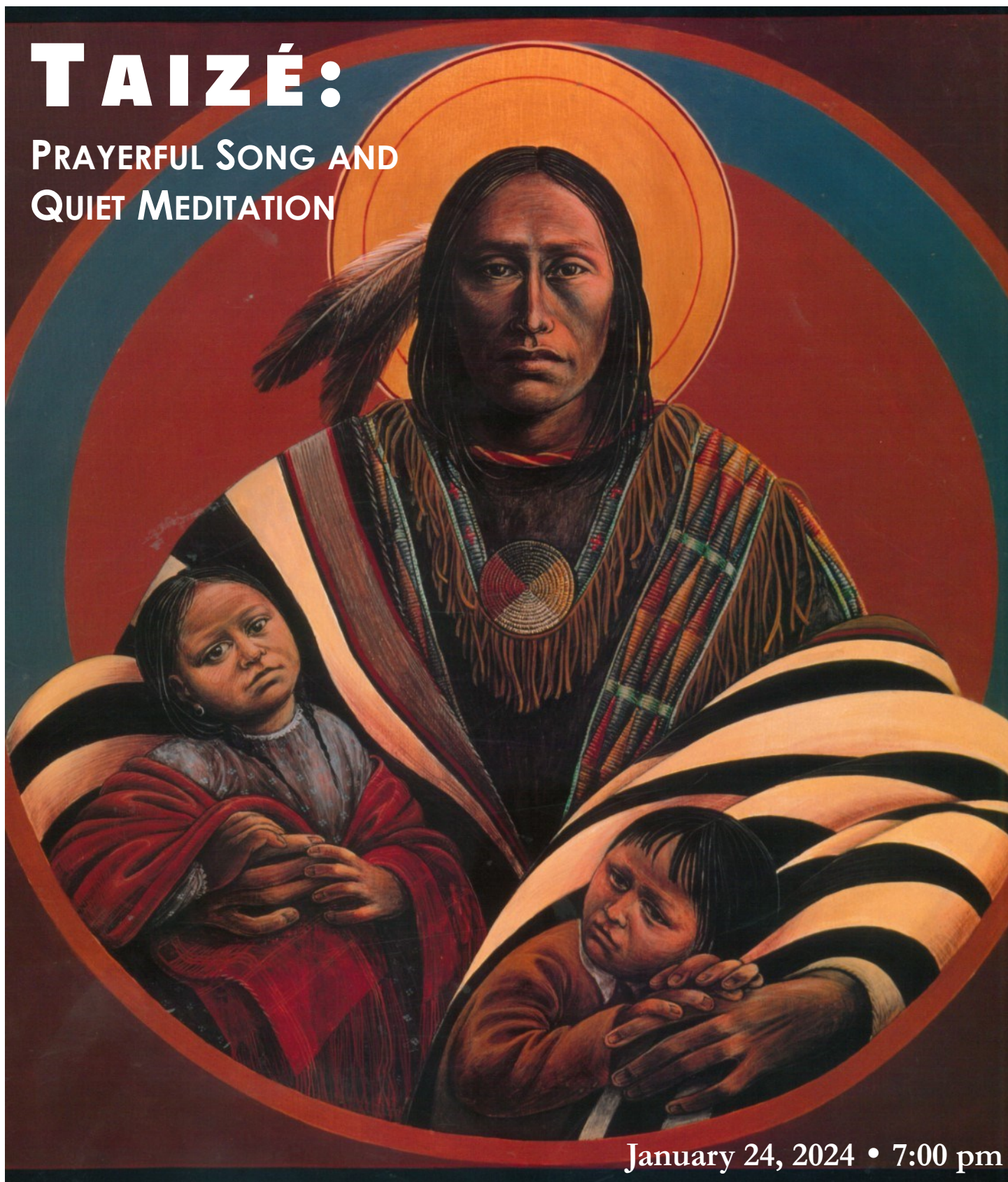


TAIZÉ:

PRAYERFUL SONG AND
QUIET MEDITATION



January 24, 2024 • 7:00 pm



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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 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

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.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in 4/4 time. The melody is in the Treble staff, and the bass line is in the Bass staff. The lyrics are written below the Treble staff. The score consists of two systems. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is in a simple, homophonic style, with the Treble staff providing the melody and the Bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are in Latin and English, and the music is in a key of one flat (B-flat major or D-flat minor).

