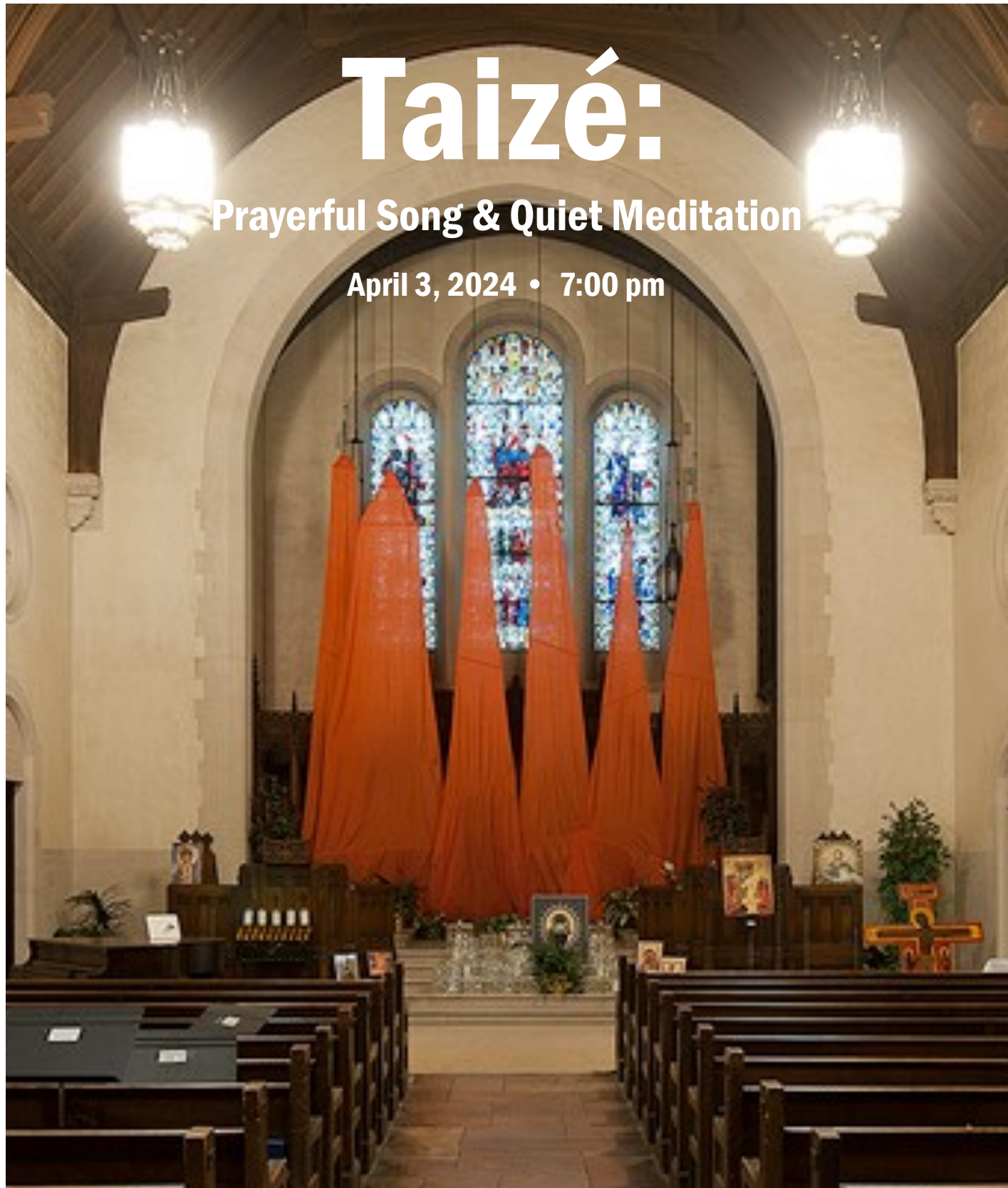


Taizé:

Prayerful Song & Quiet Meditation

April 3, 2024 • 7:00 pm



**East Liberty
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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

NB23 The Lord Is Risen

p *f*

O Sur - re - xit Chri - stus, al - le - lu - ia!
The Lord is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!

p *f*

O Can - ta - te Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!
Sing out and praise the Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

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NB36 Jesus, The Lord, Is Risen

Canon

(A) (B)

Sur - re - xit Do - mi - nus ve - re. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Je - sus, the Lord, is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(C) (D)

Sur - re - xit Chri - stus ho - di - e. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Je - sus, the Lord, is ris - en to - day! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Psalm 96 (selected verses from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: * Celtic Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



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O sing to the Cosmos a new song;
Sing to the Beloved, all the earth!
Sing to the Creator,
And bless the Name above all names;
Sing praises to the Glorious One
From day to day.
Declare the splendor of the Radiant One
To all nations,
The marvelous works of Love to all peoples!

