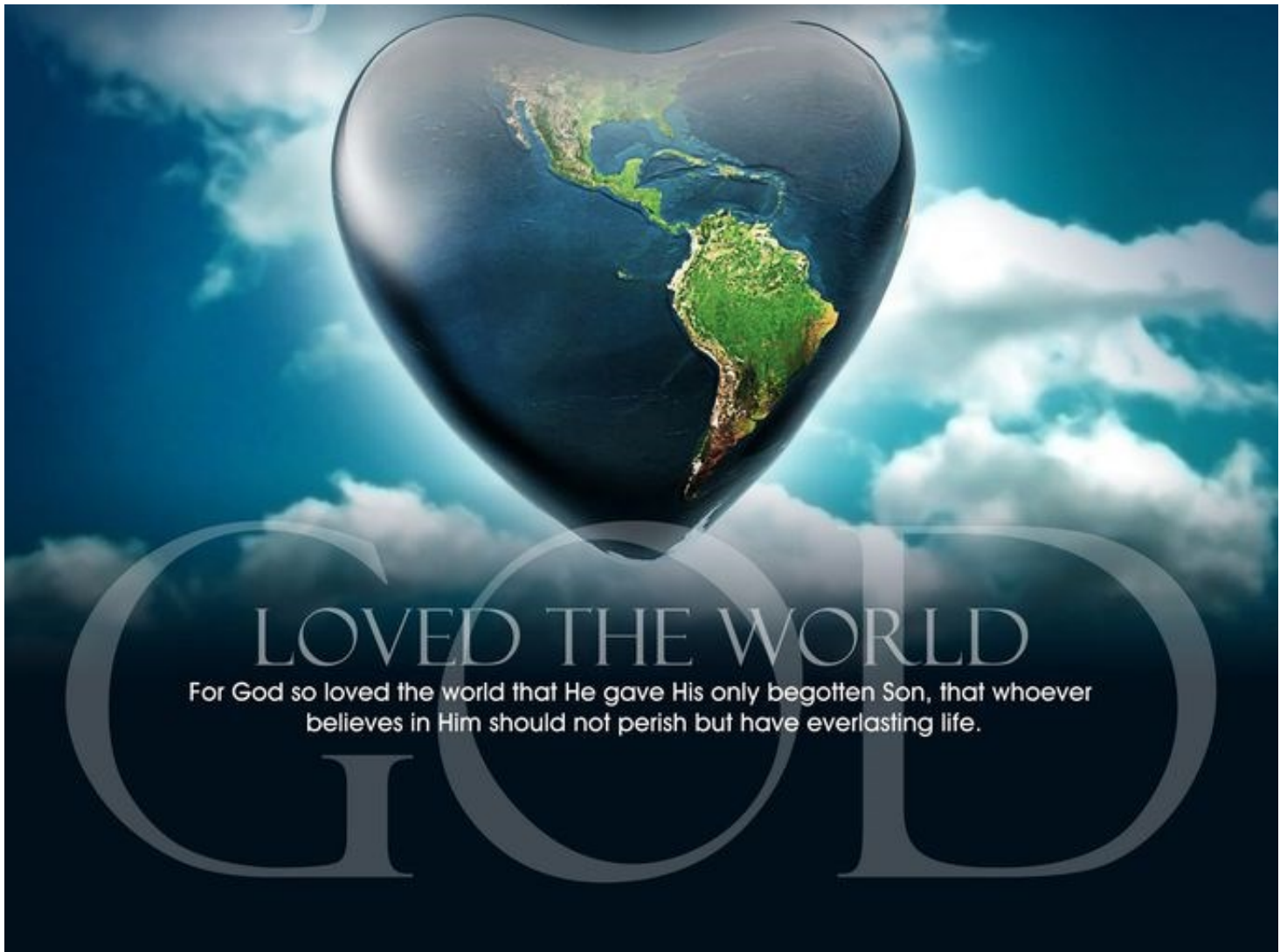


# TAIZÉ:

PRAYERFUL SONG AND  
QUIET MEDITATION



**APRIL 19, 2023**  
**7:00 PM**



**East Liberty  
Presbyterian Church**

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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. John Titus**

## CLM22 The Heavens and the Earth Rejoice



Two systems of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of D major. The first system contains the first two lines of the song. The second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music features a simple melody with a bass line accompaniment.

