

# TAIZÉ:

*Prayerful Song &  
Quiet Meditation*

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**East Liberty  
Presbyterian Church**

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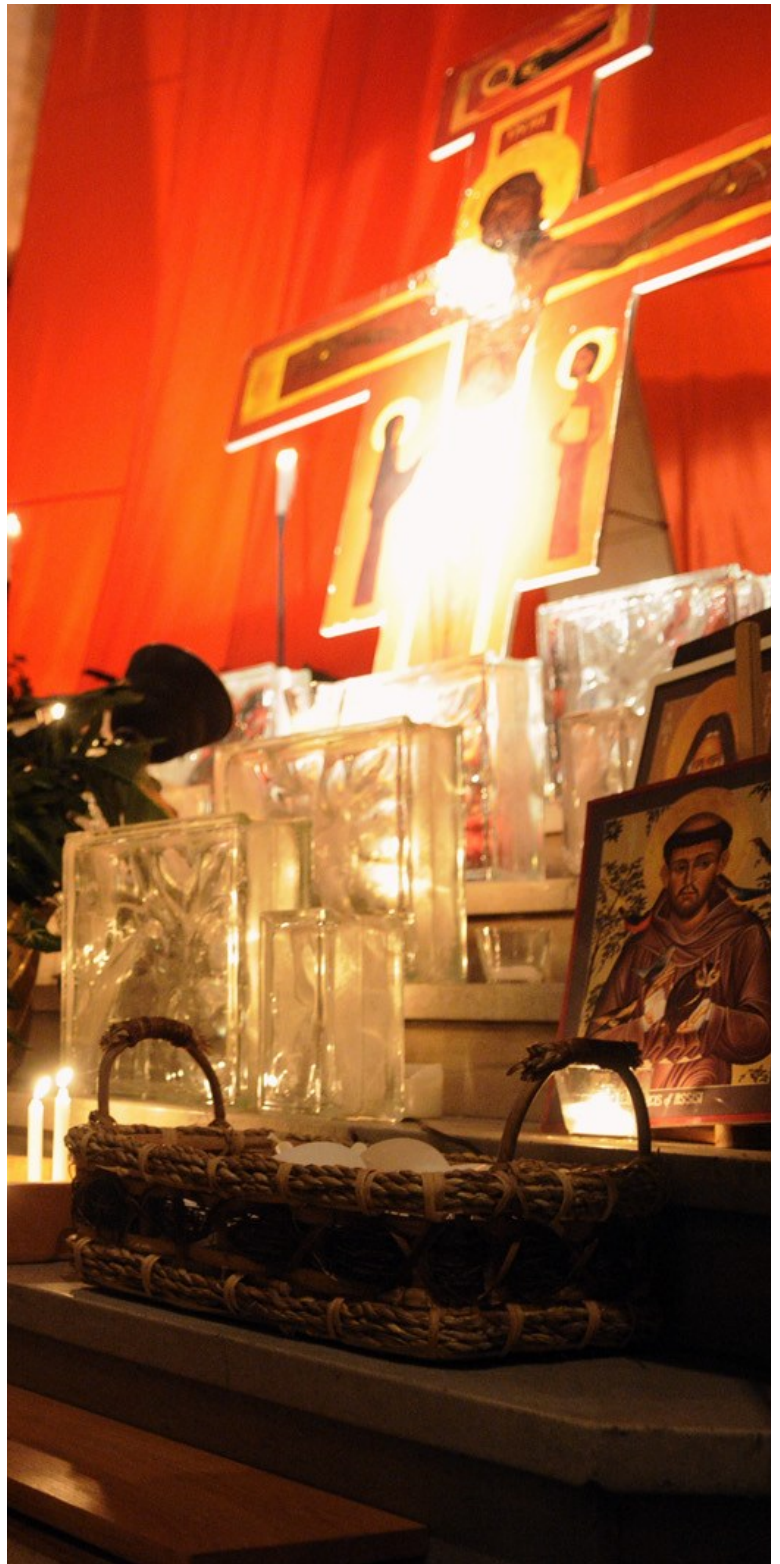
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# Welcome to Taizé

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 Rev. BJ Woodworth**

## NB21 Sing To God

**[A]**

Sing to God with joy - ful hearts. Praise the Lord sing for  
Singt dem Herrn ein neu - es Lied. Lob - Lord singt für ihm

ev - er - more, praise the Lord sing for ev - er - more.  
al - le - zeit, lob - Lord singt für ihm al - le - zeit! Last time

Verses (Cantor)

**[B]**

O

D.C.

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## 33 Glory Be To You

Canon

$\text{♩} = 104$

**(A)**  $\text{F}$   $\text{Bb}$   $\text{F}$   $\text{Bb}$  **(B)**

Glo - ri - a ti - bi Do - mi - ne, Do - mi - ne.  
Glo - ry be to you, Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ.

**(C)** **(D)**

Glo - ri - a ti - bi Do - mi - ne, Do - mi - ne.  
Glo - ry be to you, Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ.

