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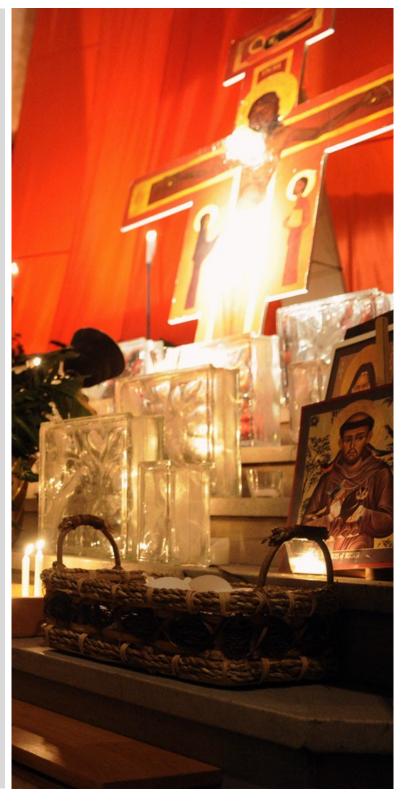
116 South Highland Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15206 **412.441.3800**

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 Rohlf

48 Sing Praises



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CLM 24 Shout to God with Joy



Psalm 66:1-12 (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 1



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Sing a joyful song to the Beloved all the earth, and praise Love's name; Sing in glorious exultation! We say to You, "How magnificent are your ways: So great is your power that fear and doubt vanish before You; You are our Teacher for all ages: We, who choose to listen and learn, sings songs of gratitude and joy.

ALLELUIA

Come and see what the Beloved has done; wondrous are the deeds of Love. Remember when the sea turned to dry land? There, we did rejoice in the One, who rules by the mighty Spirit of Love forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not those who strive for power exalt themselves!

ALLELUIA

Bless the Beloved, Heart of our hearts, let the sound of our praises be heard. You keep us attuned to life and guide our feet on solid ground. For you, O Love, have tested us; You have tried us as silver is tried.

ALLELUIA

You have allowed us to fall into the net; You have watched us reap all the we have sown; we went through fire and through water, Yet You have brought us through our pain and into your dwelling place.

ALLELUIA



The Word: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7 (The Inclusive Bible)

Jeremiah sent a letter from Jerusalem to Babylon to the surviving elders among the exiles, to the priests, the prophets, and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had deported. "Thus says Yahweh Omnipotent, the God of Israel, to all the exiles I deported from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses to live in. Plant gardens and eat what they grow. Marry and raise daughters and sons. Find wives for your sons and husbands for your daughters, that they may bear daughters and sons. Multiply while you are there. Do not decrease. Rather, seek the peace and the prosperity of the city to which I exiled you. Pray to Yahweh for it, for if it prospers, you will prosper.

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

Words from Saints and Ancestors

"The church is to bring its faith into the messy world of the city because it is called to 'look... to the interests of others'; [and to pray which] constitutes resistance against the powers... Prayer as kingdom activity is not the last hope for the city; it is the beginning of hope."

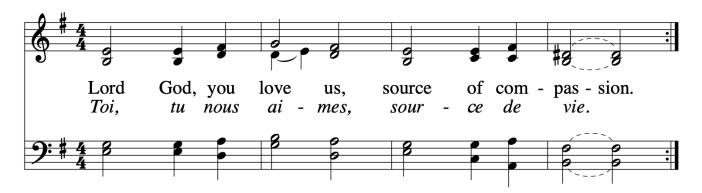
Mark Gornick, director of City Seminary of New York, author of *To Live in Peace:*Biblical Faith and the Changing Inner City



Prayers of Intercession

Sung Response: NB 14 Lord, God You Love Us

Lord God, You Love Us / Toi, tu nous Aimes



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God may we be courageous enough to live out the words the prophet Jeremiah and root ourselves deeply in the city of Pittsburgh; stir up in us creativity and imagination to know how we can tangibly seek the peace and welfare of Pittsburgh.

LORD GOD, YOU LOVE US

We pray for the city officials of the city of Pittsburgh, for our mayor Ed Gainey, for judges, city council, school board members and all others who work with our local government and are tasked with the work of justice.

LORD GOD, YOU LOVE US

We pray for our schools, for teachers and administrators that they may be strengthened to love children, educate our youth with kindness, wisdom, and creativity.

LORD GOD, YOU LOVE US

We pray for community development organizations, community centers, and various non-profits who seek to being about the wholistically flourishing of people, neighborhoods, and those in need.

LORD GOD, YOU LOVE US

We pray for new immigrants in our city, for those who are without housing, those who struggle with mental illness and the poor who do not have enough to meet their basic needs in life. **LORD GOD, YOU LOVE US**



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.



