

TAIZÉ:

*Prayerful Song &
Quiet Meditation*



**East Liberty
Presbyterian Church**

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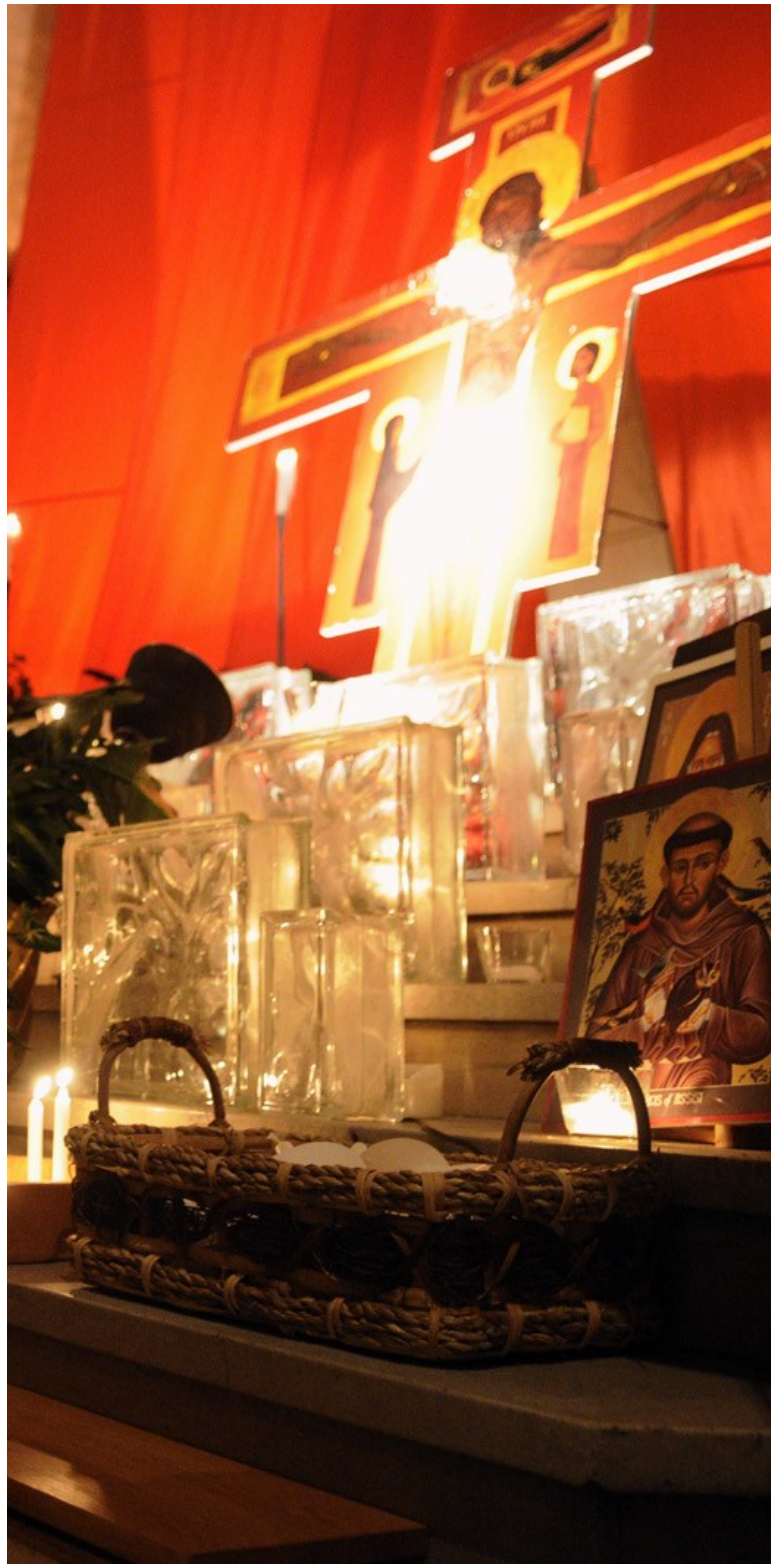
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Welcome to Taizé

We hope this time and space of prayerful song and quiet meditation 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 BJ Woodworth

43 Holy Is The Name Of God

♩ = 100

F Dm Am ESUS E A B♭ F Gm C

San - ctum no - men Do - mi - ni ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a.
Ho - ly is the name of God. Sing out my soul, prais - ing God ev - er - more.