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**Sung Response: 1 Alleluia 4**

[illegible]

Blessed are those who make Love their home,  
Who do not turn to the proud,  
To those who follow false idols!  
O Beloved, how wondrous are your gifts to us;  
Your thoughts are beyond our imagination.  
What joy to live in Oneness with you!  
Were we to proclaim and tell of  
Your beauty and blessed grace,  
Who could measure it?

Sacrifice and offering are not  
Your desire for us;  
For, you have opened our heart's ear.  
Burnt offerings are not required.  
My heart affirms my surrender;  
In the Book of Life it is written:  
“I abandon myself into your hands,  
For I love you and wish only  
To create with you, O my beloved;  
For you are the Life of my life forever.”

I tell the glad news of Love's way  
To all who will listen.  
Yes, I raise my voice,  
With praise and acclamation.  
I tell of Love's saving grace within my heart.  
I speak of Love's faithfulness  
And healing power.

I aspire to reveal your steadfast love and truth  
Through the witness of my life.  
Do not, O Beloved,  
Withhold your mercy from me.

## A single, lit candle is centered in the frame. The candle is a light cream color and appears to be made of wax. The flame is bright yellow and orange, with a small blue base. The background is a solid, deep black, which makes the candle and its flame stand out prominently. The lighting is soft, coming from the flame itself, creating a gentle glow on the candle's surface.

## The Word and Meditation: Matthew 2 *(selected verses)*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him... The magi set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod.

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

### Words from Saints and Ancestors

We think of him as safe beneath the steeple, or cozy in a crib beside the font, but he is with a million displaced people on the long road of weariness and want. For even as we sing our final carol, his family is up and on that road, fleeing the wrath of someone else’s quarrel, glancing behind and shouldering their load. Whilst Herod rages still from his dark tower, Christ clings to Mary, fingers tightly curled, the lambs are slaughtered by the men of power, and death squads spread their curse across the world. But every Herod dies, and comes alone to stand before the Lamb upon the throne.

— Ayodeji Malcolm Guite (1957)

*English poet, singer-songwriter, and Anglican priest*

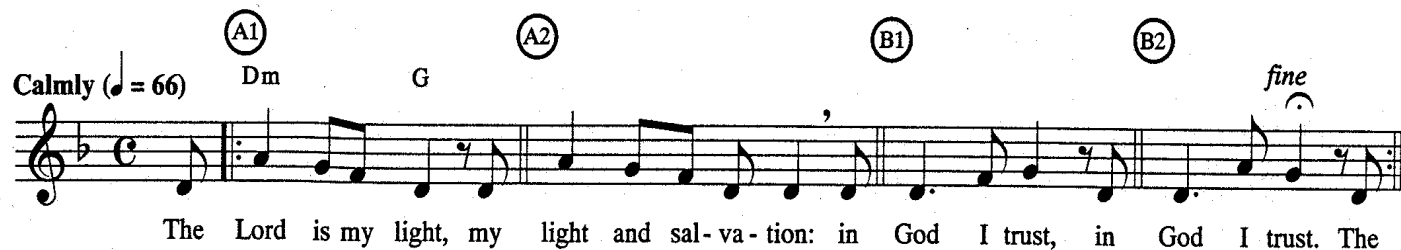
### 30 Lord of All Goodness

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 50. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: Cm, Fm, Bb, Eb, Cm, Fm, Bb, Eb. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. A 'hum' instruction with a long note is placed below the first few notes.

Do - mi - ne De - us Fi - li - us Pa - tris, do - na no - bis pa - cem.  
Lord of all good - ness, Son of the Fa - ther, may your peace sur - round us.  
(hum)

## Prayers of Intercession *(adapted from Fr. Dan Hartnett S.J.)*

### Sung Response: 36 The Lord is My Light



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God of love and compassion: may we always recognize your spirit, in the refugee family, seeking safety from violence; and in the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables.

#### **THE LORD IS MY LIGHT**

God of love and compassion: may we always recognize your spirit in the asylum-seekers, seeking justice for their families; and in the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world.

#### **THE LORD IS MY LIGHT**

Give us hearts that break open whenever our siblings turn to us and ears that hear their voices in times of need.

#### **THE LORD IS MY LIGHT**

Give us eyes to recognize a moment for grace instead of a threat and voices that fail to remain silent, but decide instead to advocate prophetically.

#### **THE LORD IS MY LIGHT**

Give us hands that reach out in welcome, but also in work, for a world of justice until all homelands are safe and secure.

#### **THE LORD IS MY LIGHT**



## 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.**



## 28 Come And Fill

♩ = 66

D Bm , D A ,

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Em C , Em A D ,

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!



# \* Jesus, The Light Of The World



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing.  
 2. Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise.  
 3. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored.  
 4. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace.



Je - sus, the light of the world.



Glo - ry to the new - born King,  
 Join the tri - umph of the skies.  
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!



