

TAIZÉ

PRAYERFUL SONG AND QUIET MEDITATION



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**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

42 Come And Pray In Us

Canon

♩ = 89

(A) Cm G Cm Fm G (B)

Come and pray in us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and pray in us,
Vie - ni, Spi - ri - to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni,

(C) (D)

come and vis - it us, Ho - ly Spir - it, Spir - it, come, Spir - it come.
vie - ni, Spi - ri - to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni!

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49 Live In Charity

F C Dm B♭ D G C ,

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

F C Dm Gm C 3 F

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

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Psalm 119:97-112 (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 18



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When I meditate upon your Light,
My heart opens with compassion for all life.
This is how the veil is lifted,
How the soul is filled with truth and light.

ALLELUIA

Then we will not judge others,
And we will radiate love and healing
To the world.
For as we develop the capacity to bless others,
We will lighten the fears in the world.

ALLELUIA

Uphold us according to your Promise,
That we may love;
Let not fear and illusions find a home in us.
Even should we go astray
And wander far from you,
You will ever love us.

ALLELUIA

We have only to return to you
And acknowledge our regret;
And you forgive us, refreshing our souls.
O friends, let us sing praises before such a gift,
Before such all-enfolding Love,
Wisdom and Power!

ALLELUIA

O, that my soul would live
From its innermost Being,
And give witness to truth
In thought, word and deed!
For, only then will I see the glorious vision
And hear the Voice of the Beloved.

ALLELUIA

Teach me the way of discernment
That I make choices with integrity.
In your steadfast Love,
May I know the joy of responsibility
For all my deeds.
Give me courage for all the trials, testings,
And training as I choose the spiritual life.

ALLELUIA



The Word/Meditation: Ephesians 1:17-21 *(The Inclusive Bible translation)*

I pray that the God of our Savior Jesus Christ, the God of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation, to bring you to a rich knowledge of the Creator.

I pray that God will enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see the hope this call holds for you — the promised glories that God's holy ones will inherit, and the infinitely great power that is exercised for us who believe. You can tell this from the strength of God's power at work in Jesus, the power used to raise Christ from the dead and to seat Christ in heaven at God's right hand, far above every sovereignty, authority, power or dominion, and above any other name that can be named — not only in this age, but also in the age to come.

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

Words from Saints and Ancestors

Give us the strength to seek,
you who have given the desire.
And when the strength is sufficient,
add to the desire, that which you have given.
May we always remember you, understand you,
and love you until we,
faithfully remember you,
prudently understand you,
and truthfully love you.

— *William of St. Thierry (1080–1148)*
a twelfth century French,
Benedictine, theologian and mystic



36 The Lord Is My Light

Calmly (♩ = 66)

(A1) Dm G (A2) (B1) (B2) fine

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

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

Sung Response: 20 O Lord, Hear My Prayer (1st verse only)

♩ = 72

Em C⁶ D G C Am⁶ B

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O

Em C⁶ D G⁶ Am B Em *fine*

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O *fine*

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Encourage us, so we do not grow cynical, isolated, and burned out. Fan our hopes, our joys, and our connections. Allow us to rest when we need to rest.

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

Enable us to see you in each person we encounter. Show us mercy, in our humanity.

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

Let us love more fully than we thought possible. Let us not be quick on the draw, ready to retaliate, escalate, assassinate.

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

Let our collective fervor for justice eclipse institutional concerns. Let us trust and follow the wisdom of those who have been marginalized.

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

Let us persevere in creating safe places of worship to eat bread and drink wine together.

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER



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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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.



* Oh, Lord, the Night is Upon Us

Gerard Rohlf

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♩=60 Cm Eb F Fm Bb Bb Bb7 Eb G ,

O Lord, the night is__ up - on us.__ Dim the path lies beck-on-ing be- fore.__

5 Cm Cm7 F(sus4) F7 Bb7 Eb Fm Abmaj7 Ab6 G(sus4) G G7

We can but es-pouse Your pre-cious Name. We em-brace the hush as we ad- ore.__

(Whispering Tone. . .)

