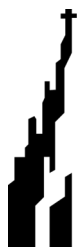


TAIZÉ:

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.
- Come up onto the altar to sit and contemplate at a prayer station.
- Bring forward and lay on the altar steps, any symbol of your gratitude, prayers or an intentions.

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

13 Let Us Praise Your Name

$\text{♩} = 72$ B Em Am Em B D G D Em Am BSUS B Em (fine)

A - do - re - mus te Je - su Chri - ste, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Et lau -
 Let us praise your name, God our Sa - vior, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise and

G C D Em B D G C D Em B D.C.

de - mus te Je - su Chri - ste, et lau - de - mus te, al - le - lu - ia!
 bless your name, God our Sa - vior, praise and bless your name, al - le - lu - ia!

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28 Come And Fill Our Hearts

$\text{♩} = 66$ 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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Psalm 85 (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: * Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness



Lord, let us see your kind-ness, — and grant us your sal - va-tion.

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Michael Bogdan
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O Beloved, how gracious you are
To your people;
You restore their souls time and time again.
You forgive their distractions
When they wander far from you;
You give them new Life.
Yes, you bless them and raise up new hope;
You awaken their hearts to love.

**LORD, LET US SEE
YOUR KINDNESS**

Restore us again, O Spirit of Truth;
Burn us with the refining Fire of Love!
We cannot live separated from you;
Cast out the demons of fear, doubt and illusion.
Revive us again, we pray;
May your people rejoice in you!
Have compassion on your people, O Holy One,
And grant us your forgiveness.

**LORD, LET US SEE
YOUR KINDNESS**

Listen, O people, in the silent
Chapel of your heart;
And the Beloved will speak of peace to you,
To the hidden saints,
To all who turn their hearts to Love.
Surely new life is at hand
For those who reverence Love;
O, that harmony might dwell
Among the nations.

**LORD, LET US SEE
YOUR KINDNESS**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
Righteousness and peace
Will embrace one another.
Wisdom will spring up from the ground
And truth will look down from the sky.
Yes, the Eternal Giver will grant what is good,
And the lands will yield abundantly.

**LORD, LET US SEE
YOUR KINDNESS**

Mercy and compassion are Love's way;
You will guide our footsteps
Upon the path of peace
As we recognize with open hearts
That you are our peace.

**LORD, LET US SEE
YOUR KINDNESS**



The Word/Meditation: Mark 1:2-8 *(Inclusive Bible)*

As it was written in Isaiah the prophet:

I send my messenger before you to prepare your way, a herald's voice in the desert, crying, "Make ready the way of our God. Clear a straight path."

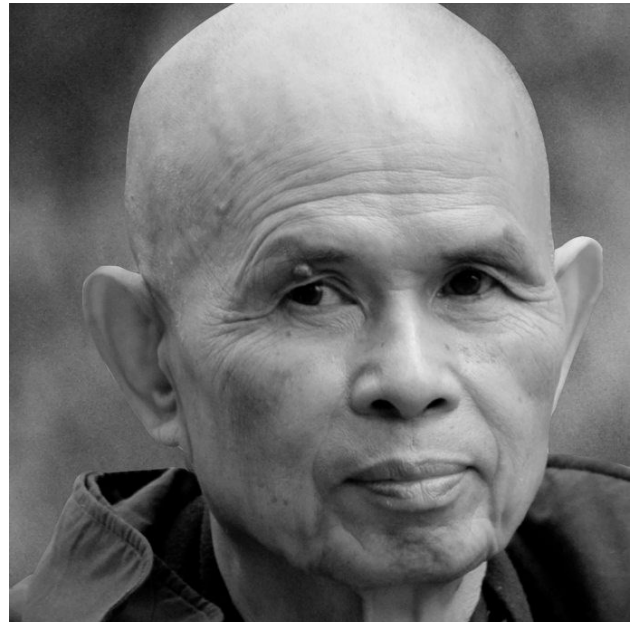
And so John the Baptist appeared in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to John and were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and he ate nothing but grasshoppers and wild honey. In the course of his preaching, John said, "One more powerful than I is to come after me. I am not fit to stoop and untie his sandal straps. I have baptized you in water, but the One to come will baptize you in the Holy Spirit."

