



TAIZÉ:

PRAYERFUL SONG AND
QUIET MEDITATION



**East Liberty
Presbyterian Church**

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Pittsburgh, PA 15206

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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 Emily Cowser

CLM37 O Come And Let Us Sing To God

Ve - ni - te, ex - ul - te - mus Do - mi - no, ve - ni - te, a - do - re - mus.
O come and let us sing to God, our hope. God's mer - cy is for - ev - er.

(*Last time*)
Ve - ni - te, ex - ul - te - mus Do - mi - no, ve - ni - te, a - do - re - mus. Ve -
O come and let us sing to God, our hope. God's mer - cy is for - ev - er. O

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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.

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Psalm 39 (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: 1 Alleluia 4

♩ = 66



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I prayed, "Be thou my voice,
That I may not err with my tongue;
I will remain mute,
So long as my fears assail me."

ALLELUIA

I was silent in my ignorance,
I held my peace to no avail;
My distress grew worse,
My heart burned within me.
As I mused, the fire burned;
Finally, I spoke with my tongue.

ALLELUIA

O Loving Presence, you are with us to the end,
Whatever the measure of our days;
Our life passes by as the blinking of an eye!
For the gift of life fades too soon away,
Yet how precious are we in your sight!

ALLELUIA

Surely your plan for us
Is written on our hearts!
Surely your angels stand ready
To guide us on our way!
Surely there is nothing to fear,
For you abide within us;
You await patiently for us
To awaken to your love.

ALLELUIA

And now, O Loving Friend, for what do I wait?
My hope is in your guidance.
Forgive me for all my mistakes;
Let me not walk in ignorance!

ALLELUIA

I stand silent before you, I hold my tongue;
To you I turn in repentance.
Remove the blemishes from my heart;
For I am weary of guilt.
When you blot out the darkness of sin,
Burning it with refining fire,
Surely, I am made new, redeemed by your love!

ALLELUIA

Hear my prayer, O Listening Heart,
Give ear to my cry;
Wash away my tears with your peace!
For I am but a passing guest,
A sojourner on this earth as in all generations.

ALLELUIA

Look upon me with mercy,
That I may know the joy
Of living in the realm of love,
Now and in the life to come.
Amen.

ALLELUIA

The Word/Meditation: The Wisdom of Proverbs (10:19; 17:28; 21:23)

Many words make for many sins; few words make for sound judgment. When fools hold their tongue, they can pass for wise; when they shut their mouths, they can pass for clever. When we control our mouth and our tongue, we keep ourselves out of trouble.

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

Words from Saints and Ancestors

When the door of the steam bath is continually left open, the heat inside rapidly escapes through it; likewise the soul, in its desire to say many things, dissipates its remembrance of God through the door of speech, even though everything it says may be good... Timely silence, then, is precious, for it is nothing less than the mother of the wisest thoughts.

— *Diadochus of Photiki (400-486)*

a fifth-century Eastern ascetic, who had a great influence on later Byzantine ascetics like Maximos the Confessor, John Climacus, Symeon the New Theologian, and the Hesychast movement of the 14th century

NB32 Your Word, O Lord

First system of musical notation for 'Your Word, O Lord'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time. The melody is in G major. The lyrics are: '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 musical notation. It continues the melody from the first system. The lyrics are: '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 musical notation, ending with a double bar line and a 'Last time' marking. The lyrics are: 'Lord, my — God, en - light - en my dark - ness. Your gneur, mon — Dieu, é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. C'est'.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It features two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The tempo is marked as ♩ = 72. Chords are indicated above the staff: Em, C⁶, D, G, C, Am⁶, and B. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O". The second system continues with chords Em, C⁶, D, G⁶, Am, B, and Em, marked with a "fine" symbol. The lyrics are: "Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O".

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We bring you the Church, weak in service,
wavering in faith, dwindling in numbers, fearful
in outreach. Strengthen us, good Lord!

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

We bring you the world, strained and stressed
out, broken by war, poverty, and selfishness,
discouraged by evil, distressed by violence.
Strengthen us, good Lord!