NB 5 Bv Night



NB 8 In God Alone



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G84 Lead Me, Guide Me



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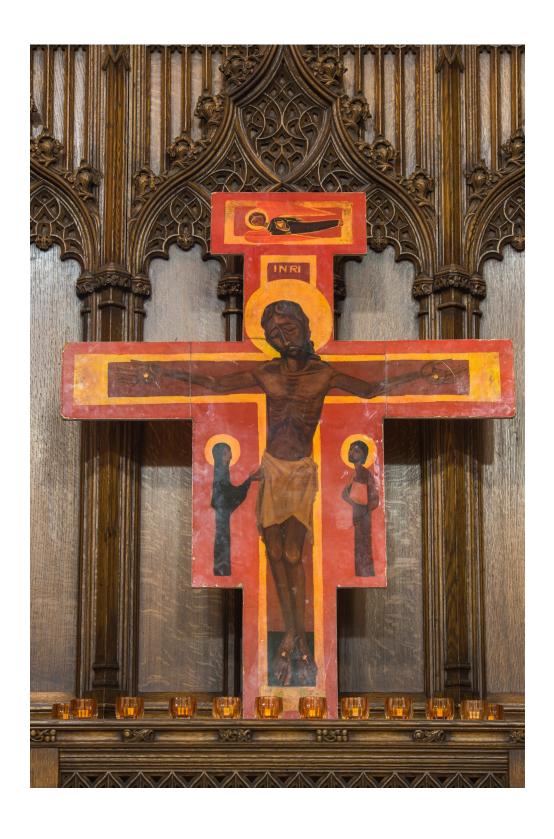
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Blessing (in unison)

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 passcorde: 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.

ELPC EVENTS

Are You Ready to Vote? - TODAY and Oct 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 will be held **today after Taizé** worship, and on Sunday, Oct 9 (after Journey worship in the Whitfield Lobby; and after Sanctuary worship on Penn Ave).

Full Inclusion Sunday — Oct 16

The Renaissance City Choir (RCC) will be with us to provide special music during Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Oct 16 at 11 am. There also will be a *Community Sing* event in the Social Hall at 1:30 pm.

LGBTQIA+ Ministry Spiritual Gathering - Oct 16

You are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Oct 16 after the Sanctuary worship service This month will be an interactive lunch with friends before attending the *Community Sing* event at 1:30 pm. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. Contact Wil Forrest for info or to attend (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x218).

YAM Virtual Event — Oct 21

Each month, the Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will gather virtually for discussion. On Friday, Oct 21 from 6-8 pm, Isaac from the Environmental Team of the Justice Committee will speak on the importance of environmental justice and how we can be better stewards of God's creation. We invite others from our church and community to participate in our BYOB Friday virtual event, so invite a friend! Please contact Derail Holcomb for more info (DerailH@coh.net).

Bring a Coat to Worship Sunday — Oct 23

Clean, gently used and new coats for all-ages and genders will be collected at ELPC on Sunday, Oct 23, and distributed through the Chapel Market and East End Cooperative Ministry. This event is sponsored by the Neighbors Committee.

Visit us online at www.ELPC.church

to learn more about the ministries and opportunities



Friday, OCT 21 @ 5 pm to Sunday, OCT 23 @12 pm

St. Emma's Retreat House (Greensburg, PA)

God gave us the Sabbath. Jesus taught us that we weren't made for the Sabbath but that Sabbath was made for us. Sabbath time is our time, our chance to rest, to worship God, to taste a wee bit of heaven, and to be more in sympathy with all that is, not least our own lives. (Ronald Rolbeiser)

If you find yourself longing for more rhythmic and regular rest in your life, come away with us and enter a time of rhythmic and regular rest; AND...explore with others how we can more fully enter the promise of Sabbath-rest as the people of God, remembering to keep holy a Sabbath day.

The retreat will be spacious and include times of prayer, rest, solitude, silence, table fellowship, teaching, and reflection.

Cost: \$150

(scholarships available)

Limited to 15 people

RSVP to Rev. BJ Woodworth by OCT 16 (BJW@coh.net)













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:

Address: Taizé Community, 71250 TAIZE, France

To contact Taizé: community@taize.fr
To visit Taizé: meetings@taize.fr
List of useful info: info@taize.fr

Web site: www.taize.fr

Telephone: 011-33 385 50 30 02 Fax: 011-33 385 50 30 16

YOU ARE WELCOME AT EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: Our congregation seeks to promote peace, justice and human dignity; to reflect a spirit of openness, sharing and learning in our ministry and mission; to build a richly diverse faith community that witnesses to our oneness in Christ across all boundaries of race, social class, ability, culture, age, gender and sexual identity. (From our Strategic Plan.)

ELPC Web site: www.ELPC.church

E-mail: BJW@coh.net

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).



