

TAIZÉ:

PRAYERFUL SONG &
QUIET MEDITATION

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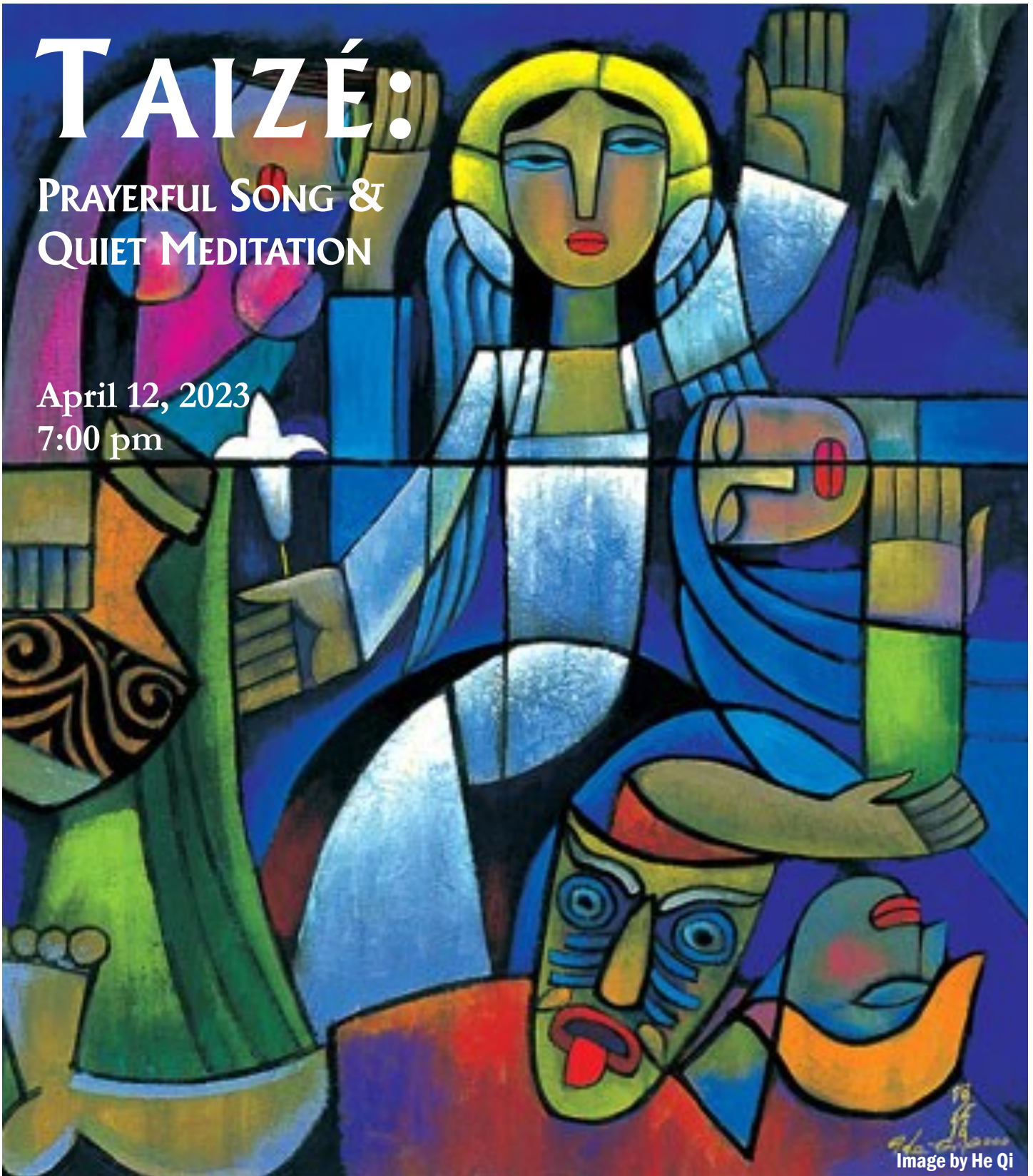


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Welcome to Taizé

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.
- Come forward to kneel at the Taizé cross.