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

Words from Saints and Ancestors

A finger pointing at the moon is not the moon. The finger is needed to know where to look for the moon, but if you mistake the finger for the moon itself, you will never know the real moon.

— *Thích Nhất Hạnh* (1926-2022)
Vietnamese Thiền Buddhist monk,
peace activist, poet and teacher, who
founded the Plum Village Tradition,
historically recognized as the main
inspiration for engaged Buddhism



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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Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

If you would like to read aloud one of our prayers, please see our greeter in the back to volunteer before we begin.

Sung Response: NB58 Psalm 62: In You Our Hearts Find Rest (refrain only)

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Alto, in a 3/4 time signature. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into two systems, each ending with a double bar line and a 'Last time' instruction. The lyrics are: '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 tout, our hearts find rest cœur, and peace - ful glad - ness. ne. Last time'.

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As heralds of God's good tidings, let us lift our voices with strength this day praying to the one who comforts, restores and heals.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

We pray for all leaders and people of the world. You have created one human family to live in righteousness and peace. Give us the wisdom to order our common life according to your loving purposes, that your glory may be revealed, and all people shall live in unity together.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

We pray for your church. You have given us the gift of Jesus, the Christ, so that your church may be steadfast and true. Give us strength to follow your Son until all awaken to his Light and are reconciled by his love.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

We pray for those who are sick, who suffer need, who are lonely or in danger. You have made us for a holy purpose, to comfort and care for each other. Give us compassion to love our neighbor and patience to care for those in need.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

We pray for creation. Your faithfulness springs up from the ground, your goodness looks down from the sky. Rid us of the laziness and greed that diminishes life, as you teach us to care for your creation together.

IN YOU OUR HEARTS FIND REST

Let us remember those who have died. Ever-living God, one day in your presence is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. Make us one with the saints, who have found their eternal home in you.

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 hearing 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.



60 Salvator Mundi

(A) ♩ = 84

(B)

Sal - va - tor mun - di sal - va nos. Sal - va - tor mun - di

(C) (D)

sal - va nos. Sal - va nos, sal - va nos. Sal - va - tor mun - di sal - va nos.

Savior of the world, save us, free us.

G90 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Unison C F Dm7 G7 Em

Em-man - u - el, Em-man - u - el,

A7 A/C# Dm G7 C Cmaj7

his name is called Em-man - u - el.

C7 C F Dm7 G7 Em

God with us, re-vealed in us,

A7 A/C# Dm G7 C F/C C (final)

his name is called Em-man - u - el.

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* Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1744

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Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
 yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
 Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
 Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Closing Unison Prayer for Advent

Beware. Keep alert. Keep awake.

God is doing awesome things we do not expect.

And Christ is coming near with great power and glory, and with tenderness.

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

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).

Dec 22

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



ELPC EVENTS

Christmas in East Liberty Concert



Friday, Dec 15 • 7:30 pm

This highly anticipated free concert and East Liberty tradition will feature holiday favorites performed by The Brass Roots, ELPC Chancel Choir, organists Dr. Edward Alan Moore and Ethan LaPlaca, and conductor Daniel Nesta Curtis.

Join us in the Sanctuary or virtually on YouTube or Facebook.

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

LGBTQIA+ Ministry Gathering – Dec 10

You are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQIA+ Ministry on Sunday, Dec 10 at 12:30 pm to share conversation and lunch. Contact Wil Forrest, LGBTQIA+ Ministry Coordinator, to attend or for more info (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x218).

Holiday Cookie Potluck – Dec 17

Join us as we celebrate this Christmas season with a *cookie potluck* following 11 am worship on Sunday, Dec 17. Please sign up to contribute your favorite holiday cookies on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex and Highland Ave hallway, or please contact Tim Engelhardt (tim.s.e@hotmail.com). Sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee.

Church Tours – Dec 17 and 31

Jo Ellen Aleshire will lead a tour of the *Sanctuary and Chapel* on Sunday, Dec 17. Tim VanFleet will guide a *Hidden Places* tour on Sunday, Dec 31. Please gather in the Highland Lobby after the 11 am service to participate in either tour. All are welcome!