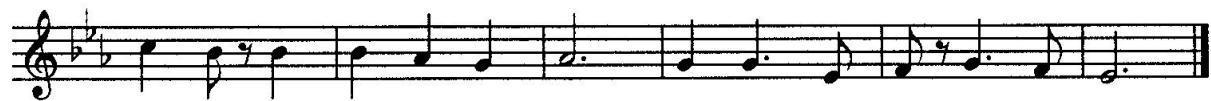
Je - sus, the light of the world. We'll walk in the



light, beau - ti - ful light. Come where the



dew - drops of mer - cy shine bright. Oh, shine all a -



round us by day and by night. Je - sus, the light of the world.

Text: George D. Elderkin; verses by Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Tune: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, 7 7 7 7 with refrain; George D. Elderkin; arr. by Evelyn Simpson-Curenton, b.1953, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

# \* Behold The Star!

## Refrain

Be-hold the star! Be-hold the star up yon-der!

Be-hold the star! It is the star of Beth-le-hem.

1. There was no room found in the inn,  
2. The wise men came from the East  
3. A song broke forth up-on the night.

Beth-le-hem. (ooh)

For him who was born  
To wor-ship him, the  
Peace on earth, good -  
It is the star of Beth-le-hem. (ooh)

free from sin. Oh,  
 "Prince of Peace."  
 will to men.

It is the star of Beth - le - hem.

D.C.

Text: Negro Spiritual  
 Tune: BEHOLD THE STAR, LM with refrain; Negro Spiritual, arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

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## Pilgrim's Blessing *(in unison)*

In this season of Epiphany...  
 be faithful to the next step;  
 rely on more than the map;  
 heed the signposts of intuition and dream;  
 follow the star that only you will recognize;  
 keep an open eye for the wonders that attend the path;  
 press on beyond distractions,  
     beyond fatigue,  
     beyond what would tempt you from the way...  
 that will take you to the place  
 where at last you will kneel to offer the gift  
 most needed — the gift that only you can give —  
 before turning to go home by another way.

*(adapted from "For Those Who Have Far to Travel" by Jan Richardson)*

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](mailto: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).

Jan 20, Feb 17, March 17, April 21

May 12 (*second Friday*)

7:00-8:30 pm (*note new time for 2023*)

## Study the Enneagram – Jan 16 (3rd Monday of the Month)

Join us on the third Monday of each month from 12:15–1:30 pm, at [www.tiny.cc/enneagram](http://www.tiny.cc/enneagram). Enter Meeting ID: 966 6904 5127; and Passcode: 9types. Participants will need a copy of *The Sacred Enneagram: Finding Your Path to Spiritual Growth* by Christopher L. Heuertz. Our group will be led by Lynn Holden, a licensed professional counselor, trained spiritual director, and certified Enneagram practitioner. *Note the group will meet on Jan 16, Feb 20 and March 20.*

## Meditation Hour – Begins Jan 17

Meditation is the practice of “looking deeply.” In silence and withdrawal from the world of everyday concerns, we turn our attention inward and calm our bodies and minds. In this emptiness we may see the world as if for the first time. We may see others as they are and we may find that the Kingdom of Heaven is truly within us; that we are living in God and God in us.

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to join John Benedict in the Prayer Room each Tuesday, beginning Jan 17, from 6-7 pm for an hour devoted to meditation. The session will include an opening reading, silent sitting, and walking. John is a retired psychologist and a long time student and practitioner of insight meditation. No experience is necessary, and all are welcome!

Tuesdays, 6-7 pm



# ELPC EVENTS

## LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – Jan 15

All allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering on Sunday, Jan 15 at 12:30 pm. For more info or to attend, please contact Wil Forrest ([Wil@coh.net](mailto:Wil@coh.net); 412.441.3800 x218).

## How to Reduce Energy Bills and Take Advantage of New Incentives – Jan 22

Energy prices have gone up sharply within the last half year, and are impacting many households this winter. At the same time, legislators and the Biden Administration are to release \$369 billion for “Energy Security and Climate Change,” part of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), offering rebates, tax incentives, and other programs to help households conserve energy and to electrify. What is in the programs and how can you take advantage of them?

Join the Environmental Team of Justice Committee following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Jan 22 in the Social Hall or on Zoom to learn about the actions households can take right away or plan to take in the later part of 2023, when the remaining regulations are finalized. A light lunch will be offered. Contact Nancy Heastings with any questions ([n.heastings@comcast.net](mailto:n.heastings@comcast.net)).

## The History and Persistence of Racism Within the Christian Church – Jan 29

The Facing Systemic Racism Committee invites the congregation to join us on Sunday, Jan 29 (via zoom or in person) for the second part of our series, *The History and Persistence of Racism within the Christian Church*, led by University of Pittsburgh professor and lecturer, Dr. Brock Bahler. Comments following the first presentation included:

- I've been Christian all my life. Why didn't I know this history?
- What else don't I know about my faith in general as well as the Presbyterian denomination?
- How is ELPC implicated in that history? What now?

Dr. Bahler will speak to the intentional codification of racism within the church and how the church continues to perpetuate — and benefits from — white supremacy. His lecture will be followed by a small group discussion of the content, as well as consideration of next steps for ELPC.

The presentation will be held during the Church School hour, immediately following Journey worship in the Social Hall.

## CHURCH BUILDING CLOSURE

The church building will be closed on Monday, Jan 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.