

# TAIZÉ:

*Prayerful Song &  
Quiet Meditation*

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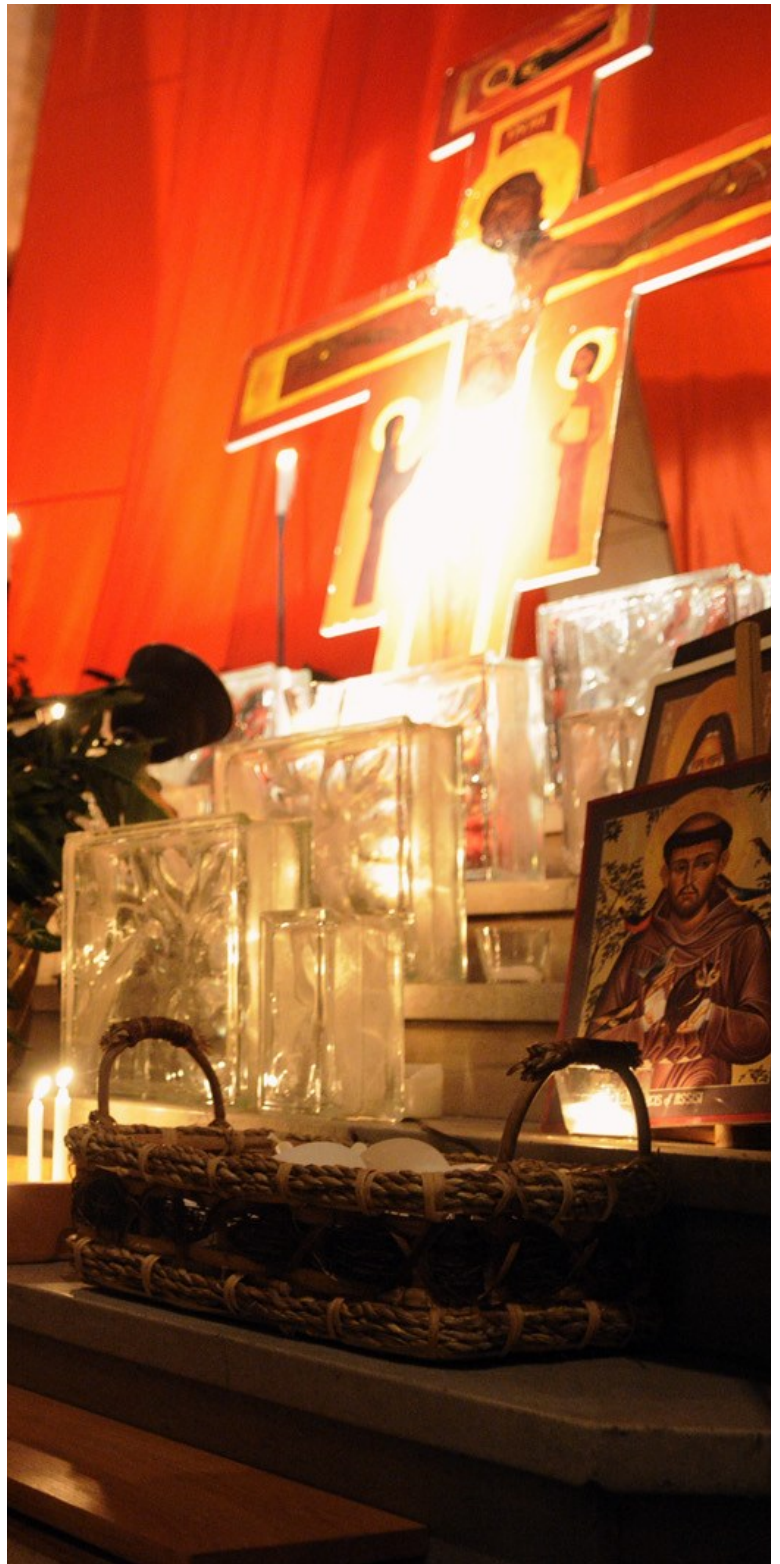
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# Welcome to Taizé

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 Rev. BJ Woodworth**



## NB22 Sing To The Lord



Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, let ev-'ry-thing in me pro-claim God's sal-va-tion.  
Lo - be den Herrn, mei-ne See - le, und al-les in mir sei-nen hei - li - gen Na-men!