F Dm Am ESUS E A B♭ F Gm C F

San - ctum no - men Do - mi - ni ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a.
Ho - ly is the name of God. Sing out my soul, giv - ing praise to God.

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20 The Lord Is My Song

♩ = 72

Em C⁶ D G C Am⁶ B

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God. The

Em C⁶ D G⁶ Am B Em *fine*

Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well - spring of life. The

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Psalm 65 (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: 3 Alleluia 11

♩ = 104

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

(Al - le - lu - ia)

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Praise belongs to you, O Indwelling Beloved,
And to you we commit our lives,
To you who hears our prayers!
To you we come when we go astray.

ALLELUIA

When our transgressions fill us with guilt,
You do forgive us.
Blessed are those who draw near to you,
Those who dwell in your Heart!
Awaken us to your kindness,
Enter into the Sacred Chapel of our heart!

ALLELUIA

Through pain and suffering,
Your Presence sustains us,
O Merciful One, our Comforter,
You, the hope of all the earth
To the distant shore that brings us home.
By your Light the foundations were created
Being guided by Love;
You still the roaring of the seas,
The pounding of the waves,
The tumult of the peoples.

ALLELUIA

So that those who dwell
Even at earth's outer bounds
Recognize and reverence you.
At the rise of each morning,
And as the sun sets at night,
The people bow their heads
In reverent gratitude.

ALLELUIA

You visited the earth and slaked our thirst,
Offering Living streams of water;
You fed the hungry,
And taught of Love's way.
You watered harden souls,
Filled with stone and weeds,
Softening them with kindness,
And blessing their growth.

ALLELUIA

You crowned your years with abandonment,
Inviting all to eternal life.
In the desert flowers come forth,
The pastures flourish with fruit and grain;
Creation's diversity is glorious!
May all people honor these gifts
With joyful songs
While walking the path of love.

ALLELUIA

The Word: Psalm 84:1-5 (NRSV translation)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

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

Words from Saints and Ancestors

There is a secret place. A radiant sanctuary. As real as your own kitchen. More real than that. Constructed of the purest elements. Overflowing with the ten thousand beautiful things. Worlds within worlds. Forests, rivers... A clarity so complete you will never again forget. This magnificent refuge is inside you. Enter. Shatter the darkness that shrouds the doorway... Believe the incredible truth that the Beloved has chosen for his dwelling place the core of your own being because that is the single most beautiful place in all of creation.”

— Mirabai Starr
author, translator of the mystics, taken from her translation of
“The Interior Castle” by St. Teresa of Avila

CLM36 Lord, You Are Living Water

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of music covers the first line of lyrics. The second system of music covers the second line of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Tu sei sor - gen - te vi - va, tu sei fuo - co, sei ca - ri - tà.
Lord, you are liv - ing wa - ter, you are light and fire, you are love.

Vie - ni Spi - ri - to San - to, vie - ni Spi - ri - to San - to.
Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come, O Ho - ly Spir - it.

Prayers of Intercession

Sung Response: NB9 Christ Of Compassion



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Gracious God, may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world. Unite us in your truth and love and help us to show your love to others.

CHRIST OF COMPASSION

God our creator, help everyone to share all the good gifts that you have given to us. May those who lead the nations of the world be given wisdom.

CHRIST OF COMPASSION

God our friend, we pray for our families and friends. May we be able to help each other just as you love and help us.

CHRIST OF COMPASSION

Compassionate God, give your strength and healing to all those who are sad, lonely, or sick. And bless all those who try and help them.

CHRIST OF COMPASSION

God of hope, we thank you that not even death can separate us from your love. We pray for all who mourn, that they may feel your care for them.

CHRIST OF COMPASSION

Loving God, we give this week into your hands. Be with us in all that we will do, may we enjoy this week and learn and grow in it.

CHRIST OF COMPASSION



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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thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;

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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.



49 Live In Charity

Chord progression: F C Dm B \flat D G C ,

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

Chord progression: F C Dm Gm C F

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

CLM34 Now And Forevermore

Sit - no - men Do - mi - ni sit be - ne - di - ctum.
Now and for - ev - er - more God's name be ex - alt - ed.

