

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 Taizé Musicians

Welcome and Opening Centering by The Rev. BJ Woodworth

CLM35 The Kingdom Of God

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

(Last time ☺)

This musical score is for the hymn 'The Kingdom Of God'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first system contains the first line of the melody and bass line. The second system contains the second line of the melody and bass line. The third system contains the third line of the melody and bass line, ending with a repeat sign and a 'Last time' instruction with a smiley face.

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CLM20 I Am Sure I Shall See

I am sure I shall see the good - ness of the Lord in the

land of the liv - ing. Yes, I shall see the

good - ness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord. I am

(Last time ☺)

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Psalm 119:49-64 (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: 1 Alleluia 4

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You are fulfilling your covenant within me,
O Faithful One, according to your Promise.
Teach me good judgment and understanding,
For I know your teachings are sure.

ALLELUIA

Before, I was sorely afraid and I went astray;
But now, I hold to your Word.
You are Love, and all Love comes from you;
Help me to share the treasures of the heart.

ALLELUIA

May I come to live with patience,
Waiting for your perfect timing
In all circumstances.
May tolerance make its home in me,
That I recognize you in every heart.

ALLELUIA

May I be imbued with love and mercy
Making room for kindness in all situations.
For your ways are far richer
Than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

ALLELUIA

Your Hands and Love
Created and fashioned me,
Give me understanding
That I may live fully in you.

ALLELUIA

Those who follow the ego are in darkness;
May they see how you
Have transformed my life with light.
May they rejoice and turn away
From empty paths;
May they find hope in your Way.

ALLELUIA

May I always welcome love and assurance,
And offer these gifts to those
Who weep and live in illusion.
Let your mercy and compassion wash over me,
That I may ever work on behalf of justice.

ALLELUIA

And grant me a generous heart,
O my Friend and Teacher,
For I would give freely of my time
And energy in your name.

ALLELUIA



The Word/Meditation: Romans 12:14-17 *(The Inclusive Bible translation)*

Bless your persecutors — bless and don't curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same attitude toward everyone. Don't be condescending to those who aren't as well off as you; don't be conceited. Don't repay evil with evil. Be concerned with the highest ideal in the eyes of all people.

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

Words from Saints and Ancestors

The word that love is stronger than hate and goes beyond death is the great disclosure to those who have found that when they keep open the door of their heart, it matters not how many doors are closed against them.

— Howard Thurman (1899–1981)
American author, philosopher, theologian, mystic, educator, and civil rights leader

NB15 Jesus, Your Light

Je — sus your light is shi — ning with - in us. Let not my
Jé - sus le Christ, lu - mière in - té - rieu - re, ne lais - se

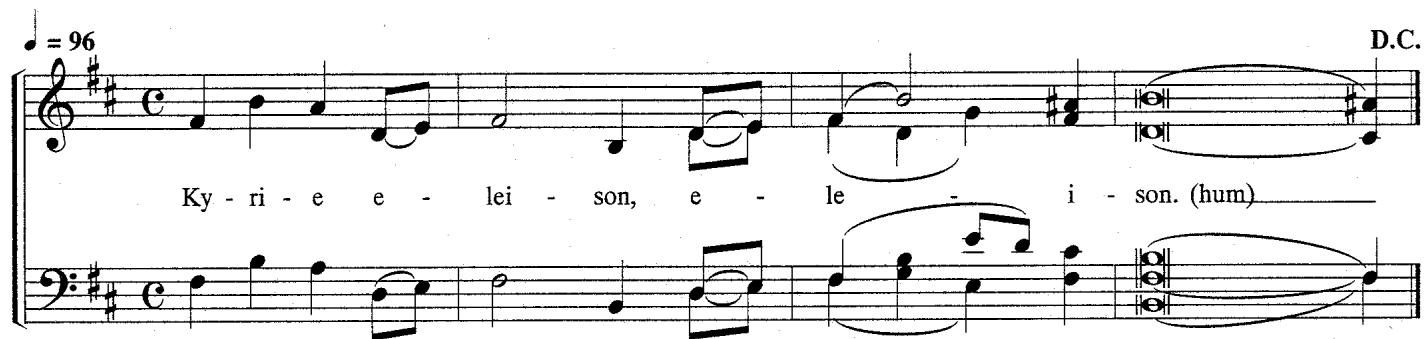
doubts nor my dark - ness speak to me. Je — sus your light is
pas mes té - nè - bres me par - ler. Jé - sus le Christ, lu -

shi — ning with - in us. Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.
mière in - té - rieu - re, don - ne - moi d'ac - cueil - lir ton a - mour.

Prayers of Intercession

(adapted from the World Council of Churches, Prayers from Africa, for the 2010 International Day of Prayer for Peace)

Sung Response: 6 Kyrie 13



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Our Lord and God Almighty, we praise you, for you created us all and made us into many different cultures, languages, and nations, may we befriend one another and not divide and despise each other.

KYRIE

Open our hearts, we pray, so that we may respond to the needs of all our siblings. Cast out all fear, violent thoughts, actions, and selfishness that lead people to commit injustice to others.

KYRIE

God of power and mercy, please destroy war, which results in a spiral of human suffering and the destruction of your bountiful creation. Eliminate violence from our midst and wipe away the tears.

KYRIE

Father and Mother of us all, touch the hearts of our political leaders and all those in power. We pray that they may exercise power gently, that they may humbly seek genuine dialogue that will bring about understanding, leading us all to a place where all nations and all people live together in peace and harmony.