In re - sur - rec - ti - o - ne tu - a, Chri - ste,  
The heav - ens and the earth re - joice, Lord Je - sus,

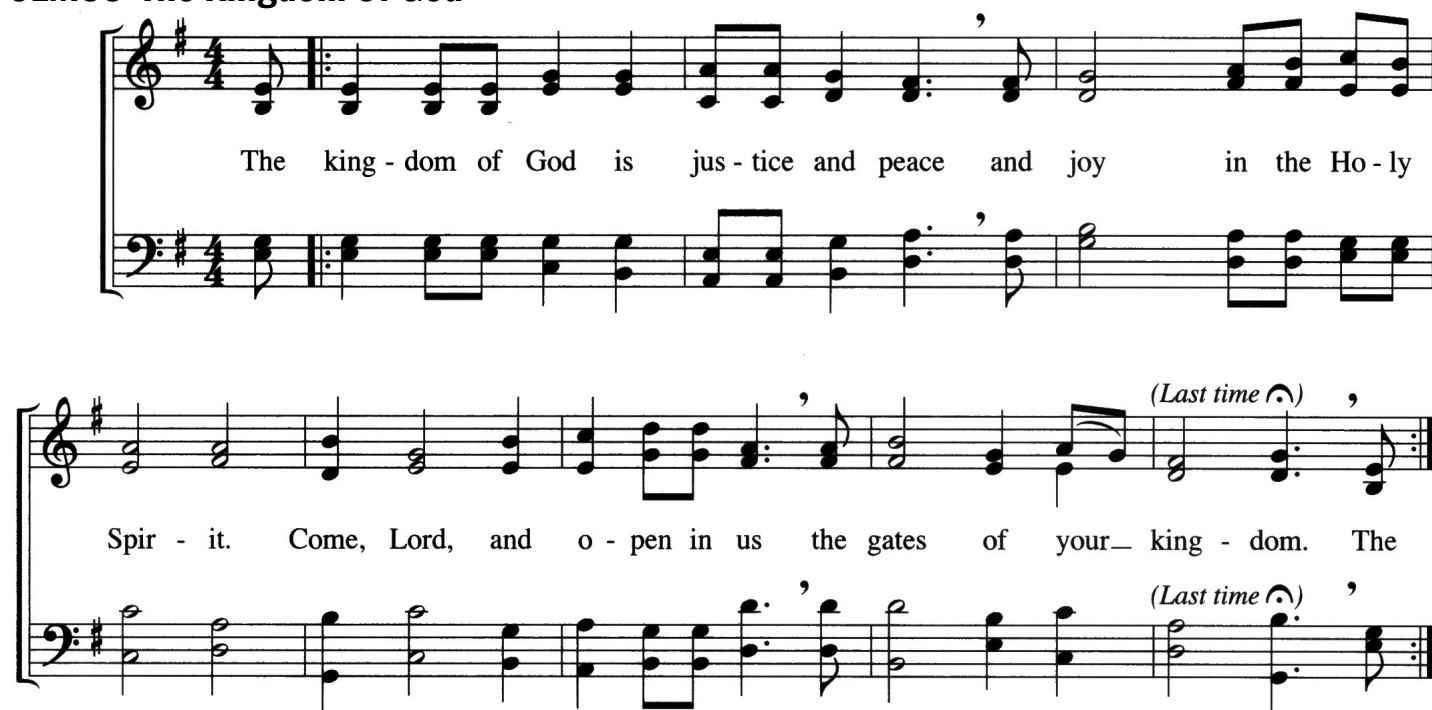
cœ - li et ter - ra lae - ten - tur. In re - sur - rec - ti - o - ne  
raised from the dead, you are liv - ing. The heav - ens and the earth re -

tu - a, Chri - ste, cœ - li et ter - ra lae - ten - tur. In  
joice, Lord Je - sus, raised from the dead, you are liv - ing. The

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## CLM35 The Kingdom Of God



Two systems of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of D major. The first system contains the first two lines of the song. The second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music features a simple melody with a bass line accompaniment.