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 Rohlff

Welcome and Opening Centering by The Rev. BJ Woodworth

NB23 The Lord Is Risen

Two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'The Lord Is Risen'. Each system consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a whole note chord, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a whole note chord, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the first line of lyrics corresponding to the first system and the second line to the second system. The lyrics are: 'O Sur - re - xit Chri - stus, al - le - lu - ia! The Lord is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia! Can - ta - te Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia! Sing out and praise the Lord, al - le - lu - ia!'. The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has two sharps (F# and C#).

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The Lord is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!

Can - ta - te Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!
Sing out and praise the Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

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NB2 Be Not Afraid

Two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Be Not Afraid'. Each system consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a whole note chord, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a whole note chord, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the first line of lyrics corresponding to the first system and the second line to the second system. The lyrics are: 'Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia! Ne - boj - te se, ra - duj - te se! Kris - tus slav - ný ví - téz z hro - bu vstal. Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia! Ne - boj - te se, ra - duj - te se! Kris - tus slav - ný ví - téz z hro - bu vstal.'. The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb).

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Psalm 16 (selected verses from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: * Celtic Alleluia (key of G)



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Remain ever before me, O Living Presence,
For in you am I safe.
You are my Beloved,
In you and through you I can do all things.

ALLELUIA

I look to those who are at one with you,
And learn from them of your ways;
My delight increases each time
I sense your presence within me!
Songs of praise well up from my heart!

ALLELUIA

Love is my chosen food, my cup,
Holding me in its power.
Where I have come from,
Where'er I shall go,
Love is my birthright, my true estate.

ALLELUIA

I bless the Counselor who guides my way;
In the night also does my heart instruct me.
I walk beside the Spirit of Truth;
I celebrate the Light.
I bask in The Oneness of All!

ALLELUIA

Thus my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
I shall not be afraid,
Nor fall into the pit of despair;
For in Love's presence I know fullness of joy.
You are my Beloved and,
In you will I live forever!

ALLELUIA



The Word/Meditation: John 20:19, 24-29 *(Inclusive Bible translation)*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas — nicknamed Didymus, or “Twin” — was absent when Jesus came. The other disciples kept telling him, “We’ve seen Jesus!”

Thomas’ answer was, “I’ll never believe it without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into the spear wound.”

On the eighth day, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them, saying, “Peace be with you.”

Then to Thomas, Jesus said, “Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Don’t persist in your unbelief, but believe!” Thomas said in response, “My Savior and my God!”

Jesus then said, “You’ve become a believer because you saw me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

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

Words from Saints and Ancestors

From the place where we are right
Flowers will never grow
In the spring.

The place where we are right
Is hard and trampled
Like a yard.

But doubts and loves
Dig up the world
Like a mole, a plow.
And a whisper will be heard in the place
Where the ruined
House once stood.

— *Yehuda Amichai (1924-200), Israeli poet and author*

CLM19 Peace I Leave You



Frie - den, Frie - den hin - ter - las - se ich euch.
Peace I leave you, my — peace I — give.



Mei - nen Frie - den ge - be ich euch. Eu - er Herz ver - za - ge nicht.
Let your hearts be free from — fear. My — peace I give to you.

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Prayers of Intercession *(adapted from Carol Penner's "Congregational Prayer for Doubters")*

Sung Response: 5 Kyrie Eleison 10



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You call us to be people of faith, yet we are often people with doubts. We doubt that love can grow again in relationships where anger and bitterness reign supreme. You know the strength of love and the power of prayer: help us to be faithful lovers.

KYRIE

We doubt that peace can come in countries torn by war and centuries of violence; where violence, war, hatred, and fear of the “other” reign supreme. You know that peace is growing there: help us to be faithful peacemakers.

KYRIE

We doubt that the hungry can be fed in the U.S and around the world, where despair and hopelessness reign supreme. You know that there is enough food in the world; help us to be generous and faithful.

KYRIE

We doubt that gun violence will ever end or even lessen; and that our government officials will pass just gun control laws to protect our children. You know that guns are meant to be turned into gardening tools. Help us to speak up, lobby, resist and envision a nonviolent way of living.

KYRIE

God, we want to believe, help our unbelief! We know you specialize in impossibilities, surprises, and resurrection. Give us faith, small as a mustard seed, so that we can be your faithful people, believing in your power to save and to reign supreme, so that we can share the hope of good news with everyone we meet.

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

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.