KYRIE

Prince of Peace, where there is bitterness teach us forgiveness and reconciliation, replace hatred with love, and indifference with care.

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 written for a piano accompaniment. It consists of five systems of music, 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 score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, as well as dynamic markings like 'f' (forte) and 'p' (piano). There are also performance instructions like 'trill' and 'trill' in parentheses. 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.



NB32 Your Word, O Lord

Sheet music for the hymn "Your Word, O Lord" (NB32). The music is written for voice and piano, featuring a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are in English and French. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The music is divided into three systems, each with a repeat sign at the end. The lyrics are as follows:

System 1:
Your word, O Lord, is a light. My God, en - light - en my
C'est toi ma lam - pe, Sei - gneur. Mon Dieu é - clai - re ma té -

System 2:
dark - ness. O Lord, my God, en - light - en my dark - ness. O
nè - bre. Sei - gneur, mon Dieu, é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. Sei -

System 3:
Lord, my God, en - light - en my dark - ness. Your
gneur, mon Dieu, é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. C'est

The music includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in French. The music is divided into three systems, each with a repeat sign at the end. The lyrics are as follows:

CLM30 Nothing Can Ever

Not - ing can ev - er come be - tween us and the love of God, the

love of God re - vealed to us in Christ Je - sus.

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G65 Thank You. Lord

1. Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord, Thank you,
2. Been so good, Been so good, Been so
3. Been my friend, Been my friend, Been my,

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a melody with a long note in the third measure. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.
good, I just want to thank you, Lord.
Friend, I just want to thank you, Lord.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a bridge section with the lyrics 'I just want to thank you, Lord.' repeated three times. The musical notation includes a key signature change to one sharp (F#) and a time signature change to 4/4.

Text: Traditional

Tune: Traditional; Harm. by J. Jefferson Cleveland, b. 1937, and Verolga Nix, b. 1933, from *Songs of Zion* © 1981 by Abingdon CCLI #689547

4. Been my Light ...
5. Been my Peace ...
6. Been my Joy ...
7. Been my Life ...

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

The Chapel Market Requests Toiletry Items

The Chapel Market is in need of toiletry items, including bar soap, tooth brushes and paste, lotion, shampoo, toilet paper, etc. Donations can left in the baskets in the Highland Lobby.

Fridays in The Rain Garden – July 14

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 Friday through September. Green thumbs are not required—just bring your energy, curiosity, and commitment to our church and community. The next gathering will be on Friday, July 14. Contact Don Breitbarth for more info (don.breitbarth@gmail.com).

LGBTQIA+ Ministry – July 16

You are invited to attend our LGBTQIA+ Ministry's next Spiritual Gathering following worship on Sunday, July 16. Join us and share conversation and lunch. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcome! Contact Wil Forrest to attend (Wil@coh.net).

ELPC Matters: The More You Know – July 23

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. 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).

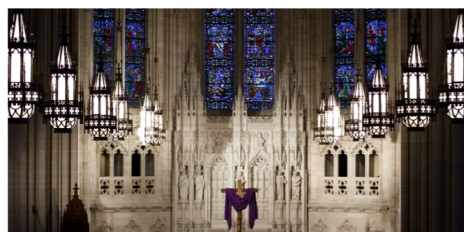
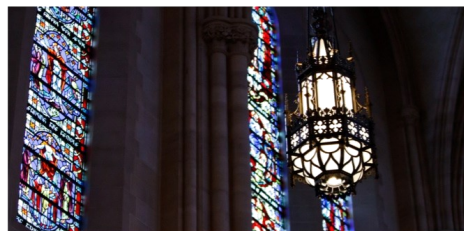
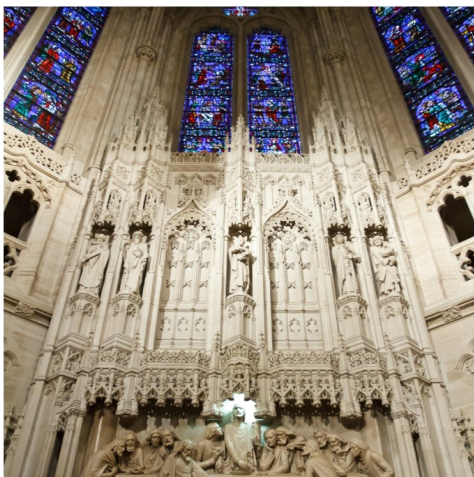
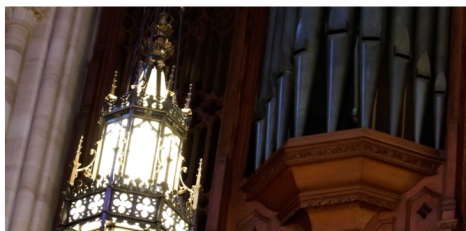
Do you have questions about how the church's finances work? We want to hear from you! Please submit your questions to the Finance Committee via Jim (JimT@coh.net). We'll do our best to answer as many as possible at this session.

Worshipping with Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee – July 30

We're pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee as our special guest preacher on Sunday, July 30!

Rev. Dr. Lee currently serves as the president of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He comes to the presidency after seven years of service at Wesley Theological Seminary as vice president for Campus Administration and associate dean for Community Life. He has served on the faculty of Northern Virginia Community College and is often a guest lecturer at workshops and seminars dealing with Christianity in the 21st century; religious difference; and issues affecting church leadership.





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
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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.)*

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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).