



# 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. BJ Woodworth**

# \* For The Beauty Of The Earth

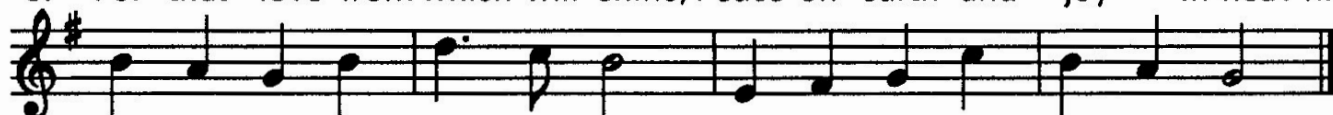
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1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis - ter, par-ent, child,
4. For your Church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly hands a - bove,
5. For Your - self, O Gift Di - vine To our world so free - ly giv'n,



1. For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:
2. Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light:
3. Friends on earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
4. Of-f'ring up on ev - ery shore A pure sac - ri - fice of love:
5. For that love from which will shine, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



1-5. Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Text: 77 77 77; *Lyra Eucharistica*, 1864; Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823-1899.

## NB10 In The Lord

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a -  
 El Se - nyor és la me-va for - ça, el Se-nyor el me-u cant. Ell m'ha es-tat la sal-va-ci-

fraid. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near. In the  
 6. En ell con - fi - o i no tinc por. En ell con - fi - o i no tinc por. El Se -

Last time

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**Psalm 138** (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: CLM3 Alleluia 21**

**Cantor**  
S, A  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, —

**T, B**  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! le - lu - ia!

**D.S.**  
Al - le - lu - ia!

**D.S.**

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I give you thanks, O Blessed One,  
With my whole heart;  
Before all the people I sing your praise;  
I was humbled when I came to see  
That you dwell in me,  
In the sacred chapel of all souls;  
My gratitude knows no bounds!

**ALLELUIA**

For you are the Holy One,  
The Life of our life.  
On the day that I called,  
You answered me;  
The strength of my soul you increased.

**ALLELUIA**

All the leaders of the earth  
Shall one day praise you,  
When your Spirit awakens in every heart;  
And they shall proclaim  
The new dawn of Light and Love.  
Great will be the radiation of your Glory!

**ALLELUIA**

For even as you are the Most High,  
You are Friend to the lowly;  
The arrogant close their hearts  
To your love and guidance.

**ALLELUIA**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
You preserve my life;  
You are a very Presence  
As I face my fears and doubts;  
Your strength upholds me.

**ALLELUIA**

You guide me as I pray  
To fulfill my purpose on earth;  
You do not forsake those who call upon you.  
Your steadfast Love and Truth  
Endures forever.

**ALLELUIA**

## The Word/Meditation: Colossians 2:6-7; 3:15-16

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, *abounding in thanksgiving*. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And *be thankful*. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and *with gratitude in your hearts* sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

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

### Words from Saints and Ancestors

Everything is a gift. The degree to which we are awake to this truth is a measure of our gratefulness, and gratefulness is a measure of our aliveness.

— Brother David Steindl-Rast (1926)  
*an Austrian-American, scholar, and Benedictine monk,  
known to many as the “grandfather of gratitude”*

### CLM16 Whoever Walks In God's Love

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first line of the hymn, and the second system contains the second line. The lyrics are in Spanish and English. The first system ends with a double bar line and a first ending bracket. The second system begins with a second ending bracket, followed by a double bar line and a first ending bracket. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is written in a simple, clear font.

1. ,  
El al - ma que an - da en a - mor, ni can - sa ni se can - sa. El  
Who - ev - er walks in God's love tires no one nor grows wea - ry. Who -

2. (Last time)  
can - sa. O O El  
wea - ry. Who -



## A Litany Of Thanksgiving: Part 1 *(by Howard Thurman)*

### Sung Response: NB42 Kyrie 7



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Today, we make our Sacrament of Thanksgiving. We begin with the simple things of our days: fresh air to breathe, cool water to drink, the taste of food, the protection of houses and clothes, the comforts of home. For all these we make an act of Thanksgiving this day!

#### **KYRIE**

We bring to mind all the warmth of humankind that we have known: mother's arms, the strength of a father, the playmates of childhood, the wonderful stories brought from the lives of many who talked of days gone by when fairies and giants and all kinds of magic held sway.

#### **KYRIE**

We bring to mind all the warmth of humankind that we have known: the tears we've shed, the tears we've have seen; the excitement of laughter and the twinkle in the eye with its reminder that life is good. For all these we make an act of Thanksgiving this day.