Nunc et in sae - cu - la, be - ne - di - ctum.
Praised be God's ho - ly name, Al - le - lu - ia.

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35 Sing, Praise And Bless The Lord

$\text{♩} = 116$ Am E Am G C
Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes
Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord, peo - ples!

G 1. Am F Dm E 2. Am Dm E Am
gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia!
na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Closing Blessing *(in unison; John Philip Newell)*

As earth requires rest and the seas need time to be replenished, so in resting may we be made more alive, so in stillness may our creativity be born anew. Bless us this night, O God, that we may wake refreshed.

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).

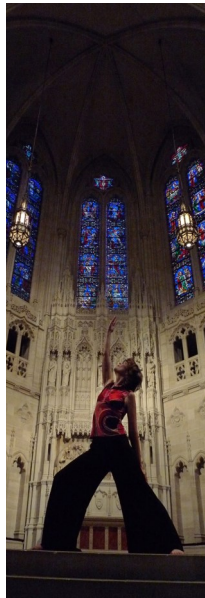
Oct 21, Nov 18,
Dec 9 (*second Friday*)
6:30-7:45 pm

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.

Yoga Retreat – Nov 12

Please join Yamuna for a brief, but sweet *yoga retreat* on Saturday, Nov 12 from 9am-Noon in the Sanctuary. This abbreviated retreat will include a yoga class, some meditation, and maybe an abbreviated JourneyDance experience. No lunch will be included. However, we invite all participants to bring their own lunch, and we can have an informal lunch together if we so choose! Suggested donation is \$20-\$40. Please RSVP to Norma (412.441.3800 x211). Limited to 20 participants. Sign up soon! Bring your own matt and whatever else would make you feel comfortable doing yoga in the sanctuary (blanket, water bottle).



ELPC EVENTS

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.

Connections Group – Oct 23

Please join the Connections Group on Sunday, Oct 23 at 6:30 pm to walk through the Pittsburgh Zoo's Asian Lantern Festival together. Please buy your own ticket online ahead of time (cost is \$20/person or \$17 if you are a Zoo member). Meet inside the Zoo gate at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. This event involves a moderate amount of walking. RSVP to connectelpc@gmail.com.

Church Tower Tour – Oct 23

A *Tower Tour* will be offered on Sunday, Oct 23, led by Steve Evrard. Please wear closed-toe shoes and gather in the Highland Lobby after the 11 am Sanctuary service to participate.

A Talk About Mental Health – Oct 30

Youth, parents, and caregivers are invited to join us after Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Oct 30 at 12:15 pm for lunch and a program on talking together about mental health. The presentation will be led Carol Dundes, a counselor at Samaritan Counseling. Contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

Welcoming the Rev. Gavin Walton – Oct 30

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Gavin Walton as our guest preacher at Journey and Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Oct 30. A native of Pittsburgh, the Rev. Walton currently serves as pastor at Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church. He is a graduate of Duquesne University and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

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to learn more about the ministries and opportunities

Brother Roger

founder of Taizé

ON PRAYER

From the depths of the human condition, a secret aspiration rises up. Caught up in the anonymous rhythms of schedules and timetables, men and women of today are implicitly thirsting for the one essential reality: an inner life, signs of the invisible.

Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again.

In a technological society, there is a clear separation between prayer and work. When inner life and human solidarity appear to be in competition with one another, as if people had to choose between them, that opposition tears apart the very depths of the soul.

