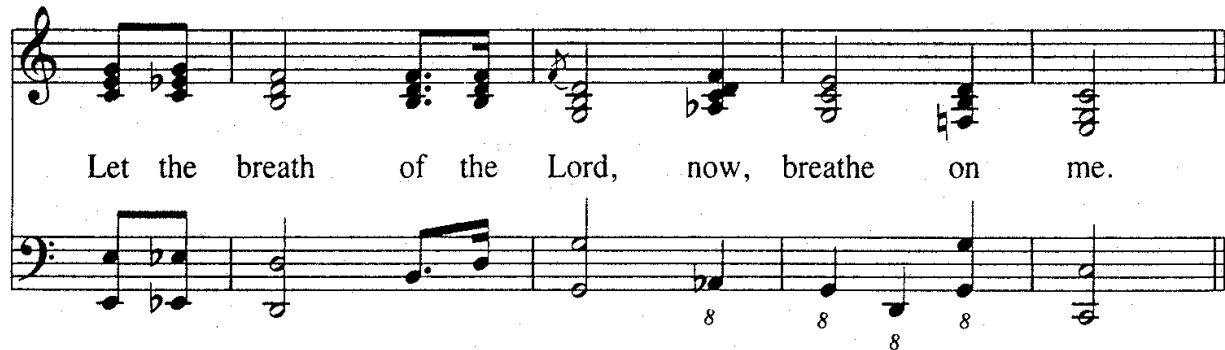
Let it breathe on me, Let it breathe on me, Let the



breath of the Lord, now, breathe on me,



Let it breathe on me, Let it breathe on me,



Let the breath of the Lord, now, breathe on me.

Verses



1. While I'm work - ing Lord in your vine - yard here,
2. When the path - way Lord, I can not see,

PENTECOST

I can do naught if Thou aren't near,
 When the way is dark, Lord, breathe on me,

Oh, come, bless - ed Lord, just so close to me
 Give me grace to know when Thou art near

That I may feel you breathe on me.
 Oh, I pray Thee, Lord, please breathe on me.

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Text: Magnolia Lewis-Butts
 Tune: Magnolia Lewis-Butts; Harm. by W. O. Hoyle
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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

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).

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

Fall Forest Bathing – Oct 15

Join us at Frick Park Soccer Field for a time of *Fall Solstice Forest Bathing* and mark the start of the season on Saturday, Oct 15 from 9 am—Noon. Sandi Miller will lead us as we attend to the beauty of nature, the colors of leaves, slowing down, harvest, and preparing for wintering.

Enjoy three hours of walking, sitting, and noticing. You will experience a series of guided invitations to slow down, open the senses, and cultivate an embodied relationship between yourself and the natural world. Throughout the walk, you will have an opportunity to share your experiences. We will be walking less than one mile, but there are some hills involved.

RSVP to Norma (412.441.3800 x211) by Wednesday, Oct 12. Spots are limited.

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.

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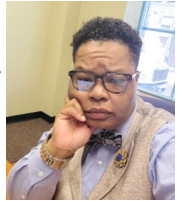
Keeping Our Trees Healthy – Sept 24

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.



Are You Ready to Vote? – Oct 5 and 9

In partnership with the League of Women Voters, the Justice and Facing Systemic Racism Committees are sponsoring three opportunities for citizens to:

- Register as new voter
- Assure registration is still active
- Double check polling location
- Make changes to current voting status (*name, address, affiliation*)
- Obtain website info to apply for electronic voting, etc.
- Develop voting plan

These opportunities are open to the public and will be held on Wednesday, Oct 5 (after Taizé worship), and on Sunday, Oct 9 (after Journey worship in the Whitfield Lobby; and after Sanctuary worship on Penn Ave).

INQUIRERS' CLASS ON SEPT 25

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* on Sunday, Sept 25 after the 11 am worship service in the Fellowship Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. This will be a hybrid event (www.Zoom.us; Meeting ID: 882 2467 1264; Passcode: 474931). Contact Megan Leisher for more info (MeganL@coh.net).

