



# TAIZÉ:

PRAYERFUL SONG AND  
QUIET MEDITATION



**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.

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 Rohlf**

**Welcome and Opening Centering by The Rev. BJ Woodworth**

## CLM13 Sing A New Song To The Lord

### Canon

1 2

Can - ta - te Do - mi - no can - ti - cum no - vum. Al - le - lu - ia,  
Sing a new song to the Lord, all you peo - ples.

3

al - le - lu - ia. Can - ta - te Do - mi - no om - nis ter - ra.  
Sing out to God and re - joice, all na - tions.

4

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## 9 Bless The Lord

$\text{♩} = 76$  Dm G Dm B $\flat$  C F A

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

Dm G Dm B $\flat$  C Dm

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

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**Psalm 33:1-12** (selected verses from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: 3 Alleluia 11**

♩ = 104

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

(Al - le - lu - ia)

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Rejoice in the Beloved, O you holy ones!  
Praise is a grace of the loving.  
Praise the Beloved with strings and reeds,  
Give praise with dance and leaps;  
Sing a new song, and shout with joyful heart!

**ALLELUIA**

For the work of the Creator is truth,  
And all creation reflects  
The faithfulness of the Beloved.  
Justice and mercy we render to the Holy One,  
To the universe filled with Love Divine.

**ALLELUIA**

Through Love Consciousness  
The heavens and earth were created,  
And all who dwell on earth  
By the Creator's breath of Life.  
All creation, from the distant stars  
To the depth of the seas,  
Is held together by the Oneness of Love.

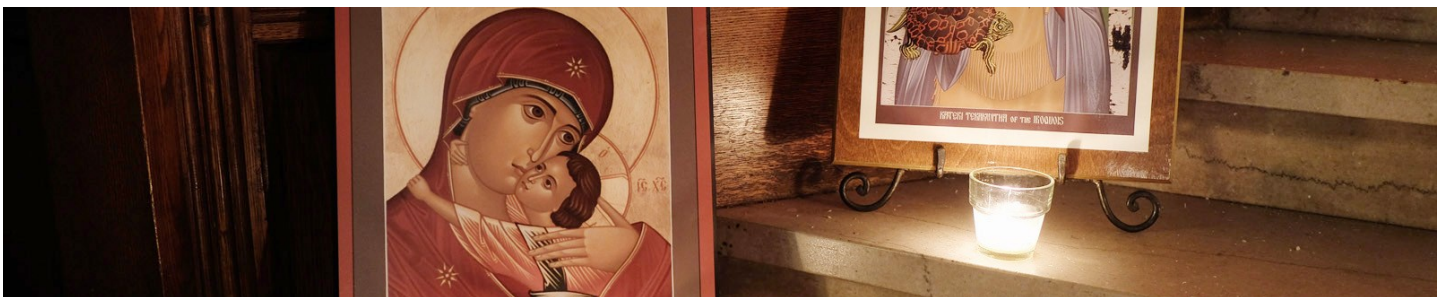
**ALLELUIA**

May all the earth reverence the Beloved,  
May everyone stand in awe of Love!  
For when the Beloved speaks,  
It comes to pass;  
As Love's way guides and directs, thus, it  
stands.

**ALLELUIA**

Without Love, the nations' counsel  
Comes to nothing,  
The plans of the people are futile.  
The counsel of the Creator is eternal  
Available to every generation.  
Blessed are the nations that listen in silence  
And make decisions with Wisdom's Counsel;  
Blessed are all people  
Who respond to Love's Way.

**ALLELUIA**



## The Word/Meditation: Hosea 6:1-4 *(The Inclusive Bible translation)*

Come! Let us return to Yhwh — the One who has torn us asunder will make us whole; the One who struck us down will bind our wounds. In two days, God will bring us back to life and on the third day God will restore us so we will live in the presence of the Most High.

Let us come to know Yhwh intimately, and pursue that knowledge zealously. And as sure as the sun rises in the morning, God will come, and will return to us like the rains of winter, like the rains of spring that water the earth.

Oh, Ephraim, what am I going to do with you? And Judah, what am I going to do with you? Your devotion is like the morning fog, like the dew of the morning that vanishes!

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

### Words from Saints and Ancestors

Jesus Christ, Love of all loving, you were always in me and I did not know it. You were there, and I kept on forgetting you. You were in my heart of hearts and I was looking elsewhere. Even when I remained far from you, you kept on waiting for me. And the day is coming when I can tell you: Risen Christ, you are my life: I belong to Christ, I am Christ's.

— Brother Roger, founder of the Taizé community that is a living witness of a community of monastic and ecumenical of over a hundred brothers from around the world

## 36 The Lord Is My Light

Calmly (♩ = 66)

(A1) Dm G (A2) (B1) (B2) fine

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of musical notation for the hymn 'The Lord Is My Light'. It is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The tempo is marked 'Calmly' with a note value of 66 (♩ = 66). The melody begins with a repeat sign. Above the staff, there are five circled labels: (A1), Dm, G, (A2), (B1), and (B2). The word 'fine' is written above the final note. The lyrics 'The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The' are written below the staff.

(A1) (A2) (B1) (B2) fine

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of musical notation for the hymn 'The Lord Is My Light'. It continues from the first line on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). Above the staff, there are four circled labels: (A1), (A2), (B1), and (B2). The word 'fine' is written above the final note. The lyrics 'The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The' are written below the staff.