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CLM15 Lord And Giver Of Life

Do - mi - nus Spi - ri - tus est. Spi - ri - tus au - tem vi -
Lord and giv - er of life, Spir - it of light and of

vi - fi - cat. Spi - ri - tus au - tem vi - vi - fi - cat.
ho - li - ness, Spir - it of light and of ho - li - ness.

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Psalm 112 (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

1. 2.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! le - lu - ia!

D.S.

Al - le - lu - ia!

D.S.

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Praises be to you, O Gracious One!
Blessed are those who reverence the Holy One,
Who delight in Love Consciousness!

ALLELUIA

For they dwell with the Beloved,
And their children will learn
Of peace and justice.
Abundance and wholeness
Will be their heritage,
And truth will be their banner.

ALLELUIA

Light penetrates the darkness
For those who face their fears;
Love stands by them
With mercy and forgiveness.

ALLELUIA

It goes well for those who are loving and kind,
Who live their days with justice and integrity.
They become co-creators with the Divine One;
They bless the world with their presence.

ALLELUIA

In times of trouble, they know not fear;
Their hearts are firm,
Trusting in your Loving Companion Presence.
Yes, their hearts are steady,
They are not afraid,
Even their enemies are blessed by their love.

ALLELUIA

They are generous and give freely;
The needy are offered shelter and food;
Justice and mercy make their home there;
And their righteousness endures forever.

ALLELUIA

The Word/Meditation: Luke 11:33-36 *(New Inclusive Bible)*

You don't light a lamp only to hide it in the cellar or to put it under a bucket. You put it on a stand where people see it when they come in. The lamp of your body is your eye. If your eye is sound, the whole body is filled with light. But if your eye is diseased, your body is filled with darkness. See to it then that the light in you doesn't fade into darkness. If your whole body is full of light, however, with no darkness in it, it will be completely lit - the way it is when the light of a lantern shines on you.

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

Breath Prayer

Inhale — I dwell in the light.

Exhale — Let light shine.

Breath Prayer is an ancient practice that connects short phrases with our breathing, help ground us in this moment, focuses us and refreshes us body, mind, and soul.

On your inhale say or be mindful of the first phrase.

On your exhale say or be mindful of the second phrase.

You may also carry this with you throughout your week, and let this embodied practice hold you, knowing that many across space and time are breathing and praying with us.

Words from Saints and Ancestors

Deep within us all there is an amazing inner sanctuary of the soul, a holy place, a Divine Center, a speaking Voice, to which we may continually return. Eternity is at our hearts, pressing upon our time-torn lives, warming us with intimations of an astounding destiny, calling us home unto Itself. Yielding to... the Light Within, is the beginning of true life. It is a dynamic center, a creative Life that presses to birth within us. It is a Light Within that illumines the face of God and casts new shadows and new glories upon the human face.

— Thomas Kelly (1893-1941),
a Quaker mystic

* Christ, Be Our Light

Verses / Estrofas



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
 3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
 1. Luz a - ño - ra - mos, luz es - pe - ra - mos.
 2. Paz an - he - la - mos, se tur - ba el mun - do.
 3. Fal - ta co - mi - da: mu - chos ham - brien - tos.



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
 Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
 Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.
 Ver - dad bus - ca - mos, va - mos a ti.
 Fal - ta es - pe - ran - za, y el a - len - tar.
 Fal - ta be - bi - da: mu - chos con sed.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
 Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
 Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,
 Haz - nos los tu - yos, tu pue - blo san - to,
 Con tu pa - la - bra só - lo nos sal - vas.
 Haz - nos tu pan, par - ti - do por o - tros,



Light for the world to see.
 Make us your liv - ing voice.
 Shared un - til all are fed.
 Luz pa - ra el mun - do ver.
 Haz - nos tu vi - va voz.
 Has - ta sa - ciar - los bien.

