

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. John Titus

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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CLM14 Christ, You Are Light

Chri - ste, lux mun - di, qui se - qui - tur — te ha -
Christ, you are light — for — those who fol - low you. You

be - bit lu - men vi - tae, lu - men vi - tae.
come to bring to all the light — of life.

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Psalm 18:25-40 (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 8



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Those who love truth will see your light;
Those who walk in justice will see your mercy;
Those who live with integrity
Will see you in all they meet.

ALLELUIA

But those whose path is crooked,
Who walk on the low road,
Will live in the shadows of fear.
The humble are always close to you,
The haughty too distracted to see,
Will one day fall.

ALLELUIA

Yes, you are the Light of my life;
You shine through my darkness.
Yes, with you I can do all things:
And my spirit soars like an eagle.

ALLELUIA

Your ways lead to wholeness,
O Loving Presence;
Your word in me is life;
How tenderly you live in my heart!

ALLELUIA

For who is our creator, but the source of Love!
And who is life, except the Divine Presence!
You, who gird me with strength,
And lead me in the way of Truth.

ALLELUIA

You make my feet like hinds' feet,
And set me secure on the heights.
You teach me the way of justice,
That I might speak out against oppression.

ALLELUIA

You give me a hunger for silence,
That I might know the power of prayer,
And you support me in solitude.
You give me freedom to choose
The journey road;
I elect the narrow way.

ALLELUIA

For I pursued my fears and faced them,
And did not run back until I was free.
I saw each one through,
So that they were not able to rise;
They were transformed by love.

ALLELUIA

For you enabled me with strength
To look deep within;
Holding me when fears
Threatened to overwhelm me.

ALLELUIA

The Word/Meditation: The Wisdom of Proverbs (11:2; 18:12; 22:4)

Pride is always accompanied by disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. Prior to hardship a heart may be proud, but honor comes only after one has been humbled. The reward for humility and fear of Yahweh brings wealth, respect and long life.

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

Words from Saints and Ancestors

Humility is an attitude of honesty with God, oneself, and of all reality. It enables us to be at peace in the presence of our powerlessness and to rest in the forgetfulness of self.

— *Thomas Keating (1923-2018)*
an American Catholic monk and
priest of the Order of Cistercians,
known as one of the principal
developers of Centering Prayer



NB9 Christ Of Compassion

O ————— Je - su — Chri - ste in te con - fi - do.
Christ of com - pas - sion, O ————— Lord God, I trust you.

Prayers of Lament & Intercession *(adapted from the Mennonite Church of Canada)*

Sung Response: 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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God of love and justice, our hearts are perplexed, paralyzed, and broken at the recent carnage in Palestine and Israel. We lament the loss of life and the suffering of so many innocent people on both sides. We are shocked at the inhumanity of soldiers and militants, especially when they act in the name of God.

GIVE PEACE TO EVERY HEART

We lament that our prayers for peace seem to go unanswered. We wish you would intervene. We cling to your promise of a different world, but we see so few signs of its fulfillment and in our feeble faith, we declare your desire for life and for peace.

GIVE PEACE TO EVERY HEART

Holy Spirit, strengthen our resolve to advocate for peace, justice, equality, and compassion for all. Don't let us turn our face away.

GIVE PEACE TO EVERY HEART

Comfort all who are overwhelmed with loss—loss of life, loss of homes, loss of safety and security.

GIVE PEACE TO EVERY HEART

God of the vulnerable and the oppressed, neutralize the power of tyrants in their thirst for domination and control. Renew the strength and resolve of leaders committed to nonviolent resistance and change.

GIVE PEACE TO EVERY HEART

God of all nations, guide our own government in responding in ways that support the legitimate rights of all, especially those who are most vulnerable, those who continue to suffer after decades of occupation, dispossession, and denial of basic human rights.

GIVE PEACE TO EVERY HEART

May your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Yours is the kingdom, the power, the glory, now and forever.

GIVE PEACE TO EVERY HEART

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.

CLM19 Peace I Leave You

Frie - den, Frie - den hin - ter - las - se ich euch. _____
Peace I leave you, my— peace I— give. _____

Mei - nen Frie - den ge - be ich euch. Eu - er Herz ver - za - ge nicht.
Let your hearts be free from— fear. My— peace I give to you.

