

A photograph of a church interior. In the foreground, several lit candles in mosaic-patterned holders are placed on stone steps. In the background, there are religious paintings on easels, including one of a figure with a halo and another depicting a group of people. The scene is warmly lit by the candles and ambient light.

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 Rohlf

Welcome and Opening Centering by The Rev. BJ Woodworth

CLM12 I Will Sing To The Lord

Can - ta - rei ao Se - nhor, en - quan - to vi - ver; lou - va -
I will sing to the Lord my whole life long; I will

rei o meu Deus en - quan - to e - xis - tir. Ne - le en - con - tro a mi - nha a - le -
wor - ship my God as long as I live. For the Lord brings joy to his

gri - a. Ne - le en - con - tro a mi - nha a - le - gri - a. Can - ta -
peo - ple. For the Lord brings joy to his peo - ple. I will

(C Last time)

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28 Come And Fill

♩ = 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!

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Sung Response: CLM2 Alleluia 20

Cantor S, A
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
T, B
Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Let my life give witness to you,
To those filled with fear.
Create in me a clean heart,
That your light might be seen!
My soul sighs awaiting your living presence;
For I sense your love and light.
My heart wells up with gratitude and praise,
As I recall the innumerable blessings
You continually bestow.
When I ponder the plight of the world,
My heart weeps for all the oppressed.

ALLELUIA

How long, O Merciful One,
Must we endure the greed,
The arrogance of those who are in power—
Those whose hearts have turned from you,
Who follow not the way of Love,
Who have become blind to the truth,
And deaf to your voice
Whispering in their hearts?

ALLELUIA

Awaken the people of earth, O you,
Who are the Great Awakener!
In your steadfast love,
Melt all hearts that have turned to stone;
Long have we awaited a great Spirit-quake.

ALLELUIA

O Holy One, Love Consciousness
Is firmly fixed in the heavens.
Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
Love is the hope and promise of all the earth.

ALLELUIA

Help us to reverence her,
To care for her with compassion;
For we have sorely misused her.
If you had withheld your love from us,
We would have perished from our fears.
Your Truth is ever before us;
By it, you have set us free.

ALLELUIA

I am yours, grace me with your Presence,
For I would be a loving friend
And companion to you.
I say to those I meet,
"Come, the way is yours!
Come, all you who are fearful and lonely!
Follow the sacred path of Truth;
Come to the inner way of Light!"

ALLELUIA

The Word/Meditation: Romans 12:18-21 *(The Inclusive Bible translation)*

Do all you can to be at peace with everyone. Don't take revenge; leave room, my friends, for God's wrath. To quote scripture, "Vengeance is mine, I will pay them back," says our God. But there is more: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them drink. For in doing so, you will heap burning coals upon their heads." Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil by doing good.

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



Words from Saints and Ancestors

The less I hate, the more I am free to choose actions that are controlled not by animosity but by wisdom. Laboring to love my opponents is how I love myself. This is not the stuff of saintliness. This is our birthright.

— Valarie Kaur (1981)

*Civil rights leader, lawyer, filmmaker, educator, author, speaker,
Sikh American, mother, woman warrior*

38 My Soul Is At Rest

A Dm A^{SUS} A Dm C F C Dm A Dm *fine* ◡

My soul is at rest in God a-lone, my sal - va - tion comes from God. My

fine ◡

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "My Soul Is At Rest". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, C5, and D5. The accompaniment starts with a quarter note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, Bb3, and C4. The score includes lyrics and a "fine" marking with a fermata symbol at the end of each line.

Prayers of Intercession

("Lord, Lord, Open Unto Me" by Howard Thurman)

Sung Response: 30 Lord Of All Goodness

$\text{♩} = 50$ Cm Fm Bb Eb, Cm Fm Bb Eb

Do - mi - ne De - us Fi - li - us Pa - tris, do - na no - bis pa - cem.
Lord of all good - ness, Son of the Fa - ther, may your peace sur - round us.
(hum)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 50. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. A 'hum' instruction is placed below the first note of the piano accompaniment.

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Open unto us, light for our darkness;
open unto us, courage for our fears.

LORD OF ALL GOODNESS

Open unto us, hope for our despair;
open unto us, peace for our turmoil.

LORD OF ALL GOODNESS

Open unto us, joy for our sorrows; open
unto us, strength for our weaknesses.

LORD OF ALL GOODNESS

Open unto us, wisdom for our
confusion; open unto us, forgiveness for
our sins.

LORD OF ALL GOODNESS

Open unto us, tenderness for our
toughness; open unto us, love for our
hates.

LORD OF ALL GOODNESS

Open unto me, thy self for myself, Lord,
Lord, open unto me!

LORD OF ALL GOODNESS

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 confidentialities.

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.

