

# 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.

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 Rohlfs**

**Welcome and Opening Centering by Emily Cowser**

### 13 Let Us Sing To The Lord

Let us sing to the Lord!  
Bé-nis - sez le Sei - gneur!

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Bé-nis - sez le Sei -

Lord!  
gneur!

Let us sing to the Lord!  
Bé-nis - sez le Sei - gneur,

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bé - nis - sez le Sei - gneur!

O ——— Let us sing to the Lord!  
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### NB31 With You, O Lord

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, and

in your light we shall see true light. With you, O Lord, is

life in all its full-ness, and in your light we shall see true light.

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**Psalm 119:33-48** (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 17**



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Help me to know, O Teacher,  
The path to follow;  
Lead the way and I will come.  
In your love is the power  
To calm the storms of adversity;  
Show me the power of your forgiving Love.

**ALLELUIA**

O that I might learn to bless others selflessly,  
To be a silent benediction!  
Include my heart to Love Consciousness,  
And not to gain!  
Turn my eyes from the world's temptations,  
And birth me into new Life.

**ALLELUIA**

Let me enter into the realm  
Where the aspirations of my soul  
May become manifest.  
Clothe me with compassion  
That I may answer the cries  
Of those in need.

**ALLELUIA**

Do you see how I long to serve,  
To co-create with you?  
In your mercy, hear my prayer!  
You ever enfold us  
In the power of your boundless love,  
According to your promise to us;  
You have implanted the Divine Seed  
So it might blossom into fulness and maturity.

**ALLELUIA**

O, giver of Life, may we recognize  
The Divine Seed in every person;  
May we be sensitive to all we meet  
Along the way,  
Blessing and encouraging one another.

**ALLELUIA**

May we know that who we are  
Is a reflection of you,  
The Divine Seed we bear.  
You are the Sunlight of our heart,  
The Water that brings forth Life!  
Praises be to you,  
O Holy One of Ineffable Power!

**ALLELUIA**

## The Word/Meditation: Romans 12:9-13 *(NRSV translation)*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

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



## Words from Saints and Ancestors

Be filled with the Spirit of the Beatitudes: joy, simplicity, mercy. Joy begins within. Perfect joy lies in the utter simplicity of peaceful love. In order to shine out, such joy requires no less than your whole being. Perfect joy is self-giving.

— 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

## NB14 Lord God, You Love Us

Lord God, you love us, source of com - pas - sion.  
Toi, tu nous ai - mes, sour - ce de vie.

## Prayers of Intercession

### Sung Response: CLM8 I Bless You, Lord, My God

Ben - di - go al Se - ñor por - que es - cu - cha mi voz. El Se -  
I bless you, Lord, my God, for you hear me when I call. You, O

ñor es mi fuer - za, con - fí - a mi co - ra - zón. Ben -  
Lord, are my strong - hold; I trust you with all my heart. I

( Last time)

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God, may we your people dwell in the perfect love of the Trinity and be people who love you with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength. May we love ourselves the way you love us so that we may also be able to love our neighbors and even our enemies.

#### **I BLESS YOU, LORD, MY GOD**

May your love at work in us, stir up in us a fidelity and a passion to honor and serve one another above ourselves; like Jesus, doing nothing out of selfish ambition rather, in humility valuing others above ourselves.

#### **I BLESS YOU, LORD, MY GOD**

God, help us to be patient in affliction. Strengthen us and give us resilience when things do not go our way, when others speak ill against us, conspire against us, or hurt us in body, mind, or spirit. Remind us that our suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

#### **I BLESS YOU, LORD, MY GOD**

Stir up in us a willingness to share with God's people in need. Open our hearts when we pass those on the streets asking for help, give us wisdom and discernment to know how to best support them and remind us that all we have - money, shelter, food, jobs, and health - are gracious gifts from you to be shared.

#### **I BLESS YOU, LORD, MY GOD**

God, thank you for being our gracious host, sharing your life and love with each of us, generously and indiscriminately. Assist us in practicing radical hospitality, welcoming the "stranger," opening our homes, and receiving the "interruptions" of the day as an opportunity to welcome you in our midst.