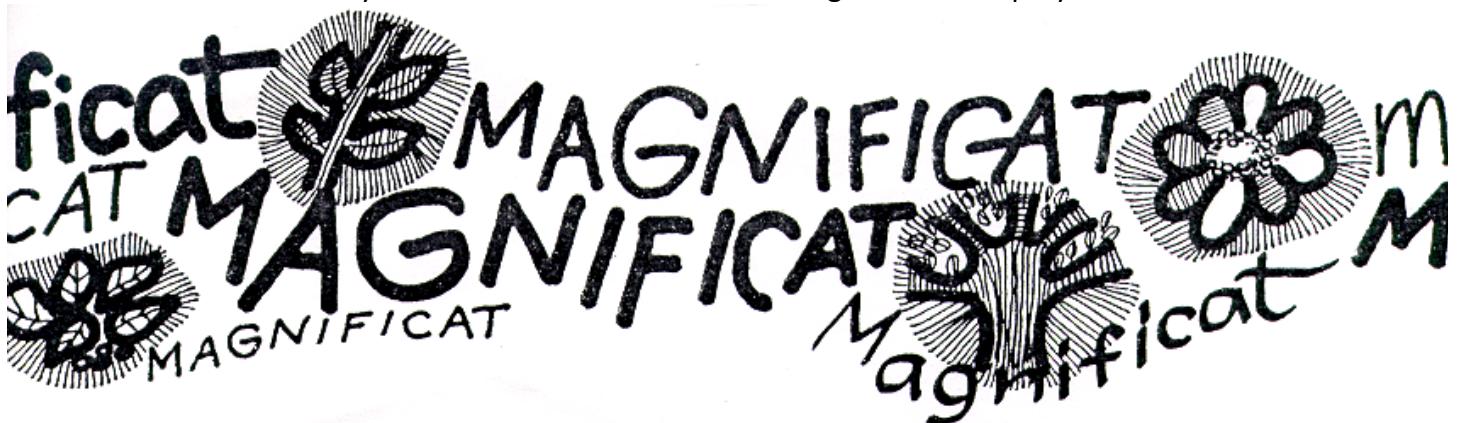
Prayer is a serene force at work within human beings, stirring them up, transforming them, never allowing them to close their eyes in the face of evil, of wars, of all that threatens the weak of this world. From it we draw the energy to wage other struggles—to enable our loved ones to survive, to transform the human condition, to make the earth a place fit to live in.

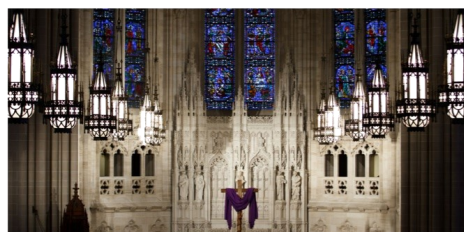
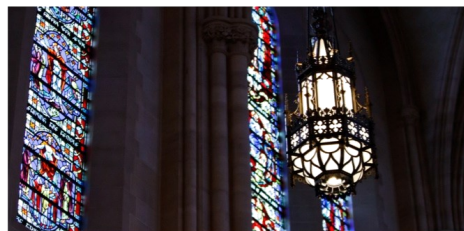
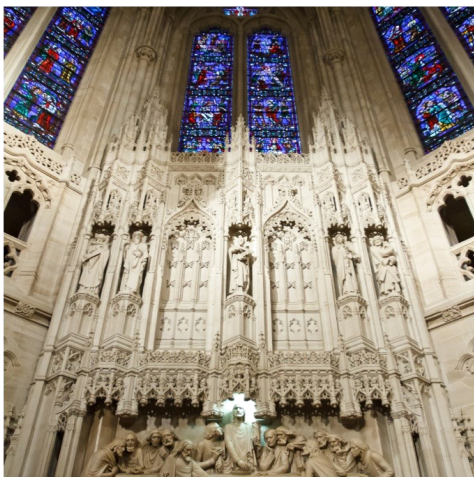
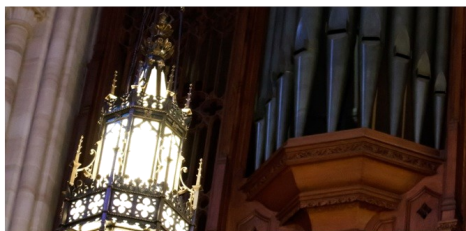
ON SINGING

Singing is one of the most important forms of prayer. A few words sung over and over again reinforce the meditative quality of the prayer. They express a basic reality of faith that can quickly be grasped by the intellect, and that gradually penetrates the heart and the whole being. These simple chants also provide a way of praying when one is alone, during the day or at night, or even in the silence of one's heart while one is working.

ON SILENCE

When we try to express communion with God in words, we rapidly reach the end of our capacities. But in the depths of our being Christ is praying, far more than we imagine. Compared to the immensity of that hidden prayer of Christ in us, our explicit praying dwindles to almost nothing. That is why silence is so essential in discovering the heart of prayer.





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
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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
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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).