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly

Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your - king - dom. The

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**Psalm 148** (*selected verses from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill*)

**Sung Response: 1 Alleluia 4**



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Praise the Blessed One!  
Give praise from the heavens,  
And from all ends of the earth!  
Give praise, all you angels,  
Angels of earth and of heaven!  
Give praise, sun and moon,  
Give praise, all you shining stars!  
Give praise, all universes,  
The whole cosmos of Creation!

**ALLELUIA**

Praise the Blessed One!  
For through Love all was created  
And firmly fixed forever and ever;  
Yes, the pattern of creation was established.

**ALLELUIA**

Give praise to the Beloved,  
All the earth,  
All that swim in the deep,  
And all the winged ones in the air!  
Give praise, all mountains and hills,  
All trees and all minerals!  
Give praise, all four-legged  
And all that creep on the ground!

**ALLELUIA**

Leaders of the nations and all peoples,  
Young and old, give praise!  
Unite together in all your diversity,  
That peace and harmony  
Might flourish on earth!

**ALLELUIA**

For all are called to be friends,  
Companions to the true Friend,  
Giving their lives joyfully  
As co-creators and people of peace!  
Praises be to the Blessed One,  
The very Breath of our breath,  
The very Heart of our heart!

**ALLELUIA**





## The Word/Meditation: Job 12:7-10 and Psalm 19:1-3; 6-7 *(The Message Bible translation)*

But ask the animals what they think—let them teach you; let the birds tell you what's going on. Put your ear to the earth—learn the basics. Listen—the fish in the ocean will tell you their stories. Isn't it clear that they all know and agree that God is sovereign, that he holds all things in his hand—every living soul, yes, every breathing creature? Isn't this all just common sense, as common as the sense of taste? Do you think the elderly have a corner on wisdom, that you have to grow old before you understand life?

God's glory is on tour in the skies, God-craft on exhibit across the horizon. Madame Day holds classes every morning, Professor Night lectures each evening. Their words aren't heard, their voices aren't recorded, but their silence fills the earth: unspoken truth is spoken everywhere. That's how God's Word vaults across the skies from sunrise to sunset, melting ice, scorching deserts, warming hearts to faith. The revelation of God is whole and pulls our lives together. The signposts of God are clear and point out the right road.

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

### Words from Saints and Ancestors

Let us endeavor to apprehend God in all things, for God is in all things. Every single creature is full of God and is a book about God. Every creature is a word of God. If I spent enough time with the tiniest creature — even a caterpillar — I would never have to prepare a sermon. So full of God is every creature.

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

## G83 Many And Great

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Dakota hymn  
Joseph R. Renville, 1842  
Trans. R. Philip Frazier, 1953 (Sioux)

Native American melody (Dakota)  
Adapt. Joseph R. Renville, 1842  
Harm. J. R. Murray, 1877

1. Man - y and great, O God, are Thy things, Mak - er of  
earth and sky; Thy hands have set the heav-ens with stars,  
Thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at Thy  
word the wa - ters were formed; Deep seas o - bey Thy voice.

## Prayers of Intercession *(a Prayer for the Earth from Pope Francis)*

### Sung Response: 4 Kyrie Eleison 1



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All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

#### **KYRIE**

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

#### **KYRIE**

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

#### **KYRIE**

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

#### **KYRIE**

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

#### **KYRIE**

The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love, and beauty. Praise be to you!

#### **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.'

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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.