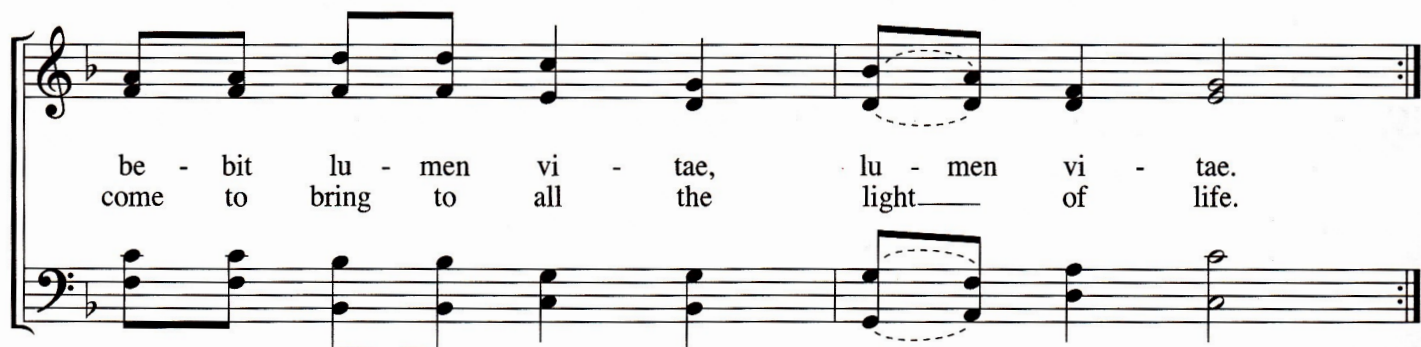
Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, and re-mem-ber all of God's mar-vel - ous deeds!  
Lo - be den Herrn, mei-ne See - le, und ver - giß nicht, was er dir Gu - tes ge - tan!

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## CLM14 Christ, You Are Light



Chri - ste, lux mun - di, qui se - qui - tur te ha -  
Christ, you are light for those who fol - low you. You



be - bit lu - men vi - tae, lu - men vi - tae.  
come to bring to all the light of life.

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**Psalm 32** (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 1**

*Soprano ad lib.*



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

*Cantor*

Al - le - lu - ia.

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Blessed are you whose wrongdoings  
Have been forgiven,  
Whose shame has been forgotten.  
Blessed are you in whom Love Divine  
Finds a home,  
And whose spirit radiates truth.

**ALLELUIA**

When I acknowledged not my shortcomings,  
I became ill through all my defenses.  
And day and night, guilt weighed heavy  
Constricting my heart;  
My spirit became dry as desert brines.

**ALLELUIA**

I cried out, "Forgive me, O Comforter,  
For those times I have sinned in my thoughts,  
My words, and my deeds;"  
And the Beloved created within me  
A clean and open heart.

**ALLELUIA**

Therefore, let everyone who is sincere  
Give thanks to the Beloved;  
For whenever we feel paralyzed by fear,  
We shall be embraced by Love.  
Dwelling in the Heart of the Beloved,  
We are free from distress,  
Free to live more creatively.

**ALLELUIA**

O my Beloved, you are my guide,  
You reach me to walk in the Light.  
Be watchful of me, counsel me  
As I listen to you in the silence.  
I pray for the gifts of inner peace and wisdom,  
For the grace to reverence all of Creation.

