

TAIZÉ:

Prayerful Song & 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. John Titus

NB29 O Come And Let Us Sing To God

Ve - ni - te, e - xul - te - mus Do - mi - no, ve -
O come and let us sing to God, — our hope. God's

ni - te, a - do - re - mus. Ve - ni - te, e - xul - te - mus
mer - cy is for ev - er. O come and let us sing to

Do - mi - no, ve - ni - te, a - do - re - mus. Ve -
God, — our hope. God's mer - cy is for ev - er. O

Last time

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NB32 Your Word, O Lord

First system of the musical score. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 -

Second system of the musical score. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The time signature changes to 3/4 for the first measure, then back to 4/4, and finally to 3/4 for the last measure.

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 -

Third system of the musical score. It concludes the piece. The time signature is 3/4. The melody ends with a final note. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

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Psalm 119:129-144 (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 17



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Wander no longer
In the storms of ignorance and fear;
For the bonds of darkness will disappear
As you enter the new dawn of Light!

ALLELUIA

Hold tightly to the hand of faith
For strength through deep valleys;
Learn to trust in the One,
Who is ever your companion and guide.

ALLELUIA

Be not afraid of Love's touch,
The Fire that consumes all dross;
For Love is the great transformer,
Burning away false ways of the past,
And filling the heart with Light.

ALLELUIA

Awaken to the Indwelling Presence
Of the Beloved!
Envision the beauty
That Love brings forth!

ALLELUIA

When faced with slow progress,
And seemingly endless delays,
You enfold me in your patient Heart.

ALLELUIA

Let me recognize
Your perfect timing in all things,
The fullness of your providence.

ALLELUIA



The Word/Meditation: Philippians 1:9-11 *(The Inclusive Bible translation)*

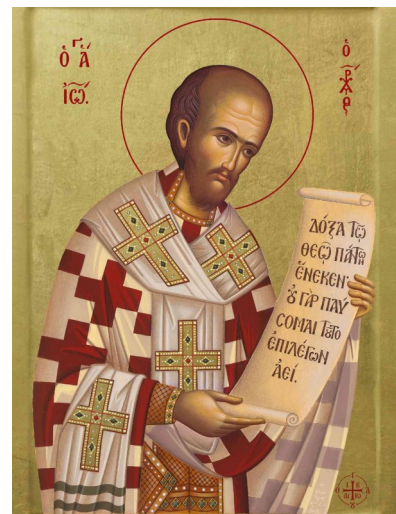
May your love abound more and more, both in understanding and in wealth of experience, so that with a clear conscience and blameless conduct you may learn to value the things that really matter, up to the very day of Christ. It's my wish that you be found rich in the harvest of justice which Jesus Christ has ripened in you, to the glory and praise of God.

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

Words from Saints and Ancestors

Where there is love, there is great security and God's great blessing. Love is the mother of all blessings, their root and source... love and harmony produce peace and unanimity, and where there is peace and unanimity, all in life is safe and secure... Love brings us heaven and unspeakable goods; it is the queen of virtues.

— *St. John of Chrysostom (347-407)*
an Early Church Father who served as archbishop of Constantinople



NB25 Where There Is Charity

U - bi - ca - ri - tas et - a - mor,
Where there is char - i - ty, self - less love,

u - bi - ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
where there is char - i - ty, God is tru - ly there.

Prayers of Intercession

Sung Response: NB58 Psalm 62: In You Our Hearts Find Rest

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second system also ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign, with the words 'Last time' written above the final notes.

In you, our hearts find rest, and peace - ful glad - ness. In
En tout, la paix du cœur, la joie se - rei - ne. En

you, our hearts find rest, and peace - ful glad - ness.
tout, la paix du cœur, la joie se - rei - ne. Last time

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God, who is Love, may your love increase in each of us, may we comprehend its depths and experience it in heart, body, mind, soul, and strength all the days of our lives.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

We pray for those who are lonely, shut in and disconnected from the regular love and companionship of others. Draw near to them, comfort them, and may your love abound in them more and more in knowledge and experience.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

We pray for those who are incarcerated, for those living out sentences, and those awaiting trial or bail. Let your spirit of peace and comfort be upon them and may your love abound in them more and more in knowledge and experience.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

We pray for those who have experienced the brokenness of a loved relationship and are estranged from family members, friends, co-workers. Strengthen them in your love that they may know reconciliation and restoration and may your love abound in them more and more in knowledge and experience.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

We pray for all of creation, for plants, trees, insects, and animals, for rivers, lakes and seas; for all who work the land, care for creation, grow our food and may your love abound in them and us more and more in knowledge and experience.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

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

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.

CLM30 Nothing Can Ever

Th - 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.
O O

(Last time ♪)

(Last time ♪)

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34 Spirit Of Christ Jesus

$\text{♩} = 58$ B \flat A Dm C F
Spi - ri - tus Je - su Chri - sti, Spi - ri - tus ca - ri - ta - tis, con -
Spir - it of Christ Je - sus, Spir - it of lov - ing kind - ness, con -
fir - met cor - tu - um; con - fir - met cor - tu - um.
firm your heart and keep it; con - firm your heart and keep it.