#### **KYRIE**

We finger one by one the messages of hope that awaited us at the crossroads: the smile of approval from those who held in their hands the reins of our security; the tightening of the grip in a single handshake when we feared the step before us in the darkness. For all these we make an act of Thanksgiving this day.

#### **KYRIE**

All these and more than mind can think and heart can feel, we make as our sacrament of Thanksgiving to thee, our God, in humbleness of mind and simplicity of heart.

#### **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 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.**



## CLM19 Peace I Leave You

Sheet music for the hymn "CLM19 Peace I Leave You". The music is written in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are in German and English.

**First System:**

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

**Second System:**

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.



CLM20 I Am Sure I Shall See

I am sure I shall see the good - ness of the Lord in the

land of the liv - ing. Yes, I shall see the

good - ness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord. I am

(Last time ☺)

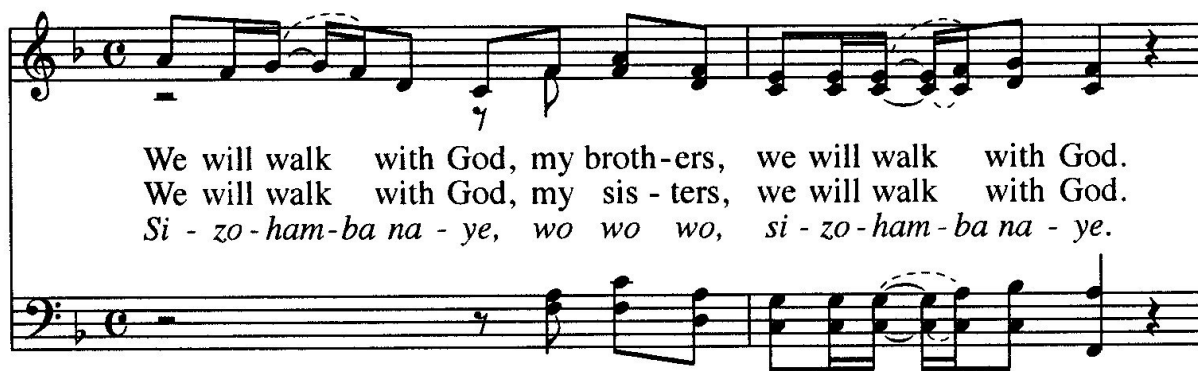
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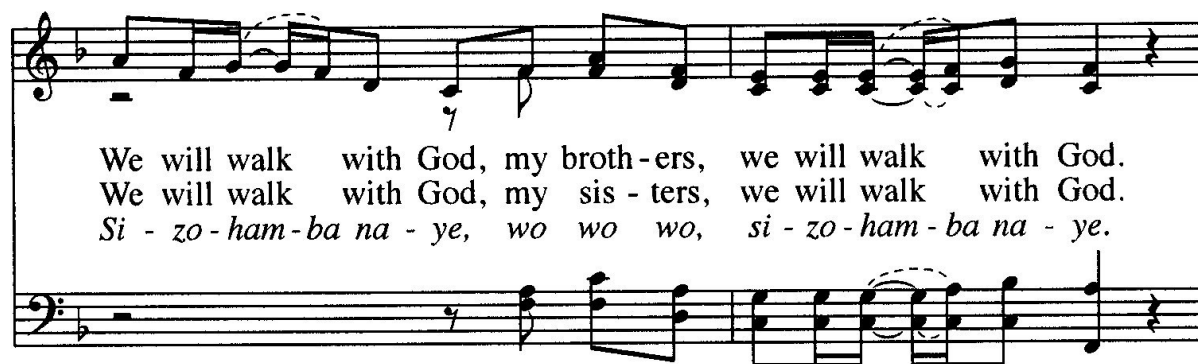


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## \* We Will Walk With God



We will walk with God, my broth-ers, we will walk with God.  
 We will walk with God, my sis - ters, we will walk with God.  
*Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.*



We will walk with God, my broth-ers, we will walk with God.  
 We will walk with God, my sis - ters, we will walk with God.  
*Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.*



We will go re - joic - ing till the king-dom has come.  
*Ngom - hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.*



We will go re - joic - ing till the king-dom has come.  
*Ngom - hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.*

### *African phonetics:*

See-zoh-hahm-bah nah-yay, woh woh woh, see-zoh-hahm-bah nah-yay.  
 Ngahm-hlah wen-jah-boo-lah, see-zoh-hahm-bah nah-yay.

## 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.

Tuesdays, 6-7 pm

### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

*Sunday, Nov 12*

The Neighbors Committee invites you to participate in a food drive to help stock the shelves of the EECM food pantry. On *Stewardship Sunday*, Nov 12, please bring your food donations (along with your pledge card) to worship. You can also drop off your donations at the South Highland Ave entrance prior to Nov 12.