#### **I BLESS YOU, LORD, MY GOD**

## 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 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.**



## NB19 Our Soul Is Waiting

Our soul is wait - ing for God. Our hearts find joy — in the Lord. *Last time*  
Notre âme at - tend le Sei - gneur. En lui la joie de no - tre cœur.

**Verses (Cantor)**

O O D.C.



## NB57 God Can Only Give Faithful Love

God can on - ly — give faith - ful love: ten - der - ness and for - give - ness!  
 Dieu ne peut que don - ner son a - mour, no - tre Dieu est ten - dres - se!

*Last time*

### Verses (Cantor)

**A** *freely* *a tempo* **B** *freely* *a tempo* D.C.

O ————— God ev - er car - ing. O ————— God who for - gives us.  
 Dieu est ten - dres - se. Dieu qui par - don - ne.

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## NB16 Let Your Servant Now Go In Peace

Nunc di - mit - tis ser - vum tu - um Do - mi - ne, ————— se -  
 Let your ser - vant now — go in peace, O — Lord, ————— now —

ne, Do - mi - ne,  
 Lord, O — Lord,

cun - dum ver - bum tu - um in — pa - ce, ————— Nunc di -  
 go in peace ac - cord - ing to your word, ————— Let your

*Last time*

(Do - mi - ne.)  
 (to your word.)

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## **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).

July 21

Aug 18

Sept 15

Oct 20

Nov 17

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

## 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 the SECOND Friday of the month 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.

## ELPC Matters: The More You Know

As we navigate this season of transition together, ELPC is offering a series of informational sessions to broaden congregational awareness of different aspects of our life together that may seem to be more behind-the-scenes, but are fundamental to how we engage our faith in community together.

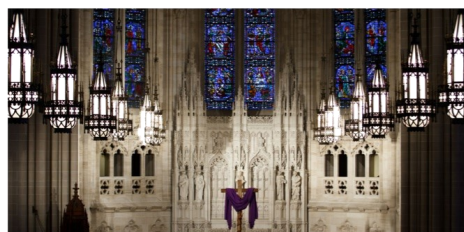
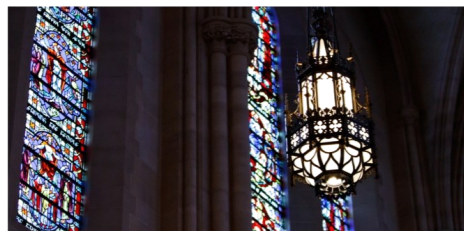
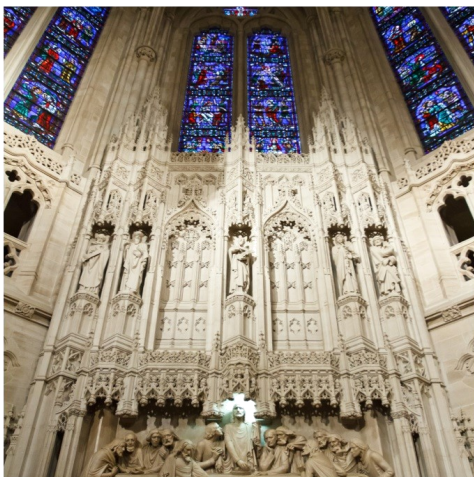
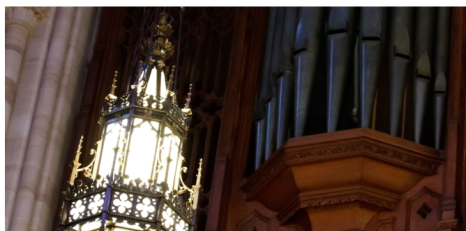
Our next session in this series will be held on Sunday, July 23 at 11 am, and will offer more information on our church's 2022 finances, as requested at the February Congregational Meeting. Jim Tinnemeyer, ELPC Director of Administration and Facilities, along with Elder Tiffany Sudar, Chair of the Finance Committee, will present at this session.

Join us in the Social Hall or on Zoom (meeting ID: 188 135 194).

## Support the PW Diaper Drive

Presbyterian Women will host a Diaper Drive at the Highland Ave. entrance following worship on Sunday, July 30, until 12:30 pm. Diaper sizes 5 and 6 are most needed. For more info, contact PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

**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
<b>Web site:</b>	www.taize.fr
<b>Telephone:</b>	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  
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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).