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 - fi - 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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29 Nothing Can Trouble

$\text{♩} = 72$ Am p Dm⁷ G Em/C 1. F mf Dm⁶
 Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne
 Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

E Am f 2. F Dm⁶ E Am
 na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
 nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

p mf f

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Closing Prayer

(from “Seven Sacred Pauses: Living Mindfully Through the Hours of the Day”)

Leader: Now as day comes to an end, gently dance us out of this day into the arms of night.

People: Give us peaceful rest.

Leader: Let the stardust of your love descend on us throughout this night.

People: O Mysterious Beauty, you are an ancient melody in our lives.

Leader: Your music lingers in our souls, lulling us to sleep peacefully in the shadow of your wings.

People: O Dancer of the Distant Stars, we are part of your Starlight.

Leader: Renew us and restore us as we sleep.

People: May all your creatures have a good night.

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:

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.

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).

Mission Board Film Series – Aug 6 and 13

The ELPC Mission Board invites you to this year's summer film series. Join us following worship on Sundays, Aug 6 and 13 in the Social Hall. A light lunch will be provided.

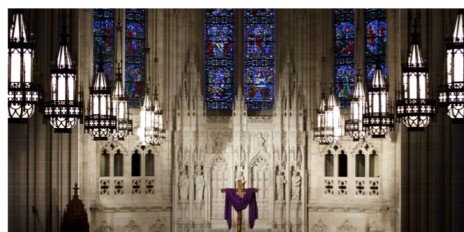
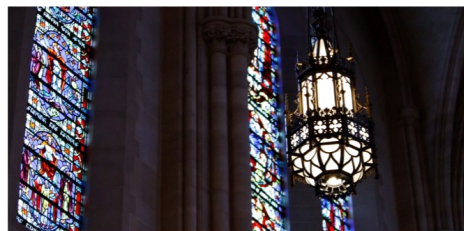
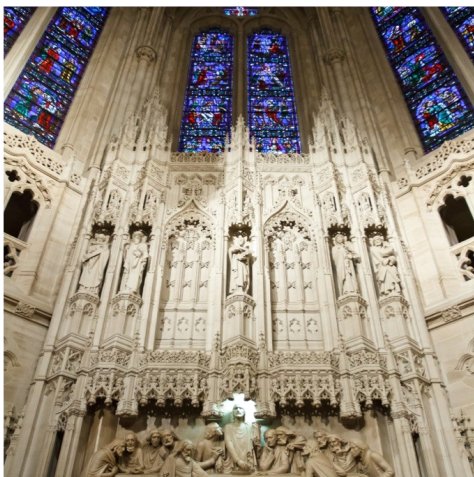
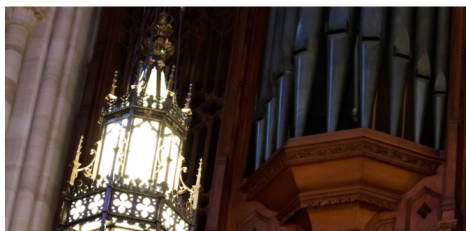
The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee will host a screening of and discussion on the film *The Human Element* on Aug 6. In the film, National Geographic photographer James Balog takes us through a journey of the “four elements”—water, air, fire, and earth—to see how we've modified the natural world around us, and in turn, how we're making life for ourselves harder in the process. Email Nancy Heastings for more info (n.heastings@comcast.net).

On Aug 13, The Justice Committee will host a screening of the documentary *My Name is Pauli Murray*. Pauli Murray was a writer, activist, legal theorist, and episcopal priest, and was involved in articulating key legal arguments of the Civil Rights Movement. Born Anne Pauline Murray in 1910, they changed their birth name to “Pauli” in the 1930s, a groundbreaking challenge at that time. In 1977, Murray became the first African American woman in the U.S. to become an Episcopal priest. Murray died of cancer in 1985. Contact Carol Chonoska for more details (carolchonoska@gmail.com).

Worshiping with Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee – Aug 6

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



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:

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To contact Taizé:	community@taize.fr
To visit Taizé:	meetings@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).