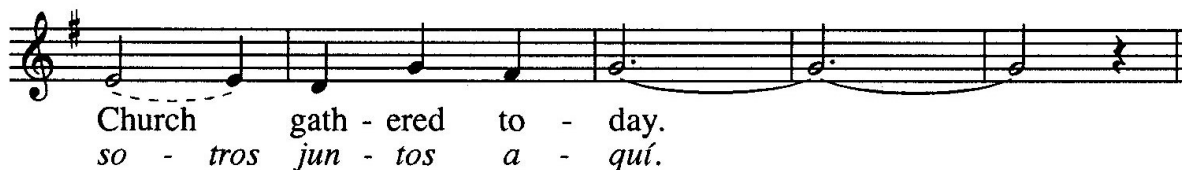
Refrain / Estribillo



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
 ¡Cris - to, la Luz! Bri - lla en tu I - gle - sia, luz en la



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
 no - che. ¡Cris - to, la Luz! Bri - lla en no -



4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

4. *Muchos sin casa buscan abrigo.
Falta calor: yertos están.
Haznos tu albergue, tus piedras vivas
Que tu refugio dan.*

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

5. *Muchos los dones, mucha la gente,
Muchos desean pertenecer.
Haznos sirvientes unos de otros.
Venga tu reino, oh Dios.*

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957; tr. by George Lockwood, b.1946
Tune: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, 9 8 9 6 with refrain; Bernadette Farrell, b.1957
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Prayers of 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: * Shine On Me (printed on next page)

Light of the world, shine your light in us, and through us, that we may become true lights courageously shining in the world, like a lamp on a stand and a city on a hill.

SHINE ON ME

Light of the world, shine upon the earth and all its creatures, bringing healing and wholeness to all creation, including all people who are in pain and in need of care.

SHINE ON ME

Light of the world, shine upon the church, that all darkness may be dispelled and turmoil and divisions between your followers may be healed.

SHINE ON ME

Light of the world, shine upon the leaders of nations who have wealth, power, influence, and privilege; may they use the assets and resources you have given to seek justice, help those who are oppressed and make peace.

SHINE ON ME

Light of the world, shine upon those seeking your guidance, that you would illumine their paths, and that when they stand at the crossroads, they would hear your voice say to them, "This is the way, walk in it."

SHINE ON ME



Sung Response: * Shine On Me

$\text{♩} = 72 (\text{♩} = \text{♩}^3)$

G D7 G Am7 G/B C C/E G D

Shine on me, (Shine) shine on me. Let the

G G/F# Em A7 D

light from the light - house shine on me.

G D7 G Am7 G/B C C/E G D

Shine on me, (Shine) shine on me. Let the

G G/B C C#dim7 G/D D7 G

light from the light - house shine on me.

(Shine down)

Suggested use: Epiphany, interfaith service, prayer

WORDS: Traditional spiritual

MUSIC: Traditional spiritual; arr. Daniel Charles Damon

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SHINE ON ME

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 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.

37 Within Our Darkest Night

The musical score is written for a piano and voice in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 63. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The vocal line enters in the second measure. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with a key signature change to E minor indicated by a flat on the F# in the bass staff. The third system concludes the piece with a 'fine' marking and a fermata. Dynamics include piano (p), mezzo-forte (mf), and piano-piano (pp). Chord symbols are provided above and below the staves.

System 1:
Musical notation: Treble and Bass staves.
Lyrics: With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a -
Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés al - lu - me le feu qui ne s'é - teint ja -
Chords: B, Em, D

System 2:
Musical notation: Treble and Bass staves.
Lyrics: way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the
mais, ne - s'é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le
Chords: G, C, G, D, G, Em, C, Am

System 3:
Musical notation: Treble and Bass staves.
Lyrics: fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est
feu qui ne s'é - teint ja - mais, ne s'é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri -
Chords: B, Em, Am, B, Em, Am, B

CLM23 Jesus, Redeemer

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Je - su, re - dem - ptor om - ni - um, tu — lu - men et splen - dor
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world, light and splen - dor of God the

Pa - tris, ti - bi sit glo - ri - a, ti - bi Je - su sit glo - ri - a.
Fa - ther, glo - ry and praise to you, all — glo - ry and praise to you.

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* This Little Light Of Mine

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine.

oh

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine.

oh

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine.

oh

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

oh

4. Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine....
5. All in my home, I'm gonna let it shine....

Epiphany Prayer (in unison)

Loving God, in the journey of life, guide us by the star that leads to Jesus, the Christ, that we may return to you transformed by his love.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

Postlude by the Taizé Musicians *(depart as you so desire)*



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).