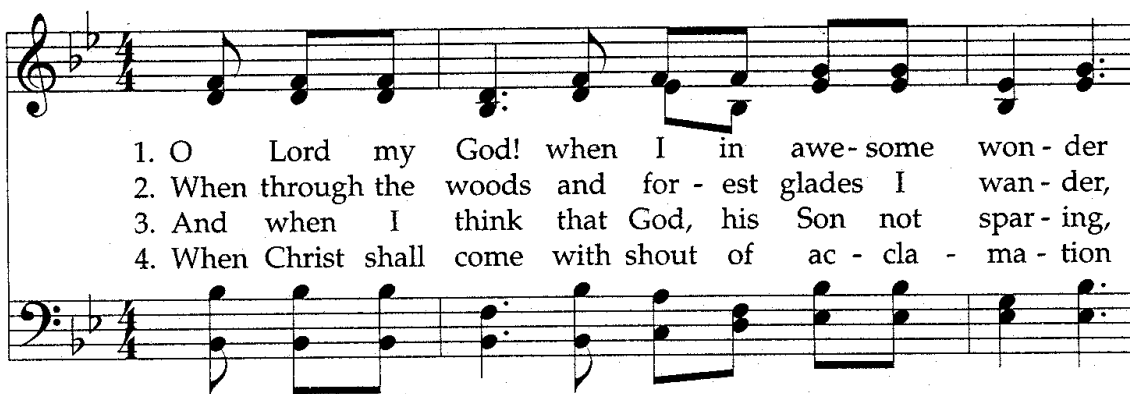
## CLM39 Praise Our God And Savior

Wy - sła - wiaj - cie Pa - na, O — Wy - sła - wiaj - cie Pa - na, O —  
Praise our God and Sav - ior, O — praise our God and Sav - ior, O —  
Viss - swah vyie - chay Pah-na O. — Viss—swah vyie-chay Pah - na O —

(Last time ☺) ,  
Śpie - waj Pa - nu ca - ła zie - mio, al - le - lu - ja, al - le - lu - ja! Wy - sła -  
for — God's love en - dures for - ev - er, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise our  
Shpyae- vie Pah—noo tsa wah zhay-myo (Last time ☺)