ALLELUIA

For great is the Beloved,
And greatly to be praised;
Reverence Love above all else.
For where your thoughts are,
Reveals that which you treasure;
Seek only the true Treasure.
Truth and integrity live with Love;
Strength and beauty dwell with the Beloved.

ALLELUIA

Yield to Love, O families of the earth,
Yield to Love's glory and strength!
Yield to Love and learn of justice;
Make of yourselves an offering
And be guided by Love!
Bow down in adoration and holiness;
For worthy is the Beloved
To be praised in all the earth!

ALLELUIA

The Creator of the Cosmos reigns!
Yes, the world has been created,
Gift to all generations;
Let truth and justice give birth
To peace and harmony!
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
Let the seas laugh, and all that fills them;
Let the fields exult, and everything in them!

ALLELUIA

Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy
Before the coming of the Beloved,
Who reigns in glory!
For through Love will come truth and justice,
Offering all the people gifts of new Life.

ALLELUIA



Visual Meditation (*“New Earth Flourishing”* by Phuc Luu, produced by *The Work of the People*)

*Our meditation this evening will be visual, spoken and written.
Notice where your own being is drawn in words or images.*

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



Breath Prayer

Inhale — I am rooted...

Exhale — and reaching
upward...

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.



Born in Vietnam and raised in Houston, Texas, Phuc Luu seeks the integration and writes about the intersection of art, philosophy, and theology. His work has appeared in the *Amerasia Journal* (UCLA), *The Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling*, the *Truett Journal of Church and Mission*, and NPR's *This I Believe*. He has been interviewed by the *Houston Chronicle* on the subject of art and religion and has published on a variety of topics such as Medieval philosophy, pastoral care, theology and culture, philosophy of religion, and art and culture.

Phuc Luu holds advance degrees in theology and philosophy. He has served on the Nobel Peace Prize Committee for the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) for seven years as a task group member. He has taught philosophy and theology at Sam Houston State University and Houston Baptist University and working on a forthcoming book, *Jesus of the East*.



The Visual Liturgy was produced by, *The Work of the People*, www.workofthepeople.com.

“New Earth Flourishing” by Phuc Luu

*Out of the darkness and the deep
Out of the muck and the mire
The mud and slush
We will emerge, together*

*The days without forward and future
Will be a distant memory
Only a story told as a reminder
A marker of where we've been
Distant and separated
From each other
From our humanity and breath
From our warm embraces and tender touch
Buried beneath
our own sense of self
in exclusion to anyone else*

*We will arise and we will receive
receive a new heavens and new earth
new vision and new bounty
for this land is decimate no more
not by hands choking, beating, and breaking it
But through our connection to it
Connections drawn together by the
Spirit of Breath
Spirit of Life
Well of vitality*

*Arise with the one who stood and sat and slept
In the darkness with us
Arise with the one who bore our diseases
who hid our shame
Who suffered by our ignorance and our sin
The one who gives us breath anew*

*In this flesh and bones
In this new body made whole
From the wounds dug deep in his skin
Scars as reminders
Of anger, hatred, othering, animosity,
toward each other and the divine
Rejecting goodness
Wholeness
Peace
For emptiness of power and profit
Of security and safety
Of our own homes and countries
Of nations and borders
Fractured people*

*Together with Son of Adam,
human and humus,
dirt and dust,
We are rooted, climbing upward
Weaving under earth
Reaching toward sun and rain
Toward nurture and nourishment
To grow toward who we are
And meant to be
A semblance of the hope
Of the divine*

*To rise
To breathe
To be*

*Again
We rise*



13 Let Us Praise Your Name

♩ = 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!

Detailed description: This block contains two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Let Us Praise Your Name'. The first system includes a treble and bass staff with a tempo marking of quarter note = 72. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system's lyrics are: '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'. The second system's lyrics are: '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!'. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The piece concludes with a 'D.C.' (Da Capo) instruction.

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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: 4 Kyrie 1

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Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. (hum) **D.C.**

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We pray for the church. Let your church be a living sign of the woundedness and healing of Christ, sharing the gift of forgiveness and the gospel of reconciliation.

KYRIE

We pray for the earth. Help us to see the scars of death that mark your good creation and to see the blessing of life you offer to all creatures.

KYRIE

We pray for all nations. Show us how good and pleasant it is when people live together in unity, anointing us with your wisdom so that we may seek the ways of life.

KYRIE

We pray for this Taizé community. Give us a vision of the common good: not clinging to our own possessions but seeking the fullness of life for all, as a testimony to Christ's resurrection.