Jan 19, Feb 16, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21
7:00-8:30 pm

The Rev. BJ Woodworth is Minister of Taizé Prayer at ELPC.

BJ is also Director of Spiritual Life Ministries and is available to provide spiritual direction to anyone who is a part of the ELPC community (attending Taizé makes YOU a part of that community).

He can be reached at:
412.441.3800 x241
BJW@coh.net

ELPC EVENTS

Adult Education Series – Begins Jan 28

All are welcome to the first-ever LGBTQIA+ Ministry-hosted Adult Education hour on three consecutive Sundays on Jan 28, Feb 4 and 11. The topic will be examining what the Bible does and does not have to say about homosexuality. This series will be led by our pastors and will be in the McKelvy Room.

“Living While Black” Book Launch – Jan 28

The Facing Systemic Racism (FSR) Committee and the Faith Formation Board are co-sponsoring a book launch of Beverly Harris-Schenz’s new book *Living While Black: My Experience with Everyday Racism* on Sunday, Jan 28 in the Social Hall from 1:30–3:30 pm.

Beverly is a member of the congregation and active in the FSR Committee. She will present an “interactive reading” in which she will read personal stories from her book and engage the audience in a discussion of the issues presented. All congregational members, their children, friends, and the general public are warmly invited.



PW Bible Study: Sacred Encounters – Feb 5 and 6

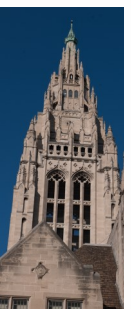
Please join Presbyterian Women for their Bible Study on Monday, Feb 5 from 7-8:30 pm (Zoom only), or on Tuesday, Feb 6 from 10 am-Noon (hybrid). Those attending Tuesday morning are invited to bring a bagged lunch and stay for fellowship after the lesson. For more info and the Zoom link, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

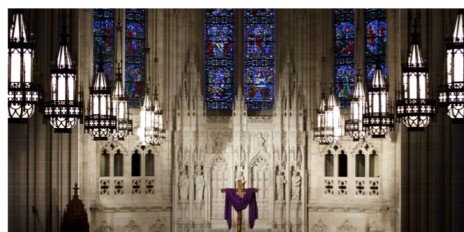
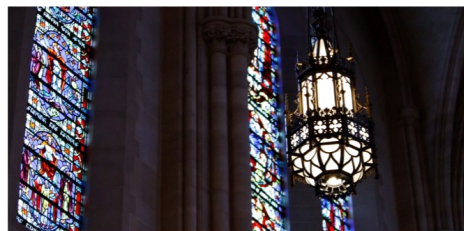
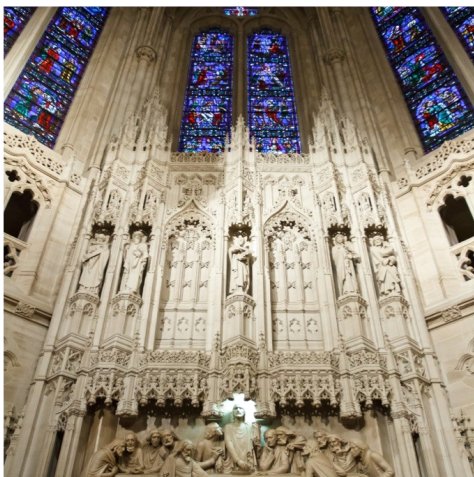
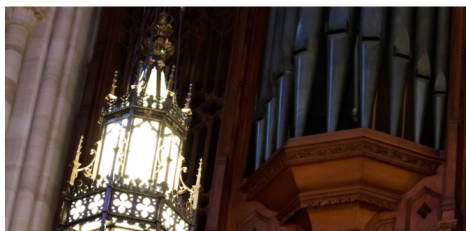
Environmental Book Study – Feb 8

For their next book study, the Environmental Team of the Justice Committee has selected two books written by two important women scientists: *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times* by Jane Goodall; and *The Sea Around Us* (1951) by Rachel Carson. Read one or both and join the discussion on Zoom on Thursday, Feb 8 at 7 pm. For more info and the zoom link, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

INQUIRERS' CLASS – FEB 4

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* on Sunday, Feb 4 after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service in the Fellowship Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. This can be a hybrid class if requested. Please contact Megan Leisher for more info, or to attend (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:

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).