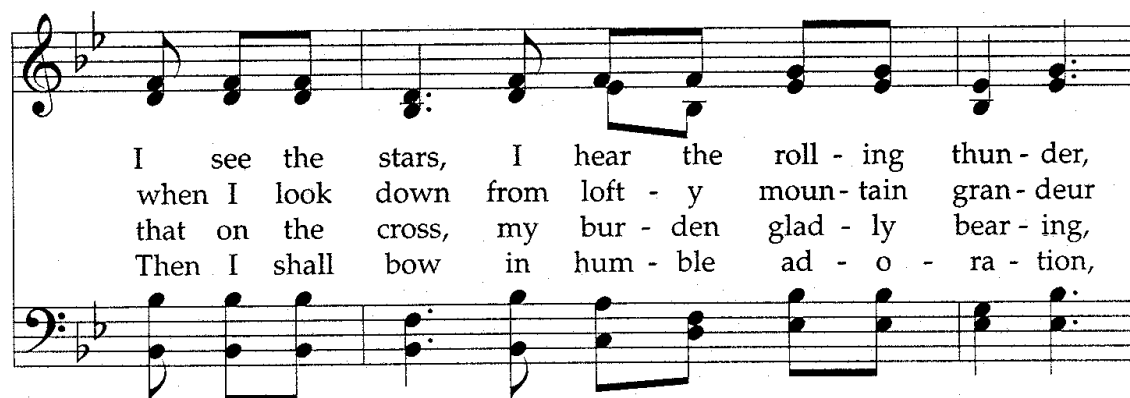
# \* How Great Thou Art



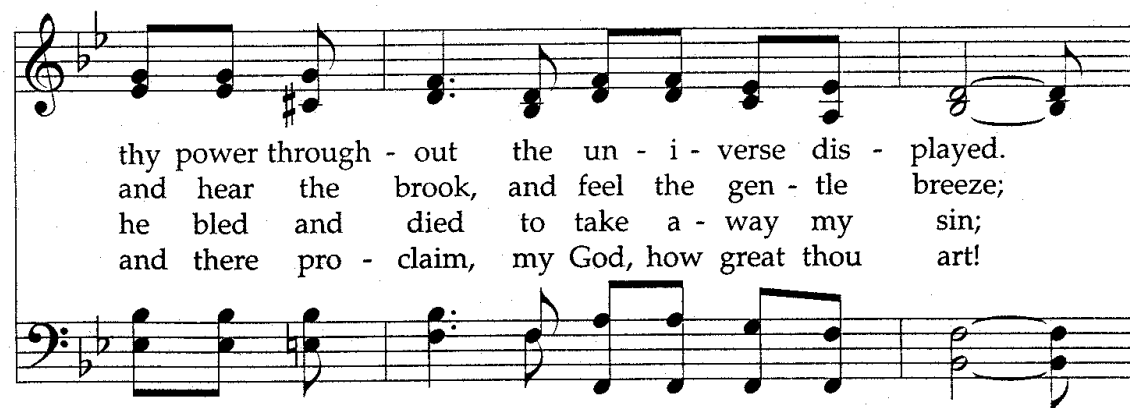
1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der  
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion



con-sid-er all the worlds thy hands have made,  
 and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;  
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.



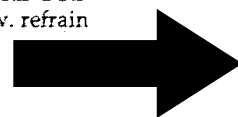
I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing thun-der,  
 when I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur  
 that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing,  
 Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion,



thy power through-out the un-i-verse dis-played.  
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
 he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
 and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou art!

WORDS and MUSIC: Stuart K. Hine, 1953, based on a Swedish folk melody  
 and a poem by Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885

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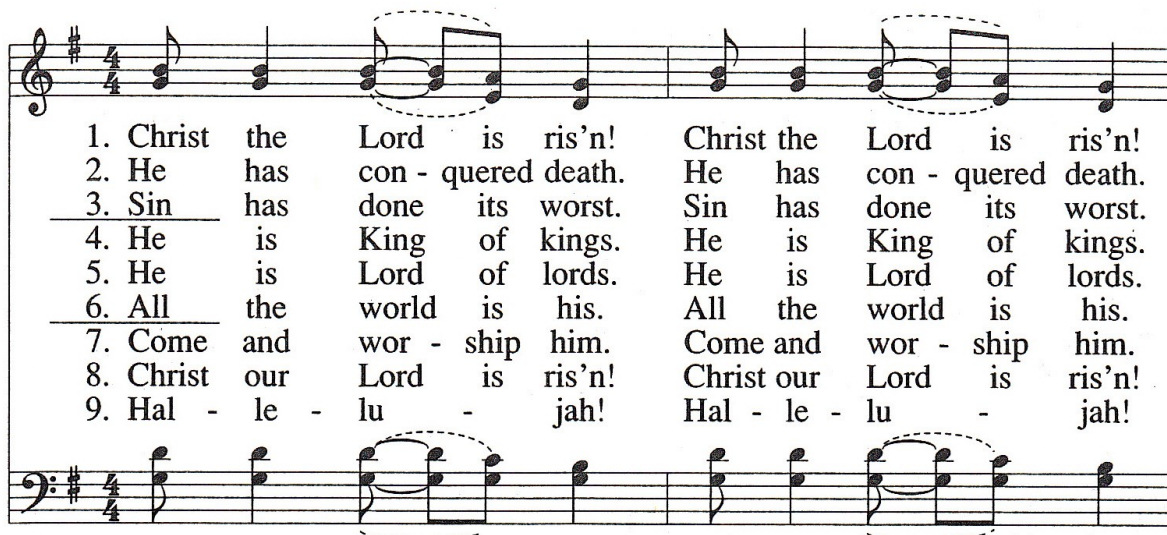


*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my  
soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!