**ALLELUIA**

Many are the heartaches  
Of those separated from love;  
Steadfast love abides with those who surrender  
Their lives into the hands of the Beloved.  
Be glad and rejoice!  
Let your life give witness to Love's Way;  
And shout for joy,  
All you upright of heart!

**ALLELUIA**



## The Word: Luke 19:1-10 *(NRSV translation)*

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.

When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.”

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

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

### Words from Saints and Ancestors

May Jesus enter into us and clear out and cast away all hindrances of soul and body, to the end that we may be one with him here upon earth and there in heaven. So help us, God. Amen.

— Meister Eckhart (1260–1328), a German Catholic, theologian, philosopher and mystic

### CLM9 God Is Forgiveness

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass, in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are in Polish and English, with syllables aligned under the notes.

Bóg jest mi - łość - cią. miej - cie od - wa - gę żyć dla mi - łość - ci.  
God is for - give - ness. Dare to for - give and God will be with you.

Bóg — jest mi - łość - cią. Nie lę - kaj - cie się.  
God — is for - give - ness. Love, and do not fear.

## Prayers of Intercession

### Sung Response: NB42 Kyrie 5



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God who sees us and comes to us, may we have curiosity and courage to seek you out and gladly respond to your invitation to come into our house, all the days of our lives.

#### **KYRIE**

God who alters our ways, may we have boldness to turn from our self-centered, greedy, and unjust ways, make amends and give generously to those in need.

#### **KYRIE**

God of compassion, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who govern the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love.

#### **KYRIE**

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer, hear the cry of those in misery and need. In their afflictions show them your mercy, and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them, for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered for us.

#### **KYRIE**

Loving God, you have made all races and nations to be one family, and you sent Jesus Christ to proclaim the good news of liberation to all people. Pour out your Spirit on the whole creation and hasten the coming of your reign of justice and love among the nations of the world.

#### **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.'

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;

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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.**



## NB8 In God Alone

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace— and joy.  
Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de lui vient mon — sa - lut.

On - ly in God my soul can find its rest, — find its rest — and peace. In  
Oui, sur Dieu seul mon â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix. Mon

*Last time*



## 9 Bless The Lord

♩ = 76

Dm G Dm B♭ C F A

*p*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Dm G Dm B♭ C Dm

*p*

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Bless The Lord'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has a tempo marking of ♩ = 76 and a dynamic marking of *p*. The chords are Dm, G, Dm, B♭, C, F, and A. The lyrics are 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.' The second system has the same dynamic marking and chords: Dm, G, Dm, B♭, C, and Dm. The lyrics are 'Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.' The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has one flat (Bb).

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### *How is it Possible to Reach Inner Silence?*

Sometimes we are apparently silent, and yet we have great discussions within, struggling with imaginary partners or with ourselves.

Calming our souls requires a kind of simplicity: "I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me."

Silence means recognizing that my worries can't do much.

— Brother Alois of Taizé

The background image for the text is a photograph of a large tree with dense, bright red autumn foliage. The tree is situated on a rolling green grassy hill. The sky above is a clear, bright blue with a few wispy white clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and evocative of a quiet, natural setting.

## \* Come, Bring Your Burdens To God

*Solo:*

Come, bring your bur-dens, oh,

Come, bring your bur-dens to God, come, bring your  
 Wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa-kho, wo - za nom -

come, bring your bur - dens, oh, come, bring your bur-dens,

bur - dens to God, come, bring your bur - dens to God for  
 thwa - lo wa-kho, wo - za nom-thwa - lo wa-kho U -

*To repeat* *Last time*

Je-sus will nev-er say no.

Je-sus will nev-er say no. Come, bring your no.  
 ye-s's-ka-so-za-thi hayi. Wo - za nom - hayi.

### *African phonetics:*

Woh-zah nohm-thwah-loh wah-khoh, U-yehs skah-soh-zah-thee hahyee

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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](http://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).