CLM12 I Will Sing To The Lord

Can - ta - rei ao Se - nhor, en - quan - to vi - ver; lou - va -
I will sing to the Lord my whole life — long; I will

rei o meu Deus en - quan - to e - xis - tir. Ne - le en - con - tro a mi - nha a - le -
wor - ship my God as long as I live. For the Lord brings joy to his

gri - a. Ne - le en - con - tro a mi - nha a - le - gri - a. Can - ta -
peo - ple. For the Lord brings joy to his peo - ple. I will

(☺ Last time)

50 O Lord, Your Cross

♩ = 63

B Em B Em Bm Am D G E Am D

Cru - cem tu - am a - do - ra - mus Do - mi - ne, re - sur - re - cti - o - nem
O Lord, your cross, we a - dore and glo - ri - fy, for your ho - ly re - sur -

G Am⁷ B Em E Am E Am E

tu - am lau - da - mus Do - mi - ne. Lau - da - mus et glo - ri - fi - ca - mus.
rec - tion, we praise you Lord of life. We praise you and we glo - ri - fy you.

Am D G Am⁷ B Em (fine) B Em B

Re - sur - re - cti - o - nem tu - am lau - da - mus Do - mi - ne. Cru - cem tu -
For your ho - ly re - sur - rec - tion, we praise you Lord of life. O Lord, your

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35 Sing, Praise And Bless The Lord

♩ = 116

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!

gen - tes, na - tions! al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

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Closing Easter Blessing *(in unison)*

May the glory and the promise
of this joyous time of year
bring peace and happiness to you
and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ, our Risen Savior,
always be there by your side
to bless you most abundantly
and be your loving guide.

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).

April 21, May 12 (*second Friday*)

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

Meditation Hour – Tuesdays

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to join John Benedict in the Prayer Room each Tuesday 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

Attaining Resurrection Contemplative Retreat – RSVP by April 21

Join us for a post-Easter retreat at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Pulaski, Pennsylvania from Friday–Sunday, May 5 to 7, to explore ways we can find resurrection life amid the challenges and sufferings we face each day. Led by facilitator and host The Rev. Jeff Eddings, we will explore this through art, silence and solitude, reading, reflection, prayer, and conversation with one another.

Spots are limited. RSVP by Friday, April 21 at www.tiny.cc/attaining-resurrection, or scan this QR code. Contact The Rev. BJ Woodworth for info (BJW@coh.net).



ELPC EVENTS

Chapel Market: Expanded Hours and Donation Request

The Chapel Market has expanded its hours of operation! It is now open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5-7 pm, in addition being open every Thursday from 10 am—Noon.

The Chapel Market is also seeking donations of spring and summer clothing, especially children's clothes. Donations can be left at the Highland Lobby, or dropped off at the Chapel Market during hours of operation.

LGBTQIA+ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – April 16

All allies and LGBTQIA+ folks are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering at 12:30 pm on Sunday, April 16. For more info or to attend, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x218).

Youth Mission Overnight – April 21 to 22

Youth in grades 8–12 are invited to participate in our *Mission Overnight* from Friday, April 21 to Saturday, April 22. Friday night we will explore the “why?” and “how?” of serving others as an expression of our values, beliefs, and faith. Then on Saturday, we will serve at World Vision and make plans for our summer mission trip. Register online at www.ELPC.church.

Earth Day Event for Families – April 23

Following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, April 23, families are invited to gather for an Earth Day event sponsored by the Children and Family Ministry Team. The event will be part *fellowship* over lunch, *service* of cleaning and caring for our rain garden and yard, *fun* as we play and appreciate God's creation, and *education* as we learn about how we can care for the Earth right here in East Liberty. RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Mission Opportunity – April 25

ELPC will be supplying food for OHM's TeamWorks dinners four times this year. TeamWorks is the family development program of Open Hand Ministries that is currently working with 23 families to achieve their housing and financial goals. The first dinner will be on Tuesday, April 25. If you are interested in donating a side dish or a dessert, contact Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com) or Frank Bauerle (817.705.6856; frbauerle@yahoo.com).

INQUIRERS' CLASS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* after the 11 am worship service next Sunday, April 16, in the Fellowship Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Contact Megan Leisher to register (MeganL@coh.net).

