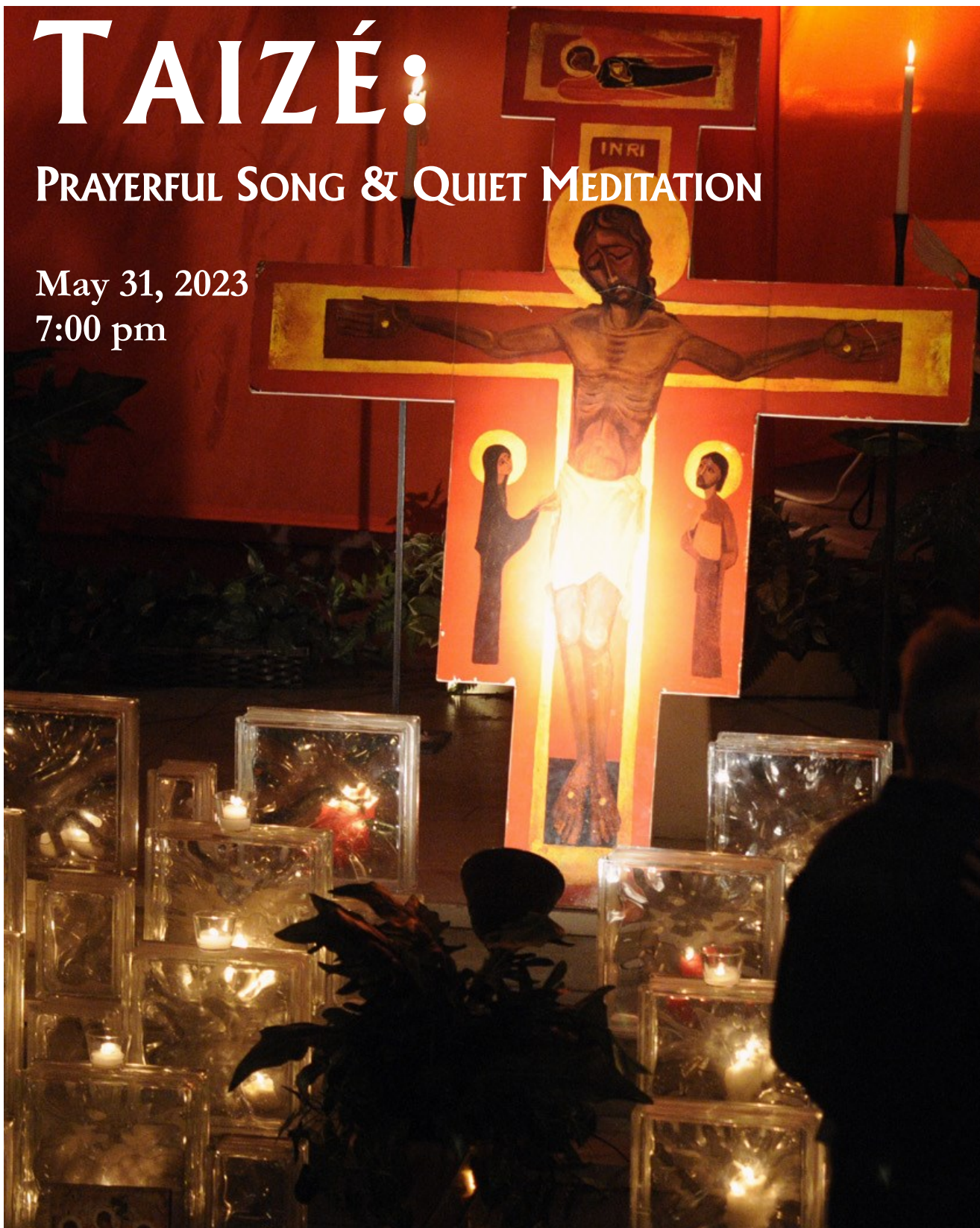


TAIZÉ:

PRAYERFUL SONG & QUIET MEDITATION

May 31, 2023

7:00 pm



**East Liberty
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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

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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There is One Lord

Ostinato Refrain

There is one Lord, one faith, one bap - tis - m,

There is one God who is Fa - ther of all.

Text: Ephesians 4, Taizé Community, 1984
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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Psalm 8 (selected verses from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: * 2 Alleluia 7

2
♩ = 116

Alleluia 7

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

1. 2. D.C.