## Prayers of Intercession

### Sung Response: G91 Lead Me, Lord



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God of patience and love, call us back to yourself, we need your guidance and healing. Forgive us for our stubbornness and blindness; return to us, restore us, and make us whole.

**LEAD ME, LORD**

God who continually speaks, we pray for courage and confidence for those who can hear your voice calling them to specific actions but they're too afraid to take the first step.

**LEAD ME, LORD**

God, to whom we belong in life and death, we pray for comfort for those who feel like they are dying, emotionally or physically, and cannot find peace or consolation.

**LEAD ME, LORD**

God of our beginning and end, we pray for wisdom and support for those in their older years who must make decisions as to where to go for the rest of their lives and must confront new challenges.

**LEAD ME, LORD**

God of all people and lands, we pray for nations and leaders, with the hope that they will not follow their own plans but the just and merciful purposes of your heart.

**LEAD ME, LORD**

## 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;

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.**



## CLM28 I Lift Up My Eyes

Canon

1

L'a - ju - da em vin - drà eyes del Se - nyor, del Se -  
I lift up my eyes to the hills; from -

2

nyor, el nos - tre Déu, que ha fet el cel i la  
where shall come my help? My help is in God who cre -

3

4

(Last time ☺)

ter - ra, el cel i la ter - ra. L'a -  
at - ed the earth and the heav - ens. I



## 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*

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**Christ Jesus, in your Gospel we find  
a hope for all human beings.**

**The Kingdom, the Life of God in  
fullness, is already present among  
us and within us.**

**Even if we sense hardly anything of  
your presence, we place our trust in  
you. And your love and your joy can  
blossom in our lives.**

(Brother Alois of Taizé)

## G74 Masithi

(Ma - si - thi:) A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa. (Ma - si - thi:)  
(Sing a - men:) A - men, we praise your name, O God. (Sing a - men:)

A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa. (Ma - si - thi:) A - men, Ba - wo,  
A - men, we praise your name, O God. (Sing a - men:) A - men, Ba - wo,

a - men, Ba - wo, a - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa.  
a - men, Ba - wo, a - men, we praise your name, O God.

WORDS: South African hymn  
MUSIC: Attr. S. C. Molefe

MASITHI  
Irr.

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♩=112-120

## Unison Blessing *(in unison)*

May God the Creator bless you  
so that you can be a blessing to others.  
May Jesus, the Christ bless you  
so that you can be healers of a world that is hurting.  
May the Holy Spirit bless you  
so that you can spread the hope that only the triune God  
can inspire and give to this world.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

# SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS

## Meditation Hour

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to join John Benedict in the Chapel 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

## 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>.

## 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

# ELPC EVENTS

## Fridays in The Garden

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).

## 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.

## RCC's Annual Pride Concert – June 10 and 11

Be an LGBTQIA+ ally! Support the Renaissance City Choir (RCC) by attending their annual Pride Concert, *We Dream A World*, on Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11 at 4 pm at ELPC!

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. We Dream A World where that celebration and support does not end on June 30.

Join the RCC as we 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.

Tickets are available at [RCCpittsburgh.com](http://RCCpittsburgh.com). Sunday's performance also has livestream ticketing and a pay-what-you-can option.



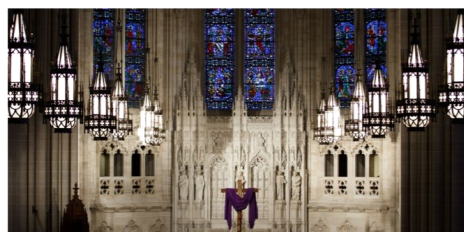
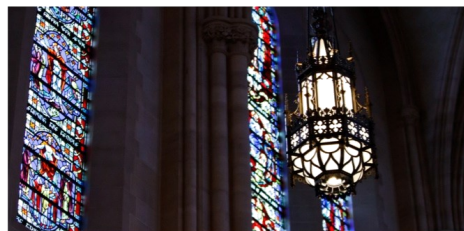
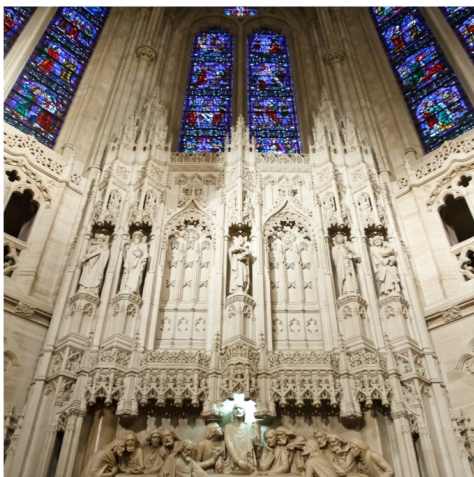
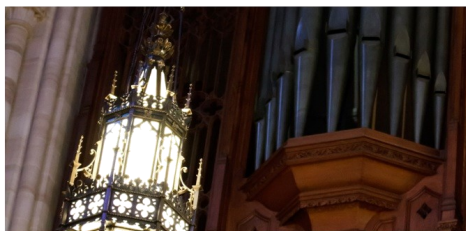
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RENAISSANCE CITY CHOIR AFFIRMS AND CELEBRATES LGBTQIA+ IDENTITY THROUGH THE UNIFYING POWER OF MUSIC.

Our summer worship schedule has begun.  
Please join us on Sundays at 10 am  
in the Courtyard (weather permitting).





*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
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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).