Nov 18

Dec 9 (*second Friday*)

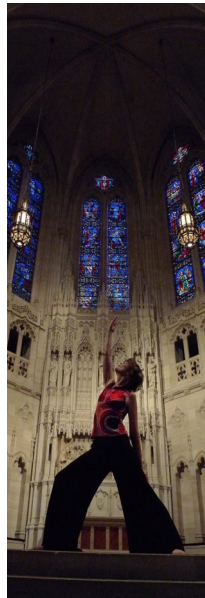
6:30-7:45 pm

## 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.

## 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

## 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.

## Reckoning with Race: The History & Persistence of White Supremacy in the Church – Begins Oct 30

The Facing Systemic Racism Committee encourages congregational participation in the first presentation of the topic “Reckoning with Race: The History & Persistence of White Supremacy in the Church” beginning Sunday, Oct 30 during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45 am).

The presenter for each installment will be Dr Brock Bahler who serves at Pitt as Senior Lecturer and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies. Dr Bahler is a member of and ruling elder at Open Door Presbyterian Church in Garfield.

In this series, Dr. Brock Bahler will provide a big picture church history overview of how Christianity invented, codified, perpetuated, and benefited from white supremacy. We will consider not only how we continue to be implicated in this history, but will consider how we can lament, respond to, and develop reparations for this injustice.

The program will consist of a lecture and small group discussion in the Social Hall and on Zoom at 9:45 am. Contact Michele Bossers (michele2285@gmail.com).

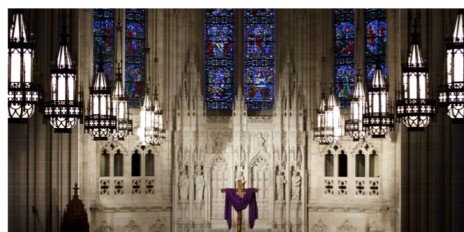
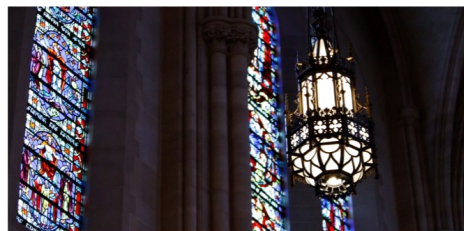
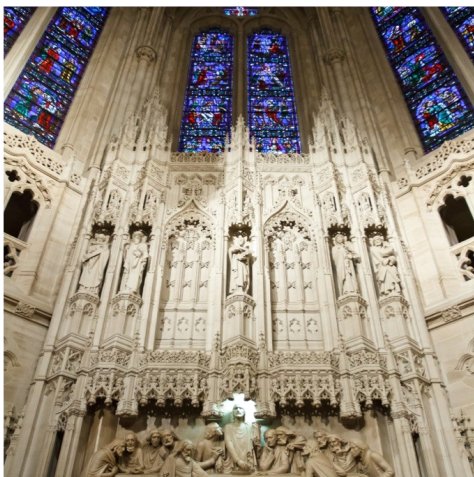
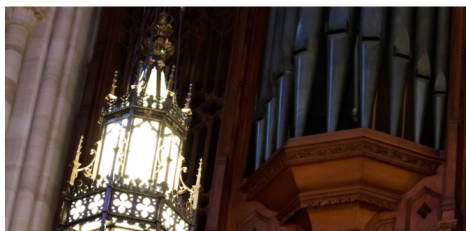
## Fall Garden Clean Up Day – Nov 5

Please join the Garden Crew on Saturday, Nov 5 for their final volunteer work day of 2022. Work will focus on the flower beds at the Highland entrance, in the Garth and Children's Play Yard, and will take approximately 2.5 hours to complete.

Green thumbs are not required! Bring a pair of work gloves to the Highland driveway around 9 am.

Please contact Don Breitbarth (donbreitbarth@gmail.com) if you're interested or would like more info.





*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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**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).