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O Love, my Beloved,
How powerful is your Name
In all the earth!
You, whose glory is sung in heaven
By the angels and saints,
ALLELUIA

Who with the innocence and
Spontaneity of a child,
Confound those who are mighty
And proud,
You comfort the unloving and fearful.
ALLELUIA

When I look up at the heavens,
At the work of Love's creation,
At the infinite variety of your Plan,
What is woman that You rejoice in her,
And man that You do delight in him?
You have made us in your image,
You fill us with your Love;
ALLELUIA

You have made us co-creators of
The earth!
Guardians of the planet!
To care for all your creatures,
to tend the land, the sea,
And the air we breath;
All that You have made,
You have placed in our hands.
ALLELUIA

O Love, my Beloved,
How powerful is your Name
In all the earth!
ALLELUIA

The Word/Meditation: Ephesians 4:3-7 (*The Inclusive Bible translation*)

Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the peace that binds you together. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called into one hope when you were called. There is one Savior, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of all, who is over all, who works through all and is within all. Each of us has received God's grace in the measure in which Christ has bestowed it.

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

Words from Saints and Ancestors

We might say the Trinity is the soul of Creation...[And] once we allow the entire universe to become alive for us, we are living in an enchanted world. Nothing is meaningless; nothing can be dismissed. It's all whirling with the same beauty, the same radiance...We must realize that we are the continuation of that radiance in our small segment of time on Earth. We can either allow it and let the Trinitarian Flow, flow through us or we can deny it, which is to deny the divine image.

— *Father Richard Rohr (1943-present),*

OFM is an American Franciscan priest and writer on spirituality based in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

28 Come and Fill our Hearts

The musical score is written for a vocal part and a piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 3/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 66. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system has four measures with lyrics: 'Con - fi - te - mi - ni', 'Do - mi - no', 'quo - ni - am', and 'bo - nus. ho - ly.'. The second system has four measures with lyrics: 'Con - fi - te - mi - ni', 'Do - mi - no,', 'al - le - lu - ia!', and 'al - le - lu - ia!'. Chord symbols (D, Bm, D, A, Em, C, Em, A, D) are placed above the vocal staff. The piano accompaniment is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clef).

♩ = 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!

Prayers of Intercession

Sung Response: 4 Kyrie Eleison 1



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We pray that the love which passes ceaselessly between the Father, and the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit may renew and deepen the life of each of us and draw us all into your unending life.

KYRIE

We pray for the leaders of the church: for Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Orthodox; for children and youth; for the elderly whose wise counsel is sorely needed in all ages; for all interfaith endeavors that seek to bring us closer to each other and to you.

KYRIE

For the earth and all creatures and plants; For healthy water and air and soil; for policies and laws that regard our home in God's universe as a precious gift.

KYRIE

For our families, our households, and our communities, that your life together Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, may show us the importance of each other, and strengthen us in your grace and truth.

KYRIE

For the sick and those who suffer in any way; for those who struggle to pay rent or a mortgage; For those who have no home; for those who are neglected and abused in our communities; for people who long for family and are instead alone; for children who do not have a good guide to raise them up; And for whatever else you see that we need.

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 bearing 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.



44 Give Peace

44 Give peace

Canon
♩ = 72

Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da
Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give

pa - - - - - cem. Da pa - - - - - cem. Da
peace, Lord. Give peace, Lord. Give

Da pacem cordium

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CLM33 O Lord, You Hold and Protect Me

33. SEIGNEUR, TU GARDES MON ÂME O Lord, You Hold and Protect Me

Sei - gneur, tu gar - des mon â - me; Ô Dieu, tu con - nais mon
O Lord, you hold and pro - tect me; you know all my heart's de -

cœur. Con - dui - moi sur le che - min d'é - ter - ni - té, con - dui -
sire. Guide my steps a - long the ev - er - last - ing way, guide my

moi sur le che - min d'é - ter - ni - té. Sei -
steps a - long the ev - er - last - ing way. O

(^) Last time

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136 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

WORDS: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes (1823-1876)

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Closing Unison Prayer

God for us, we call you Father.

God alongside us, we call you Jesus.

God within us, we call you Holy Spirit.

You are the eternal mystery that enables, enfolds, and enlivens all things,

Even us and even me.

Every name falls short of your goodness and greatness.

We can only see who you are in what is.

We ask for such perfect seeing—

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.

Amen.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.



SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS

Contemplative Prayer – Mondays

You're invited to a weekly time of quiet contemplation and reflection on Mondays from 7:30-8 am. 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. 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

ELPC Summer Solstice Forest Bathing – June 17

Join us in celebration of the Summer Solstice as we take in all the light on one of the longest days of the year. On this 2-hour forest bathing walk on Saturday, June 17 at Penn Hills Community Park (Colorado St., Verona 15147; park at the pavilion) from 9-11 am, you'll be guided on a gentle, mindful stroll. Leave your stresses behind and connect with the healing powers of nature.

