

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

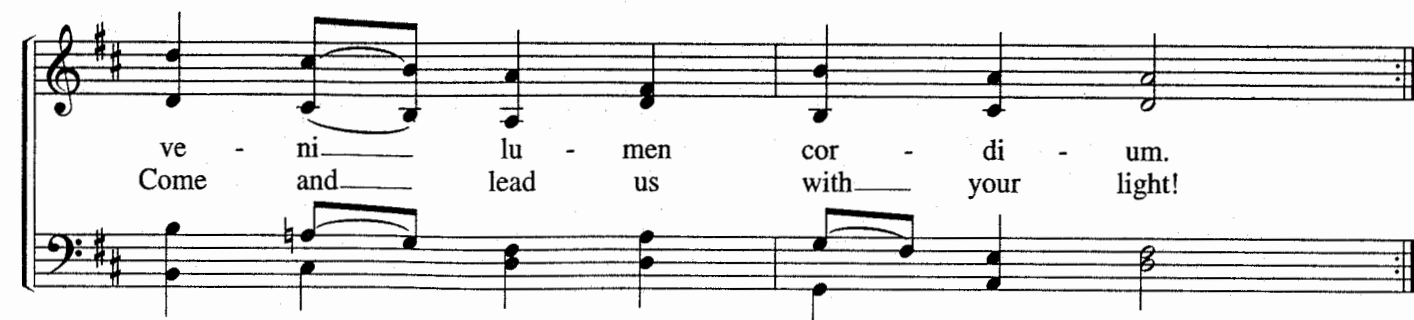
NB27 Come, Holy Spirit, Comforter



O Ve - ni Cre - a - tor Spi - ri - tus.
Come Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er.



O Ve - ni lu - men cor - di - um,
Come Cre - a - tor Spir - it! Come!



ve - ni lu - men cor - di - um.
Come and lead us with your light!

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CLM36 Lord, You Are Living Water



Tu sei sor - gen - te vi - va, tu sei fuo - co, sei ca - ri - tà.
Lord, you are liv - ing wa - ter, you are light and fire, you are love.



Vie - ni Spi - ri - to San - to, vie - ni Spi - ri - to San - to.
Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come, O Ho - ly Spir - it.

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Psalm 119:81-96 (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 1

Soprano ad lib.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor



Al - le - lu - ia.

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O, how I love your friendship!
I walk with you wherever I go.
Your love is the life-giving force of creation,
Imbue us with your living rays of peace and joy.

ALLELUIA

For, as we surrender ourselves
To your living presence,
We will be filled with the radiance of love.

ALLELUIA

As we open our hearts to the spiritual life,
We will be filled with wisdom and freedom,
Ready to serve.
O, how glorious are the ways of the Spirit!
How wondrous are your works!

ALLELUIA

The path of love is sure,
Unhurried and filled with mystery.
How sweet are your words to my taste,
Sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Through your mind I receive understanding;
I no longer take pleasure in my former ways.

ALLELUIA

Yes, your truth is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.
You give me strength as I descend
Into the inner sanctum,
To uncover the hidden blessings,
To seek the treasures of the Spirit.

ALLELUIA

When I am filled with fear,
I meditate upon your light.
I yearn to have every doubt and fear
Quelled and transformed;
O, heart of all hearts,
Bless me with your healing light,
That I may be a loving presence.

ALLELUIA

Though the ignorant lay snares for me,
Let me not stray from you.
Your word is my heritage forever;
Yes, it is the joy of my heart.
I shall open my heart's ear
To converse with you forever, to the end.

ALLELUIA



The Word/Meditation: Romans 15:2-6 *(The Inclusive Bible translation)*

We should be attentive to our neighbors and encourage them to become stronger. For Christ was not self-serving, as it says in scripture “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.” Everything written before our time was written for our instruction, that we might derive hope from the lessons of patience and the words of encouragement in the scriptures.