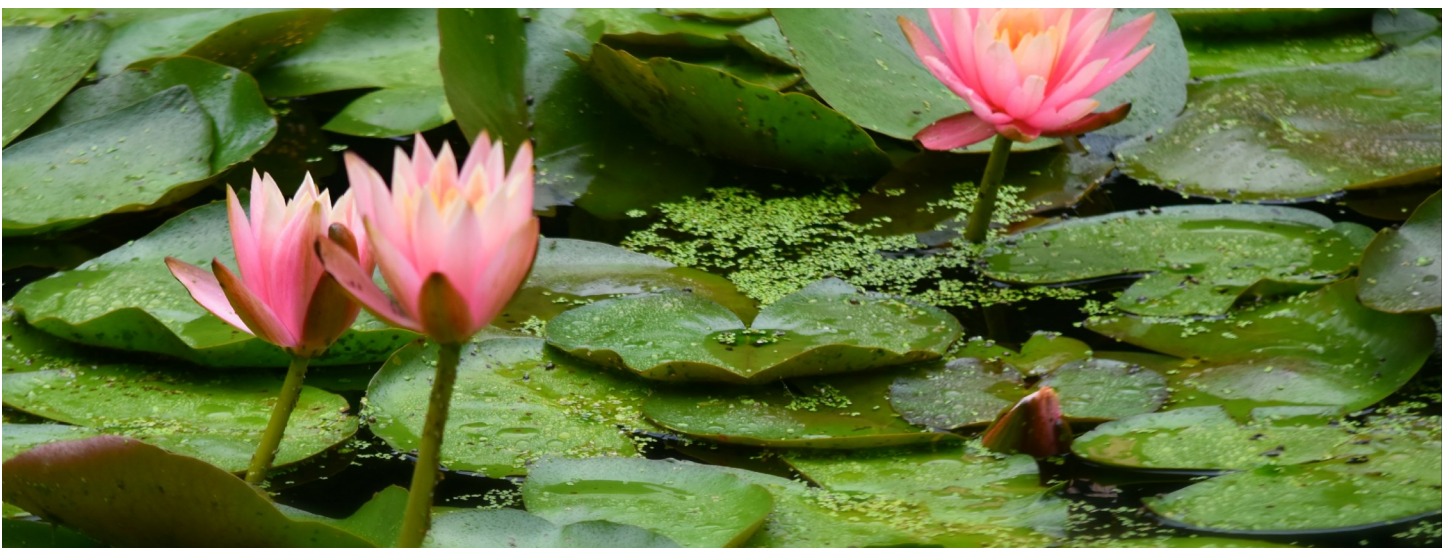


44 Give Peace

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

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CLM9 God Is Forgiveness



Bóg jest mi - łość - cią miej - cie od - wa - gę żyć dla mi - łość - ci.
God is for - give - ness. Dare to for - give and God will be with you.



Bóg — jest mi - łość - cią. Nie lę - kaj - cie się.
God — is for - give - ness. Love, and do not fear.

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*** I Know The Lord's Laid His Hands On Me**

Refrain

Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,

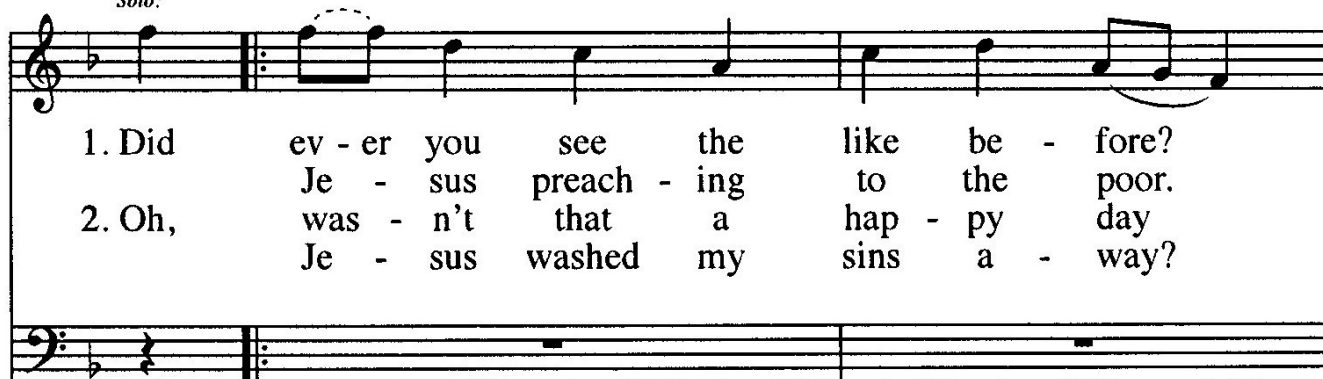
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me. Oh,

I know the Lord, I know the Lord,

I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.

Verses

Solo:



1. Did ev - er you see the like be - fore?
Je - sus preach - ing to the poor.
2. Oh, was - n't that a hap - py day
Je - sus washed my sins a - way?

All:



1. I know the Lord has laid his hands on me, King
2. I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.
D.C. I know the Lord has laid his hands on me, When
I know the Lord has laid his hands on me.

Text: Negro Spiritual

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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*)

ELPC Gratitude Retreat at Villa Maria Retreat Center

Mark your calendars now for November 17-19 and plan on joining us for a time of rest, reflection, prayer, conversation, and giving thanks at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Pulaski, Pennsylvania.

Keep a look out for more details!

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).

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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.

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.

Church Tower Tour – July 23

Tim VanFleet will guide a tour of the church tower on Sunday, July 23 after the 10 am service. Please wear closed-toe shoes and gather in the Highland Lobby to participate.

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.



PW Hosts Diaper Drive – July 30

Presbyterian Women will host a *Diaper Drive* at the Highland Ave entrance on Sunday, July 30 following our 10 am worship, until 12:30 pm. Sizes 5 and 6 are most needed. For more info, contact PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

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