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* Order My Steps


1. Or - der my steps in your word, dear Lord,
 2. Hum-bly I ask thee, teach me your will.
 3. Bri - dle my tongue, let my words ed - i - fy, Let the

Lead me, guide me, ev - er - y day.
 While you are work - ing, help me be still. Though
 words of my mouth be ac - cept-a-ble in thy sight. Take

Send your a - noint - ing, Fa - ther, I pray.
 Sa - tan is bus - y, God is real!
 charge of my thoughts, both day and night.

Or - der my steps in your word. Please,

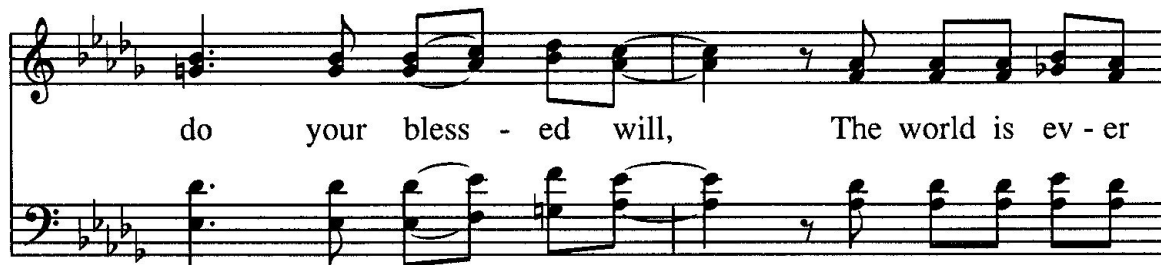
1. or - der my steps in your word. 2. word. I want to walk



wor - thy. My call - ing to ful - fill.



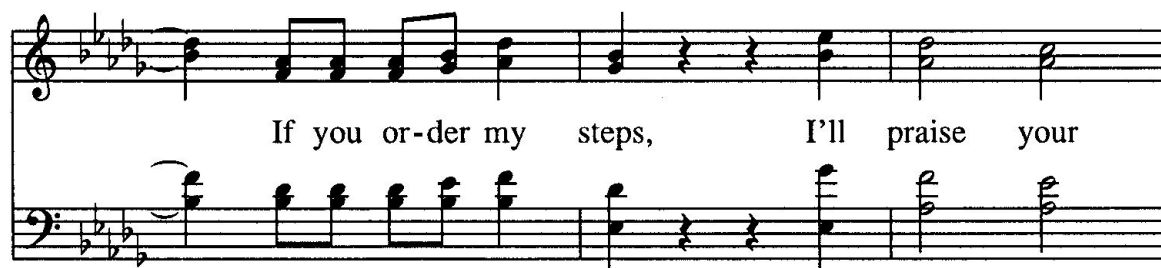
Please or - der my steps, Lord, And I'll



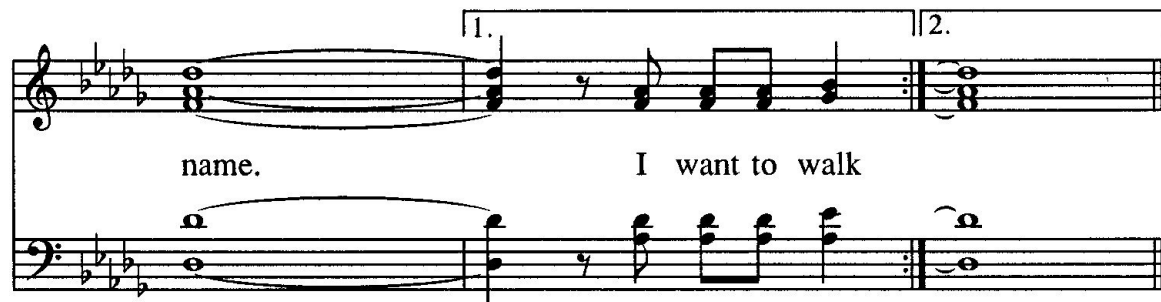
do your bless - ed will, The world is ev - er



chang - ing, but you are still the same.



If you or - der my steps, I'll praise your



name. I want to walk

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).

Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17

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

Instead of JourneyDance gathering in the ELPC Sanctuary on Friday, Aug 18 from 7-8:30 pm, please join Yamuna that evening at the Allegheny River Trail Park to dance in community to live music outdoors by Buffalo Rose. Contact Yamuna Morgenstern for more info (domorgens@gmail.com). JourneyDance will return to the Sanctuary from 7-8:30 pm on Friday, Sept 15.

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.

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.

Church Tour – Aug 20

On Sunday, Aug 20, Steve Evrard will guide a tour of the church tower. Please wear closed-toe shoes to participate in the tower tour. Gather in the Highland Lobby after the 10 am worship service to join either tour.

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).

Ice Cream Social Hour & New Member Reception – Aug 20

The Membership & Outreach Committee invite you to join them in the Narthex next Sunday, Aug 20 after the 10 am worship service for ice cream sundaes and to say hello to some of our congregation's new members.

Mission Board Film Series – Aug 20

Join us following worship on Sunday, Aug 20 in the Social Hall when the Peace Committee will host a screening of *42: The Jackie Robinson Story*. With Chadwick Boseman starring as Jackie Robinson and Harrison Ford as Branch Rickey, *42* tells the dramatic story of their breaking the color barrier in major league baseball. A light lunch will be provided. Email Russ Walker for details (rw1k@andrew.cmu.edu).