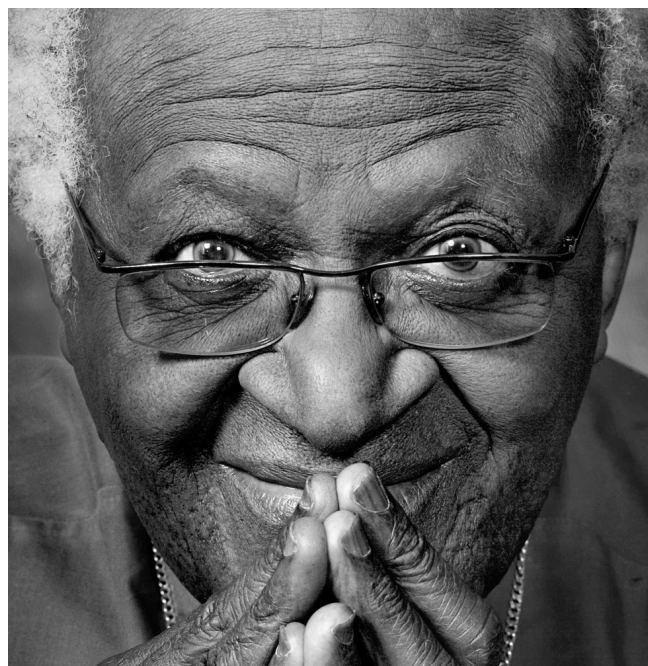
May God, the source of all strength and encouragement, enable you to live in perfect harmony with one another according to the Spirit of Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and one voice, you may praise the God of our Savior Jesus Christ.

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

Words from Saints and Ancestors

If we could but recognize our common humanity, that we do belong together, that our destinies are bound up in one another's, that we can be free only together, that we can be human only together, then a glorious world would come into being where all of us lived harmoniously together as members of one family, the human family.

— Desmond Tutu (1931–2021)
*a South African Anglican bishop and theologian,
known for his work as an
anti-apartheid and human rights activist*



31 Give To Us Your Peace

♩ = 72

mp Am C Dm ESUS E

Do - na no - bis pa - cem Do - mi - ne.
Give to us your peace, O Je - sus Christ.

mp

Prayers for the Church *(The Rev. Emily Swan, from "A Rhythm of Prayer")*

Sung Response: NB42 Kyrie 12



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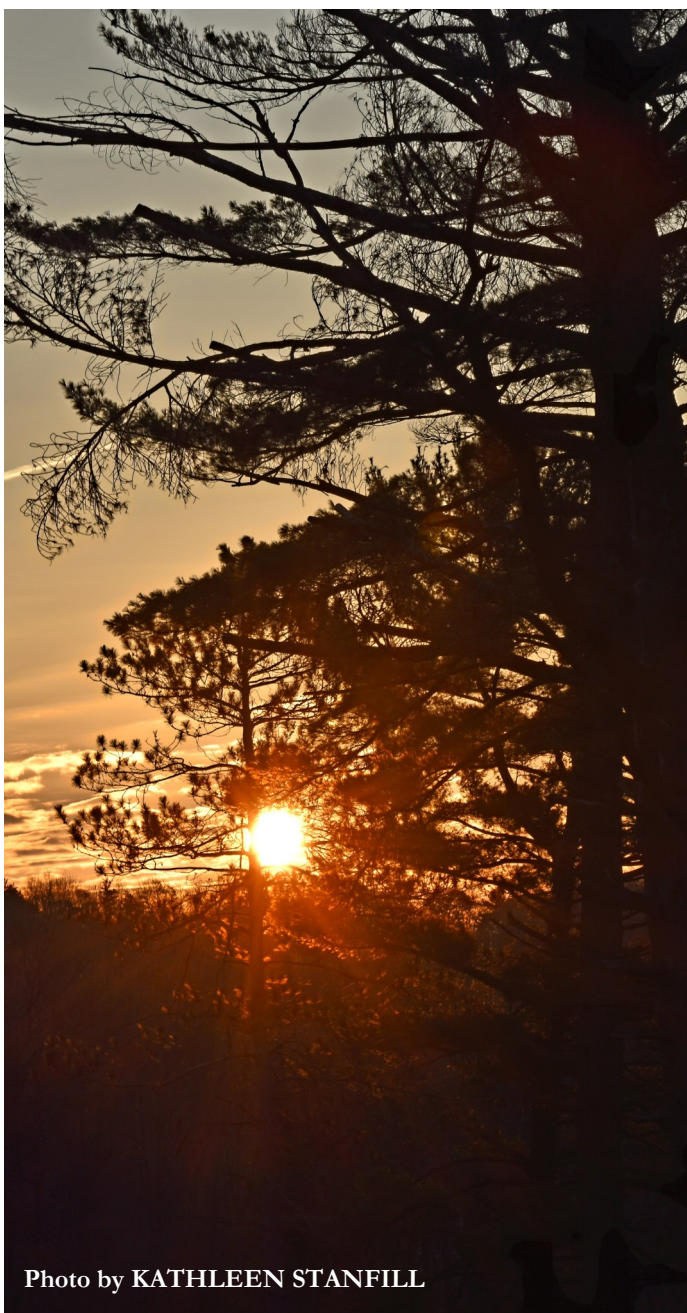


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Spirit of Jesus, come with fire that refines, water that refreshes, wind that topples, breath that fills.