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

We bring you our friends and family, in
loneliness and in heartache, in weariness and in
want, in fear and anxiety. Strengthen us, good
Lord!

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

We bring you the sick and the suffering, the
pained and the despairing, the forsaken and the
betrayed. Strengthen us, good Lord!

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 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.



9 Bless The Lord

♩ = 76

p Dm G Dm B \flat C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name. _____

p Dm G Dm B \flat C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

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 ♪)

(Last time ♪)

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SEEKING RENEWAL IN PRAYER

In order to view our lives, other people and the world in a new way, a personal step is needed. This takes place in the depths of our being, when we welcome into our existence the kindly presence of God. It involves an inner change of direction, which the Gospel calls conversion and which leads us to welcome God's consolation and to love more and more.

We can all look for times and places to find an inner silence, to open a space of listening, and to discover a communion with God. Jesus already invited his friends to do this: "When you pray, go into your room and close the door, to pray to your Father who is there in secret" (Matthew 6:6).

Today, this invitation seems to go somewhat against the stream. We are going through a time when things are becoming much more polarized and when divisions are growing in our societies, sometimes even in Churches and in families. In this context, noise and lies seem to drown out the silent inner developments that require time.

That is why prayer is all the more essential: it is a source of hope, a road to serenity; it makes us able to keep the doors of dialogue open, even with those who are opposed to us or who come from other horizons than we do.

— Brother Alois of Taizé



* I'm So Glad

1. I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad

The first system of musical notation for 'I'm So Glad' consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics '1. I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad' are written below the treble staff.

Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me,
I'm glad that

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics 'Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me, I'm glad that' are written below the treble staff.

sing-in' Glo-ry, Hal-le-lu-jah, Je-sus lift-ed me!

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics 'sing-in' Glo-ry, Hal-le-lu-jah, Je-sus lift-ed me!' are written below the treble staff.

2. Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me...

3. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me...

Text: African American traditional

Tune: African American traditional; arr. by Evelyn Simpson-Curenton, b.1953, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

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Closing Unison Prayer

May the Creator who brings order out of chaos, give us peace.

May the Redeemer who stills the raging storms, give us peace.

May the Sustainer who hovers over the deep, give us peace.

In all of God's holy names, may each of us go in peace this night and forevermore!

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS

Contemplative Prayer

Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead a time on Zoom of 30 minutes of communal silence and guided meditation on scripture. We will meditate on the Psalms, using the translation *Psalms for Praying* by Nan C. Merrill.

Mondays, 7:30 to 8 am

Meeting ID: 959 8065 3992

Passcode: bestill

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).

Oct 20, Nov 17, 7:00-8:30 pm (*note new time*)

Dinner and a Film – Oct 27

On Friday, Oct 27 from 5:30-8 pm, the Spiritual Life and Justice Committees invite you to an evening of fellowship, food, and formation around the ancient practice of *Sabbath*. We will gather for a simple meal together and then view the 2-hour documentary, *SABBATH: An Ancient Practice Meets the Modern World*. The film is told as a collection of short stories, exploring the history of one of the world's most important spiritual practices and its timeless relevance for a stressed-out, modern world. RSVP to Norma by Oct 22 (412.441.3800 x211).

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. RSVP to Norma by Sunday, Nov 5 (412.441.3800 x211). Cost options:

1. Friday-Saturday Shared Bath | \$70
2. Friday-Saturday Private Bath | \$110
3. Friday-Sunday Shared Bath | \$85
4. Friday-Sunday Private Bath | \$135

ELPC EVENTS

All Connections Potluck Lunch – Oct 15

Join the *Connections Group* for a potluck lunch on Sunday, Oct 15 at 12:15 pm in the Music Room. Sign up online at tiny.cc/connections-potluck to indicate what food you can bring. Please contact connectelpc@gmail.com for more info.

