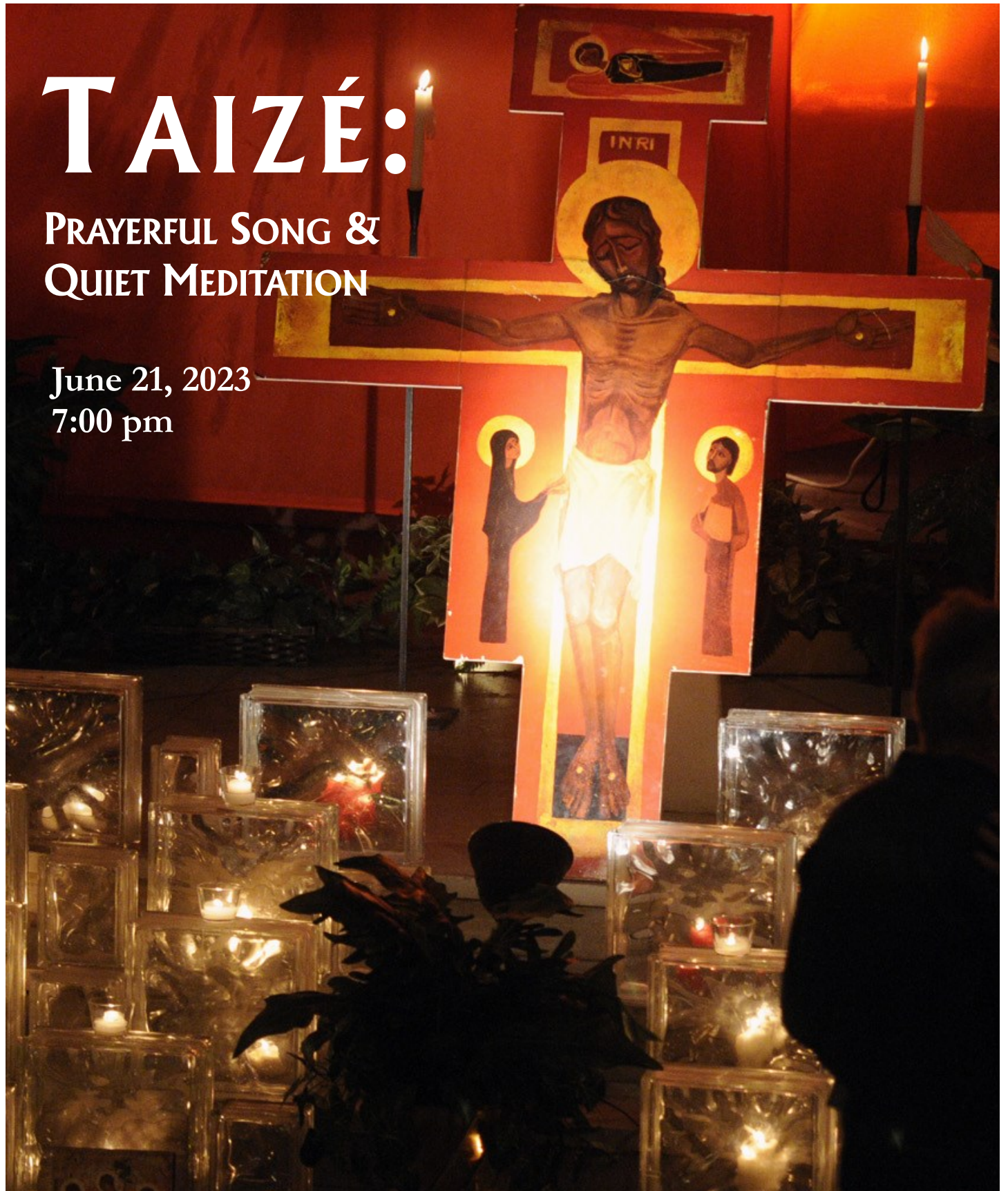


TAIZÉ:

PRAYERFUL SONG &
QUIET MEDITATION

June 21, 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.

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

CLM 39 Praise Our God and Savior

39. WYŚLAWIAJCIE PANA

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 —

(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

(Last time ☺)

NB 22 Sing to the Lord

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22. SING TO THE LORD

Lobe den Herrn

Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, let ev - 'ry - thing in me pro - claim God's sal - va - tion.
Lo - be den Herrn, mei - ne See - le, und al - les in mir sei - nen hei - li - gen Na - men!

Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, and re - mem - ber all of God's mar - vel - ous deeds!
Lo - be den Herrn, mei - ne See - le, und ver - giß nicht, was er dir Gu - tes ge - tan!

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Psalm 119: 1-16 (*selected verses from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill*)

Sung Response: * 3 Alleluia 11



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Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who live with spiritual integrity!
Blessed are those who honor the Inner Being,
who follow You with their whole heart,
Who enfold the world with love and walk on
peaceful paths!

ALLELUIA

You have shown us the way of Truth,
The way that leads to freedom.
O, that I might ever reflect the Light!

ALLELUIA

Then I shall know inner peace, as
I surrender myself into your Hands.
I will praise You with a grateful heart,
as I lean on your great kindness.

ALLELUIA

As I forsake the path of darkness,
O have mercy on me!
How can the young keep to the straight path?
Only by learning to listen to the still Voice within.

ALLELUIA

With all my heart I seek You;
Let me not wander from your teachings!
Your Love is imprinted upon my heart, that I
may walk in your Light.

ALLELUIA

Blessed are You, O Counselor;
Guide me in all that I do,
That with my lips I may bear
Witness to the truth of your Way.

ALLELUIA

With your Word in my heart,
I delight more than with the world's riches.
I listen in the Silence,
Awaiting the clarity of your counsel.
May I become a living fountain of joy
as I give thanks for your
Bountiful blessings!

ALLELUIA

The Word/Meditation: Romans 12:1-2 *(The Inclusive Bible translation)*

Sisters and brothers, I beg you through the mercy of God to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Don't conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, so that you can judge what God's will is—what is good, pleasing and perfect.

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

Words from Saints and Ancestors

By opening our lives to God in Christ, we become new creatures. This experience, which Jesus spoke of as the new birth, is essential if we are to be transformed nonconformists...Only through an inner spiritual transformation do we gain the strength to fight vigorously the evils of the world in a humble and loving spirit.

— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

CLM 16

16. EL ALMA QUE ANDA EN AMOR Whoever Walks in God's Love

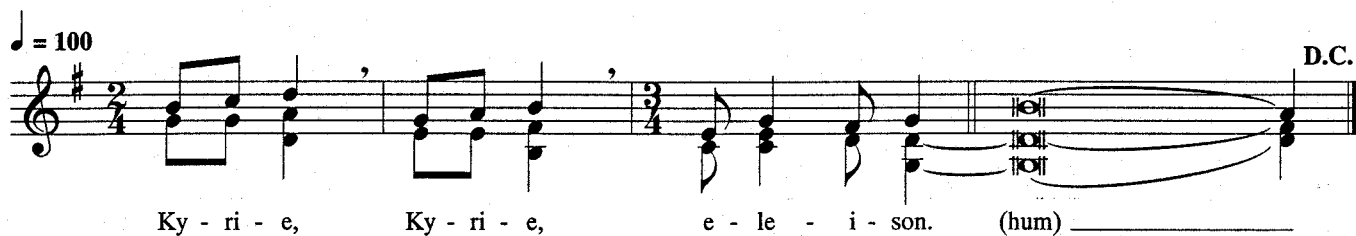
The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system contains the first line of the song, starting with a first ending bracket. The lyrics are: 'El al - ma que an - da en a - mor, ni can - sa ni se can - sa. El Who - ev - er walks in God's love tires no one nor grows wea - ry. Who -'. The second system contains the second line of the song, starting with a second ending bracket. The lyrics are: 'can - sa. wea - ry. O O El Who -'. There are two 'Last time' markings above the second ending bracket. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and dynamic markings.

Prayers of Intercession

Sung Response: 4 Kyrie Eleison 1

Kyrie Eleison 1

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Merciful God, bless the church, deliver it from evil, and make it holy in every way, that all people may see the light of your salvation through the witness of your faithful servants.

KYRIE, KYRIE, ELEISON

Merciful God, arouse the leaders of your church to prophetic witness, help them to proclaim your justice fearlessly, to embody your righteousness sincerely, and to practice your mercy selflessly.

KYRIE, KYRIE, ELEISON

Merciful God, Uphold the leaders of governments especially during this time of health crisis and racial injustice. Give them sound judgment and merciful hearts and lead them to do what is right in upholding the common good.