KYRIE

We pray for loved ones. Be near to those who walk in darkness and lead us all into Christ's life so that our fellowship may be true, and our joy may be complete.

KYRIE

By the blessing of your Spirit, help us to live as we pray so that the world may come to know the gift of life in Jesus, the Christ.

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 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.

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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CLM12 I Will Sing To The Lord

Can - ta - rei ao Se - nhor, en - quan - to vi - ver; lou - va -
I will sing to the Lord my whole life long; I will

rei o meu Deus en - quan - to e - xis - tir. Ne - le en - con - tro a mi - nha a - le -
wor - ship my God as long as I live. For the Lord brings joy to his

gri - a. Ne - le en - con - tro a mi - nha a - le - gri - a. Can - ta -
peo - ple. For the Lord brings joy to his peo - ple. I will

(♩ Last time)

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35 Sing, Praise And Bless The Lord

♩ = 116

Am E Am G C

Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes
 Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord, peo - ples!

G

1. Am F Dm E 2. Am Dm E Am

gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia!
 na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Closing Unison Blessing

Be with us, risen Christ, at the close of this day. Enter into our hearts and fill them with your peace so that we may rejoice and rest in your presence.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE & CHURCH EVENTS

Contemplative Prayer

Pastor BJ will be practicing *Centering Prayer*, “a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God’s presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself.” (from *Contemplative Outreach*).

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

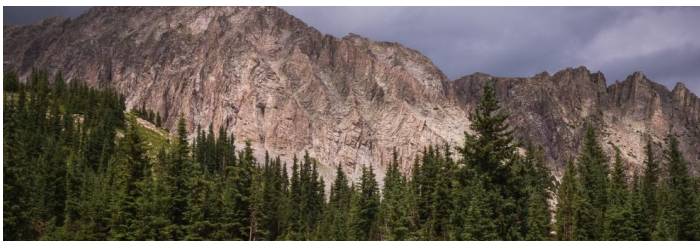
Yamuna will lead yoga in-person in the Sanctuary before the 7 pm Taizé Prayer service.

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).

April 19, May 17, June 21
7:00-8:30 pm



Attending to Wilderness: A Day Retreat

Join us for a contemplative retreat on Saturday, June 1 from 9 am–4 pm at Jennings Environmental Center (2951 Prospect Rd, Slippery Rock, PA 16057).

There will be time in groups and in solitude, time for creative expression, prayer, and integrating what we discover within ourselves and our natural environment. Hiking options will be available for all skill levels. We will be led by Megan Shelly, a spiritual director and the founder of bewilderpgh (bewilderpgh.com), where she designs and leads retreats and contemplative backpacking trips. The cost is \$40. Beverages, snacks, and lunch will be provided. RSVP to Norma by Sunday, May 19 (412.441.3800 x211).

LGBTQIA+ Ministry – April 14

You are invited to attend our LGBTQIA+ Ministry’s Spiritual Gathering on Sunday, April 14 after 11 am worship. Join us and share conversation and lunch. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcome! Contact Wil Forrest to attend or for more info (Wil@coh.net).

Young Adult Ministry Walks Highland Park – April 20

Come along on Saturday, April 20 as we walk and talk at Highland Park. We will be at Tazza D’oro in the Highland Park neighborhood from 9:30–10 am, and then walk through Highland Park starting at 10 am. Contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

Connections Ministry Potluck – April 28

The Connections Ministry invites everyone to a potluck lunch on Sunday, April 28 at 12:15 pm in the Good Samaritan Room. RSVP to connectelpc@gmail.com, and let us know what you’re bringing to share at tiny.cc/connections-potluck.

Find Out How the Wildflowers Grow – May 4

Each spring a group of dedicated members and friends refresh the Highland Ave entrance, the courtyard and the rain garden. Join us on Saturday, May 4 from 9 am-1 pm to tidy up the church landscaping. Green thumbs are not required. Just bring your energy, curiosity, and a pair of work gloves to the Highland driveway around 9 am. Email Don Breitbarth (donbreitbarth@gmail.com) to help.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

June 24 to 28

Vacation Church School at ELPC will be held June 24–28 from 9 am–3 pm for children in pre-K (age 4 and potty-trained) through grade 5 (completed). Our theme this summer is *Seekers in Sneakers: Discover Jesus!* and children will use their investigative skills to discover Jesus and explore the stories of those who experienced and brought about change in the world around them after an encounter with Jesus. Spots are filling up fast, so don’t delay, register today!

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to serve as volunteers, and adult volunteers of all ages will be needed to help ensure our program is a success!

Campers and volunteers can register at ELPC.church.