Forest Bathing is more than just hiking, it is an immersive sensory experience that allows you to look at the forest differently than before. It combines concepts of meditation and mindfulness through a series of guided invitations to allow you to relax and enjoy the moment. The walk ends with wildcrafted tea and light snacks.

Camp stools to sit on will be provided, or you may bring your own chair. In case of rain, please bring an umbrella. Forest Bathing in the rain is absolutely lovely. However, the walk will be canceled if thunderstorms are predicted. RSVP to Norma (norma@coh.net) by June 15.

Curious about what Forest Bathing is, check out this short 5-minute documentary: <http://tiny.cc/forest-bathing>.

Journey Dance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month (with a few exceptions).

June 16
7:00-8:30 pm (*note new time*)

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.

The Rev. BJ Woodworth is Minister of Taizé Prayer at ELPC.

BJ is also Director of Spiritual Life Ministries and is available to provide spiritual direction to anyone who is a part of the ELPC community (attending Taizé makes YOU a part of that community).

He can be reached at:

412.441.3800 x241

BJW@coh.net

**Our summer worship schedule begins on
Sunday, June 4
with one Sunday service at 10 am in the
Courtyard (weather permitting).**

ELPC EVENTS

Mission Opportunity: OHM's Family TeamWorks Dinners

Open Hand Ministries (OHM) is one of our mission partners serving the neighborhoods near ELPC. We will be supplying food for OHM's TeamWorks dinners four times this year! **We are now asking for volunteers to provide side dishes or desserts (to serve 6 to 8 people) for the 6/6 dinner.**

TeamWorks is their family development program. They are currently working with about 25 families in neighborhoods near ELPC to achieve their housing and financial goals. The families meet weekly at Eastminster Church to provide support and encouragement to each other and participate in workshops and classes.

LAMP and ELPC's LGBTQIA+ Ministry Events – June 3 and 25

ELPC is a proud participant in LAMP – LGBTQIA+ Affirming Ministries of Pittsburgh. We are excited to again celebrate Pride in Pittsburgh this summer. While there are many Pride events sponsored by different groups and in different neighborhoods around the area, the two Pride events LAMP will be participating in this year are: *Pittsburgh Pride March and Parade* on Saturday, June 3 in Downtown and the North Shore.

We will also participate in *People's Pride PGH March and Festival* on Sunday, June 25 in Swissvale. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcomed and encouraged to attend. Contact Wil Forrest, LGBTQIA+ Ministry Coordinator (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x218).

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 summer clothing, especially children's clothes. Donations can be left at the Highland Lobby, or dropped off at the Chapel Market when open.

Fridays in The Garden-June 9

The Environmental Team and Gardening Crew are hosting *Workdays in the Rain Garden* on Fridays again this summer. Please join them for a morning of weeding, mulching, and fellowship from 9 am to Noon on every SECOND and FOURTH Friday from May through September. Green thumbs are not required—just bring your energy, curiosity, and commitment to our church and community. Contact Don Breitbarth for more info (don.breitbarth@gmail.com).

RCC Pride Concert – June 10 and 11

Support the Renaissance City Choir by attending their annual Pride Concert *We Dream A World*. Every June, all eyes turn toward the LGBTQIA+ community. Corporations change their branding to incorporate rainbows as queer people march, demonstrate, and party in celebration of our community. Join the RCC as they sing for justice and stand up in pride. This year's Pride Concert features selections from Dear Evan Hansen, Kinky Boots, the 2019 feature film *Harriet*, *Considering Matthew Shepard*, and the *Social Justice Songbook*. The performances will be on June 10 and 11 at 4 pm here at ELPC. Tickets are available at www.rccpittsburgh.com. Sunday's performance also has ticketing for live-stream and a *Pay-What-*

Passive House Tour—June 4

Join the Environmental Team of the Justice Committee on a tour of one of the most energy efficient homes in the region — Passive House-certified Squirrel Hill Duplex, located at 2883 Fernwald Rd. Finished in 2017 by ELPC congregants Lucy de Barbaro and Ayres Freitas, this home reduces heating and cooling by 80% compared to traditional construction, manages all rain-water on site, has a small green roof and is fully powered by solar energy. The home holds a gold label from the National Green Building Standard. There will be something of interest for those well versed in these various environmental initiatives and those new to these topics, and takeaways for your own environmental action at home. The tour will be offered on June 4 at 4 pm. Please text Lucy to indicate your interest and reserve a spot (412.320.0567). Families with children are welcomed.