KYRIE, KYRIE, ELEISON

Merciful God, let Earth be a gentle home for us. Subdue the violence of storm and earthquake, and heal the destruction of flood and drought, that life may flourish, and every creature rejoice in the goodness of creation.

KYRIE, KYRIE, ELEISON

Merciful God, bless children and those who care for them. Defend our children; enable them to thrive in mind and body and grow in wisdom and strength. Give them parents and guardians who are faithful in their duty to provide for their needs and guard them from danger.

KYRIE, KYRIE, ELEISON

Merciful God, heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, and uphold those who are able to support them in their need. These prayers we offer through Christ by the power of your Holy Spirit.

KYRIE, KYRIE, ELEISON

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.



41 Holy Spirit, come to us

Veni Sancte Spiritus

♩. = 56

pp^A *Bm⁷/A*

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 6/8 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 56. The piece begins with a piano (*pp*) dynamic and a first ending bracket marked with a superscript 'A'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The key signature changes to B minor (two sharps) for the second half of the piece, indicated by the *Bm⁷/A* marking.

Ve - ni san - cte Spi - ri - tus. _____
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. _____

pp

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G114 Let It Breathe On Me

Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,

The first system of the musical score for 'Let It Breathe On Me'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note F#4, and then a half note E4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with a half note G2, followed by a quarter note F#2, and then a half note E2. The lyrics 'Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,' are written below the treble staff.

let the breath of the Lord, now, breathe on me,

The second system of the musical score. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note D4, followed by a quarter note C4, and then a half note B3. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a half note D2, followed by a quarter note C2, and then a half note B1. The lyrics 'let the breath of the Lord, now, breathe on me,' are written below the treble staff.

let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,

The third system of the musical score. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note A3, followed by a quarter note G3, and then a half note F#3. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a half note A1, followed by a quarter note G1, and then a half note F#1. The lyrics 'let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,' are written below the treble staff.

let the breath of the Lord, now, breathe on me.

The fourth system of the musical score. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note E3, followed by a quarter note D3, and then a half note C3. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a half note E1, followed by a quarter note D1, and then a half note C1. The lyrics 'let the breath of the Lord, now, breathe on me.' are written below the treble staff. The system ends with a double bar line.

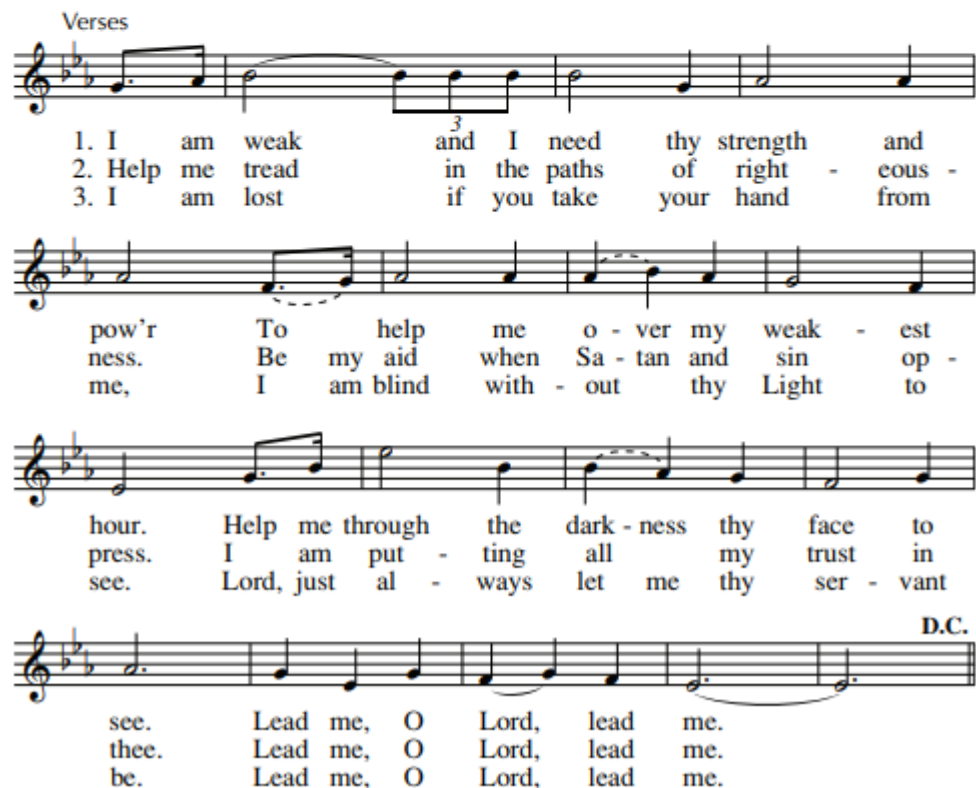
Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,
For if you lead me, I can - not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses



1. I am weak and I need thy strength and
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous -
3. I am lost if you take your hand from
pow'r To help me o - ver my weak - est
ness. Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op -
me, I am blind with - out thy Light to
hour. Help me through the dark - ness thy face to
press. I am put - ting all my trust in
see. Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant
see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Text: Doris M. Akers, 1922-1995
Tune: LEAD ME, GUIDE ME, Irregular with refrain; Doris M. Akers, 1922-1995; harm. by Richard Smallwood, b.1948

Closing Unison Prayer

May evening continue to come upon us and bring us peace.
May day sink into night and darkness close around us.
May our hearts continue to be stilled and quiet.
May we be gathered into Oneness and inner striving cease.
May your gentle rest descend upon us all.

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

JourneyDance

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*)

*Reception of Thanksgiving for
Billy Wayne Coakley
Today immediately following Taizé*

One of our long time cantors and vocalists, Billy Wayne Coakley, is moving to LA this month to pursue breaking into the entertainment industry. Please join us for some light refreshments to express our gratitude to Billy, wish him well and say goodbye!

ELPC EVENTS

Fridays in The Rain Garden– June 23

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).

LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY EVENT– June 25 Join our faith family at the People's Pride PGH March and Festival on Sunday, June 25 at 11am in Swissvale. Pride Map fliers are in the Highland Ave hallway. Come out and celebrate while we share God's love with all God's people! Please contact Wil Forrest (wil@coh.net)

ELPC Connections Event– June 25

Join the ELPC Connections Group to see Billy Price with Gabe Stillman (Rhythm & Blues) in concert on Sunday, June 25 at 5pm, at Hartwood Acres Park Amphitheater in Allison Park. The concert is free. Bring a chair and your own picnic dinner or purchase from food vendors.

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.

**Our summer worship continues
with one Sunday service at 10 am in the
Courtyard (weather permitting).**

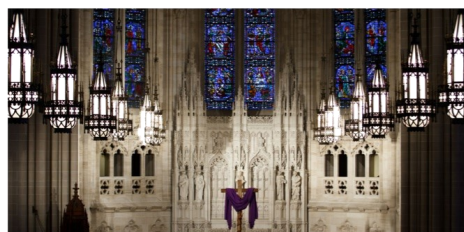
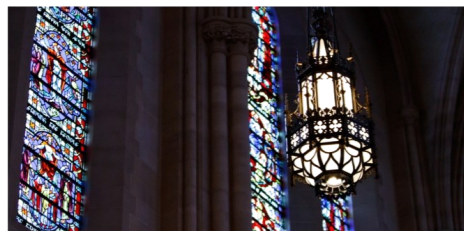
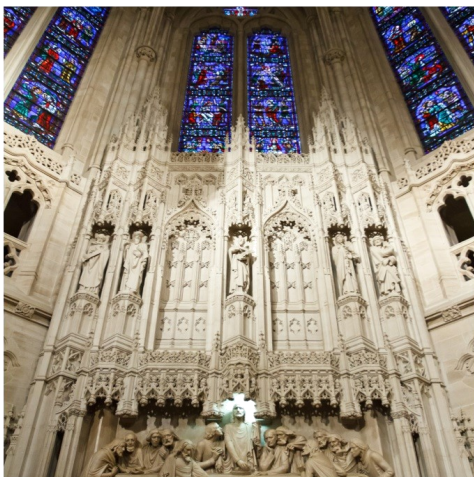
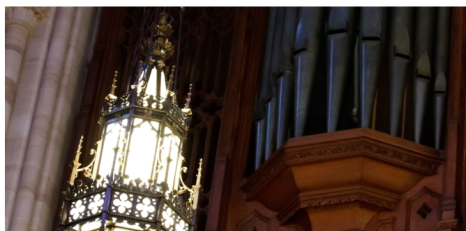
**The Rev. BJ Woodworth
is Minister of Taizé Prayer at ELPC.**

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:

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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

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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).