Volunteer Opportunity: Amen to Action – Oct 28

On Saturday, Oct 28, ELPC will be participating in packing food boxes for distribution throughout Allegheny County by the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. The event will be held at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N Highland Ave, 15206) from 8 am to Noon. This event is ideal for adults and families with children. Please register with the ELPC volunteer group by using this link: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CADAA2EAAFCCF8-amen.

EECM Coat Drive – through Oct 13

You can help those in need by donating new or gently used winter coats to the *EECM Coat Drive*. Drop off new coats (with tags), and gently used coats, by Oct 13 at East End Cooperative Ministry (6140 Station Street, 15206, Entrance A) or at Highmark Whole Care (6033 Broad St, 15206).

You can also drop off used winter coats at StrongII Dry Cleaners (7620 Frankstown Ave, 15208) from Sept 5 to Oct 13 to have them cleaned for free.

StrongII will deliver the cleaned coats directly to EECM. Drop off the used coats in plastic bags and tell the clerk that they are for the *EECM Coat Drive*. Visit www.eecm.org for more info.

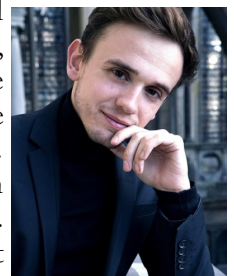
Updates on Our Community Partners – Oct 22

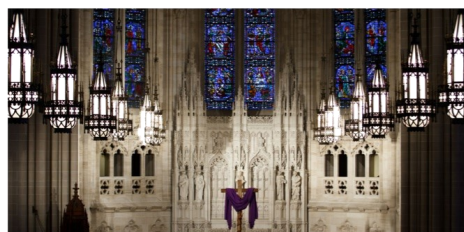
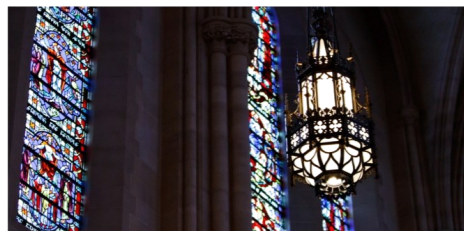
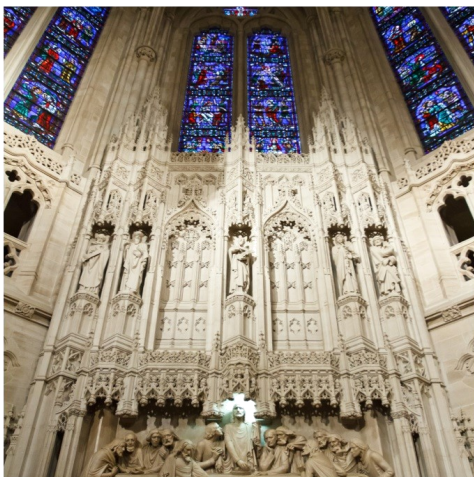
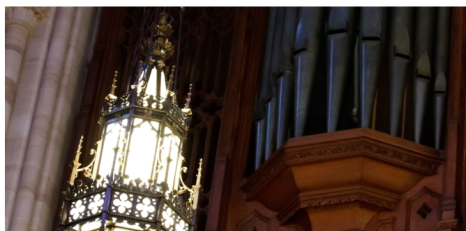
Join the ELPC Neighbors Committee in the Social Hall on Sunday, Oct 22 after 11 am worship as we welcome representatives from our community mission partners East Liberty Development, Inc., and Open Hand Ministries, as they give updates on their important work and ministries in the East End. A light lunch will be served.

Thomas Ospital to Perform at ELPC – Oct 27

ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series will kick off its 13th season on Friday, Oct 27 at 7:30 pm with a performance by organist Thomas Ospital from the Church of Saint-Eustache in Paris. The concert will be co-presented with the Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh. Tickets are free for ELPC. Contact Dr. Ed Moore (EdM@coh.net).

Download the brochure for the 13th season of *Cathedral Concerts* at <http://tiny.cc/elpcconcerts>.





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
Telephone:	011-33 385 50 30 02 Fax: 011-33 385 50 30 16

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.)*

ELPC Web site: www.ELPC.church
E-mail: BJW@coh.net

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).