#### *List of suggested items:*

brown rice, baking soda, whole grain pastas,  
instant potatoes, boxed mac & cheese,  
low-sodium soups and broth, low-sugar canned  
fruits and vegetables,  
cans of tomato paste or sauce,  
tuna fish, high-fiber breakfast cereal,  
pancake mix and syrup, brownie mixes,  
peanut butter and jelly,  
bags of dried beans, unsalted nuts and seeds

## ELPC EVENTS

### Fall Garden Cleanup and Spring Tulip Planting – Nov 11

Please join the *Garden Crew* from 9 am—Noon on Saturday, Nov 11 for our final volunteer day of 2023 to remove annual flowers, and plant spring tulips. Free donuts and *Garden Crew* T-shirts for everyone! Contact Don Breitbarth for info ([donbreitbarth@gmail.com](mailto:donbreitbarth@gmail.com)).

### Church Tours – Nov 12 and 26

Jo Ellen Aleshire will lead a tour of the *Sanctuary and Chapel* on Nov 12. An *Underground* tour will be led by Tim VanFleet on Nov 26. Please wear closed-toe shoes, and gather in the Highland Lobby after the 11 am service to participate. All are welcome!

### Cody Conley to Perform at ELPC – Nov 12

ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series will continue on Sunday, Nov 12 at 3 pm with a performance by rising violinist—and ELPC's own—Cody Conley. The program will feature works by composers Johann Sebastian Bach, Jean Sibelius, and Niccolò Paganini. Pianist Grace Burns also will perform. The concert is free, but a freewill offering will be received. Download the brochure for the 13th season of *Cathedral Concerts* at <http://tiny.cc/elpcconcerts>.



### Pie Festival Returns – Nov 19

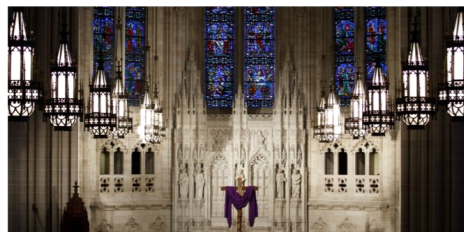
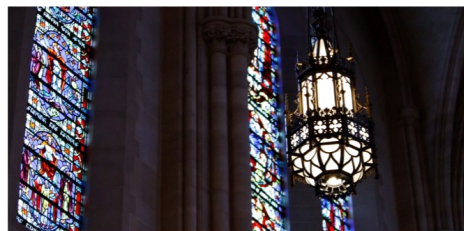
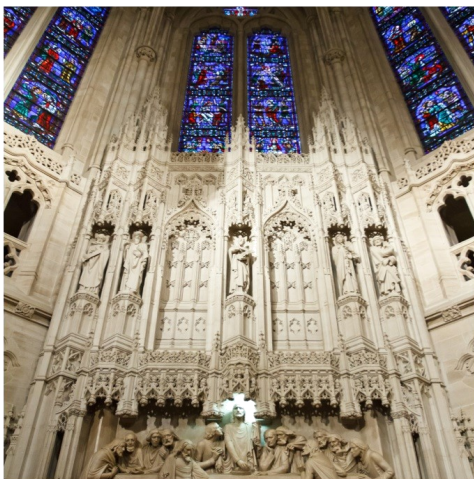
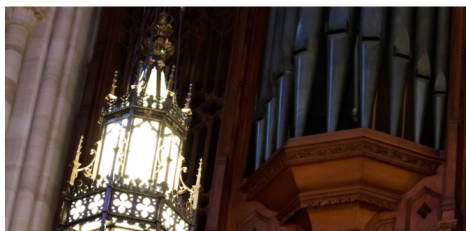
Join us as we give thanks for our many blessings with the return of our *Pie Festival* on Sunday, Nov 19 following the 11 am service. Please sign up to bring a pie in the Highland Lobby or in the Narthex, or contact Megan Leisher ([MeganL@coh.net](mailto:MeganL@coh.net)). *Sponsored by Membership and Outreach.*

### INQUIRERS' CLASS ON SUNDAY, NOV 12

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* next Sunday after the 11 am worship service in the Fellowship Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Megan Leisher ([MeganL@coh.net](mailto:MeganL@coh.net)).







*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:

<b>Address:</b>	Taizé Community, 71250 TAIZE, France
<b>To contact Taizé:</b>	community@taize.fr
<b>To visit Taizé:</b>	meetings@taize.fr
<b>List of useful info:</b>	info@taize.fr
<b>Web site:</b>	www.taize.fr
<b>Telephone:</b>	011-33 385 50 30 02 Fax: 011-33 385 50 30 16

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**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).