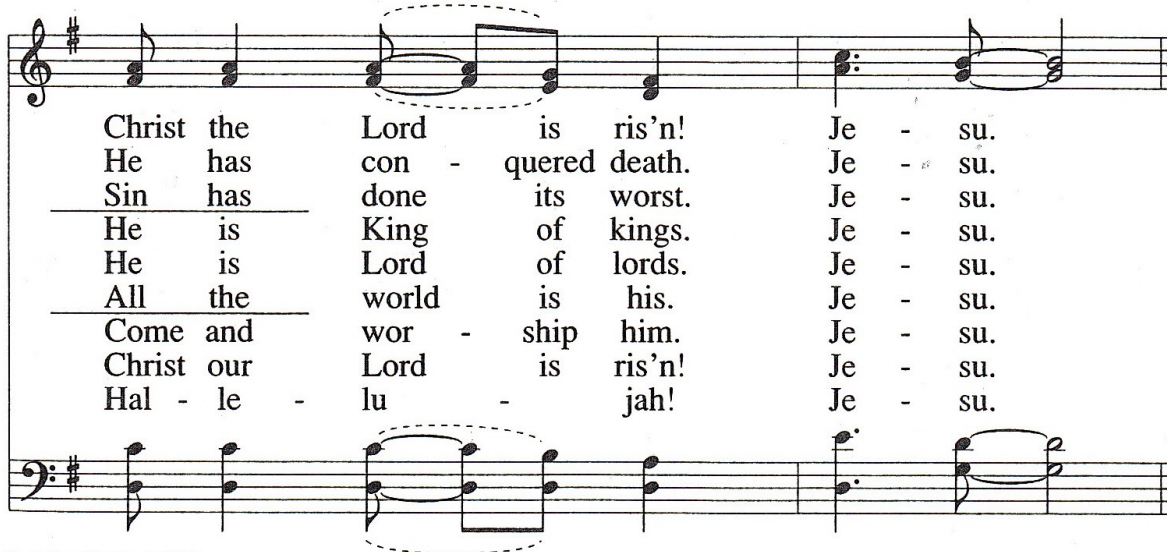
# \* Christ The Lord Is Risen!



1. Christ the Lord is ris'n! Christ the Lord is ris'n!  
 2. He has con - quered death. He has con - quered death.  
 3. Sin has done its worst. Sin has done its worst.  
 4. He is King of kings. He is King of kings.  
 5. He is Lord of lords. He is Lord of lords.  
 6. All the world is his. All the world is his.  
 7. Come and wor - ship him. Come and wor - ship him.  
 8. Christ our Lord is ris'n! Christ our Lord is ris'n!  
 9. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Je - su. Christ the Lord is ris'n!  
 Je - su. He has con - quered death.  
 Je - su. Sin has done its worst.  
 Je - su. He is King of kings.  
 Je - su. He is Lord of lords.  
 Je - su. All the world is his.  
 Je - su. Come and wor - ship him.  
 Je - su. Christ our Lord is ris'n!  
 Je - su. Hal - le - lu - jah!



Christ the Lord is ris'n! Je - su.  
 He has con - quered death. Je - su.  
 Sin has done its worst. Je - su.  
 He is King of kings. Je - su.  
 He is Lord of lords. Je - su.  
 All the world is his. Je - su.  
 Come and wor - ship him. Je - su.  
 Christ our Lord is ris'n! Je - su.  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - su.

Text: Tom Colvin, b.1925  
 Tune: Garu, Ghanian folk song, arr. by Kevin R. Hackett  
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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](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).

April 21, May 12 (*second Friday*)

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

### 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](http://www.tiny.cc/attaining-resurrection), or scan this QR code. Contact The Rev. BJ Woodworth for info ([BJW@coh.net](mailto: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.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:EJR116@gmail.com)) or Frank Bauerle (817.705.6856).