KYRIE

Kindle a global revival of empathy, justice, and active peacemaking. Berth a witness of love that is bigger and better than we inherited.

KYRIE

Liberate us from privilege and oppression. Unshackle the gospel from nationalism, colonialism, white supremacy, and every other lens that shrouds the Good News.

KYRIE

Give us an abundance of grace for others and ourselves. Grant us compassion for those who suffer.

KYRIE

Free us from the influence of money, power, and acclaim. Restore our reputation for caring for the poor, loving our neighbors, being ambassadors for peace and stewards of the earth.

KYRIE

Unlock the immense resources hoarded in the western church and release them for your name's sake.

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 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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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.



NB24 Holy Spirit, Come To Us

Sheet music for the hymn "Holy Spirit, Come To Us" (NB24). The music is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

The first system of music includes the following lyrics:

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus, tu - i a - mo - ris i - gnem ac - cen - de.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

The second system of music includes the following lyrics:

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

CLM33 O Lord, You Hold And Protect Me

Sei - gneur, tu gar - des mon â - me; Ô Dieu, tu con - nais mon
O Lord, you hold and pro - tect me; you know all my heart's de -

cœur. Con - dui - moi sur le che - min d'é - ter - ni - té, con - dui -
sire. Guide my steps a - long the ev - er - last - ing way, guide my

moi sur le che - min d'é - ter - ni - té. Sei -
steps a - long the ev - er - last - ing way. O

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* Prayer Of St. Francis

Sebastian Temple

Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace.
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace.
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace.

Where there is ha-tred,
Where there's de-spair in
It is in par-don-



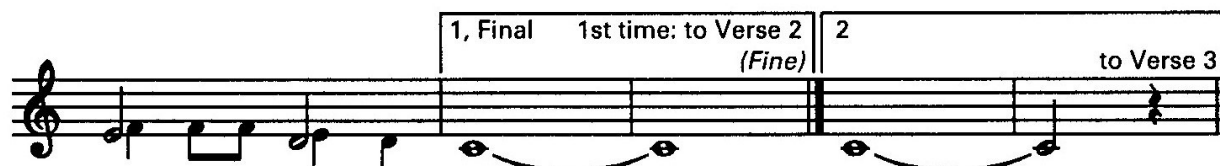
1. let me bring your love. _____
2. life, let me bring hope. _____
4. ing that we are par-doned, _____

Where there is in - ju -
Where there is dark-ness _
In giv - ing of our -



1. ry, your par-don, Lord,
2. _____ on - ly light,
4. selves that we re - ceive,

And where there's doubt, true
And where there's sad - ness
And in dy - ing that we're



1. faith in you.
2. ev - er
4. born to e - ter - nal life.

2. joy.

Verse 3



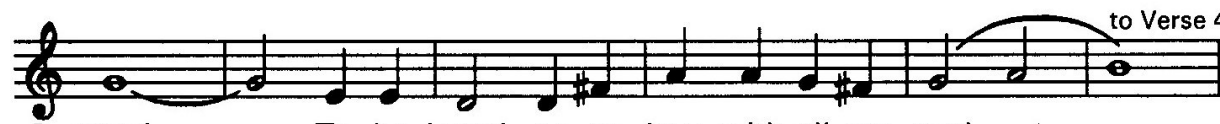
3. O Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek

So much to be con -



3. soled, as to con-sole,

To be un-der-stood, as to un-der-



3. stand,

To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

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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).

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).

He can be reached at:

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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.

Worshipping with Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee – July 30+Aug 6

We're pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee as our special guest preacher on Sundays, July 30 and Aug 6.

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.

Environmental Team Book Study – Aug 3

For their next session, the Environmental Team of the Justice Committee has selected two fiction books: *Waste Tide* by Chen Quifan and *Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinback. Feel free to read one or both! And plan on joining us to discuss them on Thursday, Aug 3 at 7 pm in the Courtyard. Come at 6:30 pm for some time to socialize. Penn Hackney will lead our discussion of *Waste Tide*, and Sally Jo Snyder will lead our discussion of *Grapes of Wrath*. For more info, please contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

LGBTQIA+ Ministry – Aug 20

You are invited to attend our LGBTQIA+ Ministry's next Spiritual Gathering on Sunday, Aug 20 after worship. Join us and share conversation and lunch. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcome! Contact Wil Forrest to attend or for more info (Wil@coh.net).

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