Pizza in the Park- June 4

Families with kids of all ages are invited to gather at the Liberty Green playground following worship on **Sunday, June 4**. Come make new friends, meet other parents, and enjoy being church together. Cheese pizza, drinks, and snacks will be provided. Contact [Megan Leisher](#) to let us know that you're coming!

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.

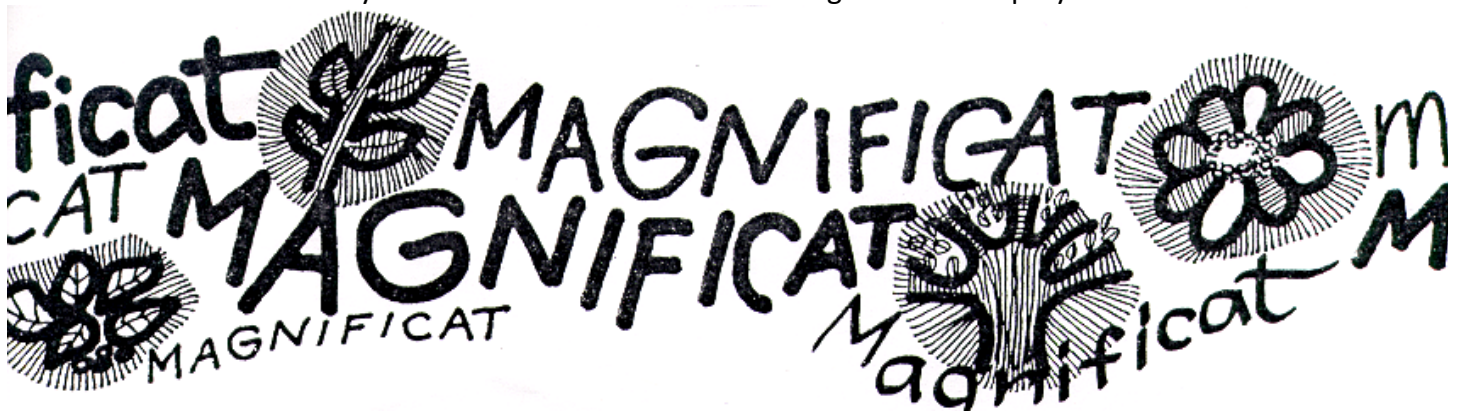
Prayer is a serene force at work within human beings, stirring them up, transforming them, never allowing them to close their eyes in the face of evil, of wars, of all that threatens the weak of this world. From it we draw the energy to wage other struggles—to enable our loved ones to survive, to transform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

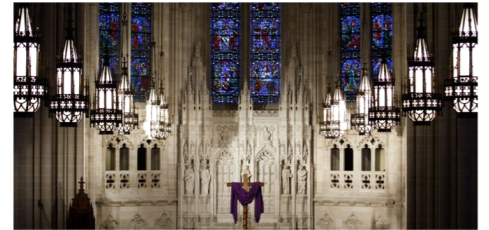
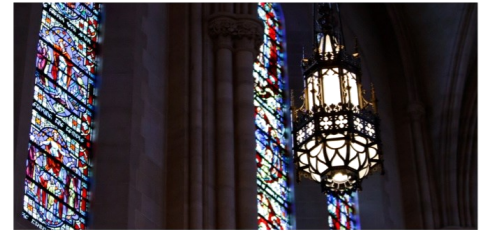
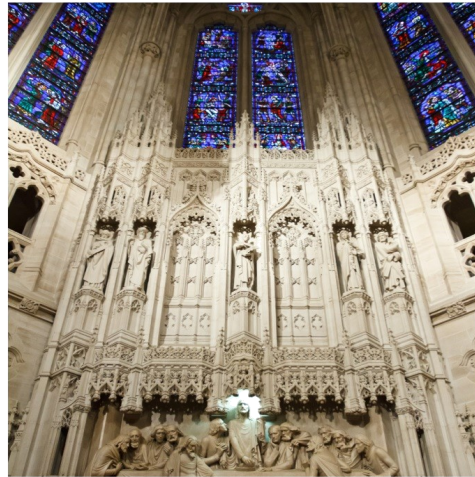
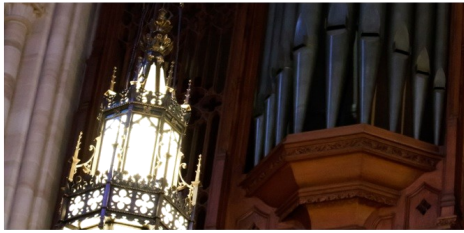
ON SINGING

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
Telephone:	011-33 385 50 30 02 Fax: 011-33 385 50 30 16

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
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).