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38 My Soul Is At Rest

A Dm A^{SUS} A Dm C F C Dm A Dm

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

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* Jesus Is A Rock

Refrain

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a

wea - ry land; My Je - sus is a rock in a

wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Verses

1. No man can do like Je - sus, Not a
 2. When Je - sus was on earth, The
 3. Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, Him

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mum-bling word he said; He went walk-ing down to La-
flesh was ver-y weak; 7 He gir-dled him-self with
whom I love so well; 7 He has the palm of vic-

za-rus' grave, And he raised him from the dead.
a tow'l, And washed his dis-ci-ples feet.
to-ry, And the keys of death and Hell.

D.C.

Text: Traditional

Tune: WEARY LAND, 6 6 8 6 with refrain; traditional, arr. by Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, b.1929, ©; administered by 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

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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

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 EVENTS

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>.

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/10C0F4CADAA2EAAFFCCF8-amen.

Worshipping with Rev. Ross-Allam – Oct 29

We are pleased to welcome The Rev. Jermaine Ross-Allam as our guest preacher on Sunday, Oct 29. He is director of the Center for the Repair of Historic Harms at the Presbyterian Mission Agency PC(USA).

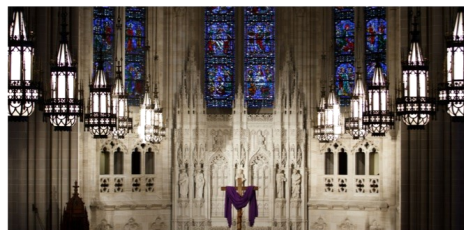
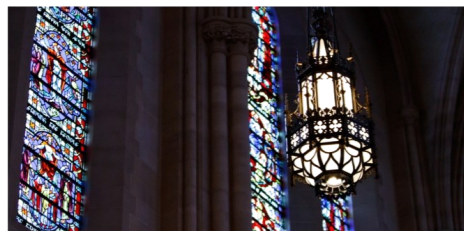
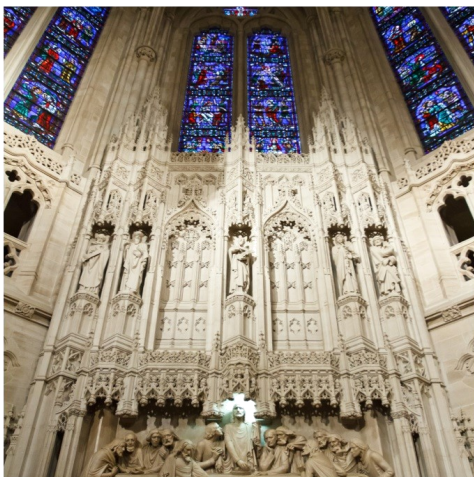
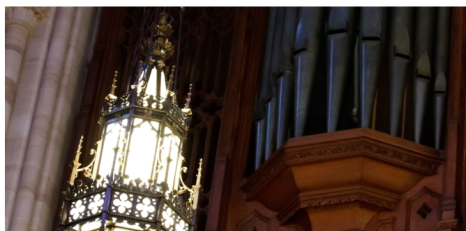
ELPC Gratitude Retreat – Nov 17 to 19

As we approach Thanksgiving, look towards Advent, and ponder the end of 2023, it is a great time to take a weekend in community with others and slow down, reflect, pause, pray and forget not all of God's benefits at a *Gratitude Retreat* at Villa Maria Retreat Center in Pulaski, PA from 6 pm on Friday, Nov 17 to 11 am on Sunday, Nov 19.

The retreat will flow in the simple rhythm of **Stop...Look...Go...** We will gather in prayer and reflection and then scatter for time alone and quiet, in the morning, at noon, and in the evening. Friday night we will STOP, get quiet, be still, and build stop signs in our lives. Saturday we will LOOK, listen, smell, taste, and hear the richness, notice the connections, drink in the beauty, smell the goodness and savor what is being graciously given to us in this moment or season of our life. Then Sunday we will GO! We will ponder what gratitude practices we want to incorporate into our lives so we may stay awake to God's goodness in our everyday ordinary lives.

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

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



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
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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.)*

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).