

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 Rohlif

Welcome and Opening Centering by The Rev. BJ Woodworth

CLM37 O Come And Let Us Sing

Ve - ni - te, ex - ul - te - mus Do - mi - no, ve - ni - te, a - do - re - mus.
O come and let us sing to God, our hope. God's mer - cy is for - ev - er.

Ve - ni - te, ex - ul - te - mus Do - mi - no, ve - ni - te, a - do - re - mus. Ve -
O come and let us sing to God, our hope. God's mer - cy is for - ev - er. O

(♩ Last time)

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28 Come And Fill

♩ = 66

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.

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 139:1-6, 13-18 (excerpts from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: 2 Alleluia 7

♩ = 116

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia! (hum)

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O my Beloved, you have searched me
And known me!
You know when I sit down
And when I rise up;
You discern my innermost thoughts.

ALLELUIA

You find me on the journey
And guide my steps;
You know my strengths and my weaknesses.
Even before words rise up in prayer,
Lo, you have already heard my heart call.

ALLELUIA

You encompass me with love where'er I go,
And your strength is my shield.
Such sensitivity is too wonderful for me;
It is high; boundless gratitude
Is my soul's response.

ALLELUIA

For you formed my inward being,
You knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for you are to be
Reverenced and adored.

ALLELUIA

Your mysteries fill me with wonder!
More than I know myself do you know me;
My essence was not hidden from you,
When I was being formed in secret,
Intricately fashioned
From the elements of the earth.

ALLELUIA

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance;
In your records were written
Every one of them,
The days that were numbered for me,
When as yet there was none of them.

ALLELUIA

How precious to me are your creations,
O Blessed One!
How vast is the sum of them!
Who could count your innumerable
Gifts and blessings?
At all times, you are with me.

ALLELUIA

Scripture for Meditation: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 *(Inclusive Bible Translation)*

Now young Samuel was in the service of Yhwh under Eli. In those days, the voice of Yhwh was rarely heard — prophesy was uncommon. One night Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak that he could no longer see, was sleeping in his bed. The lamp of God had not gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the Tent of Meeting, near the Ark of the Covenant.

Then Yhwh called to Samuel. Samuel answered, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli saying, “You called. Here I am!” Eli said, “I didn’t call you. Now go back to sleep.” He went back to sleep.

A second time, Yhwh called Samuel, and he got up and went to Eli. “Here I am!” Samuel said, “You called me.” Eli repeated, “I did not call you. Go back to sleep.”

At that time Samuel had not yet encountered Yhwh, and the word of Yhwh had not yet been revealed to him.

Yhwh called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said once more, “Here I am. You called me.” Then Eli realized that Yhwh was calling the boy.

So he said to Samuel, “Go back and go to sleep, and if you are called, say, ‘Speak, Yhwh, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went back to sleep. And Yhwh called, “Samuel, Samuel!” And Samuel replied, “Yes, Yhwh, I am listening.”

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



Breath Prayer

Inhale — Speak, God ...

Exhale — I am listening ...

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

God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer.

— *Mother Teresa*
(1910-1997)



NB8 In God Alone

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace— and joy.
 Mon â-me se re-po-se en paix sur Dieu seul: de lui vient mon— sa - lut.

On - ly in God my soul can find its rest,— find its rest— and peace. In
 Oui, sur Dieu seul mon â-me se re-po-se, se re-po - se en paix. Mon

Last time

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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: 4 Kyrie Eleison 1

Musical notation for the sung response. The piece is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking of ♩ = 100. The melody consists of two phrases of 'Ky - ri - e,' followed by 'e - le - i - son.' The final phrase 'e - le - i - son.' is followed by a long note labeled '(hum)' with a horizontal line underneath, indicating a hum. The piece ends with a double bar line and the marking 'D.C.' (Da Capo).

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God of mercy, we humbly ask that you help us to recognize your still, small voice speaking within us, and that you hear our voices as we lift our prayers as a community of faith.

KYRIE

God of the Sabbath, who desires to give us rest: hear the groaning of those for whom rest is unimaginable because their safety is constantly threatened, and they're impoverished and lacking basic needs.

KYRIE

Hear the sound of those to whom rest is a reality far away because their hearts are broken with loss, grief, and pain, and their minds and bodies have grown weary with illness and heavy burdens.

KYRIE

Open all our hearts to your voice and stir us to heed your call as a church and as leaders, as individuals, and those who are in authority. May we not be troubled by the mountains and the waves, of the struggles before us; rather, may we trust in your power at work amidst our weaknesses.

KYRIE

As we wait and press forward for the day when rest is assured with justice, healing, and love, grant us peace that this world cannot give but can be found in and through Jesus, the Christ, who's yoke is easy and burden light.

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.



44 Give Peace

Canon
♩ = 72

(A) Cm F Cm F

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

(B) (C)

pa - - - - - cem. Da pa - - - - - cem. Da
peace, _____ Lord. Give peace, _____ Lord. Give

29 Nothing Can Trouble

♩ = 72

Am *p* Dm⁷ G Em/C 1. F *mf* Dm⁶

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne
 Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

E Am *f* 2. F Dm⁶ E Am

na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
 nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a treble and bass clef with a common time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The score includes two systems of music. The first system starts with a tempo marking of quarter note = 72. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The first system includes chords Am, Dm7, G, Em/C, F, and Dm6. The second system includes chords E, Am, F, Dm6, E, and Am. Dynamics include piano (p), mezzo-forte (mf), and forte (f). The lyrics are in Spanish and English.

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**Christ Jesus, in your Gospel we find
a hope for all human beings.**

**The Kingdom, the Life of God in
fullness, is already present among
us and within us.**

**Even if we sense hardly anything of
your presence, we place our trust in
you. And your love and your joy can
blossom in our lives.**

(Brother Alois of Taizé)

NB16 Let Your Servant Now Go In Peace

Nunc di - mit - tis ser - vum tu - um Do - mi - ne, se -
 Let your ser - vant now - go in peace, O Lord, now -

ne, Do - mi - ne,
 Lord, O Lord,

cun - dum ver - bum tu - um in pa - ce, Nunc di -
 go in peace ac - cord - ing to your word, Let your

(Do - mi - ne.)
 (to your word.)

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Closing Unison Blessing

Holy, holy, holy God,
 fill us with strength and courage,
 with discernment and compassion,
 that we may be your instruments
 of justice and love in this world,
 that it may be on earth as it is in heaven.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.



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

CHURCH EVENTS

**Wednesday, June 19 (Juneteenth) is an official ELPC holiday and the building will be closed.
We will NOT have Taizé or Cathedral Yoga that day.**

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).

June 21, July 19, Aug 16, Sept 20,
Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 27 • 7:00-8:30 pm



ELPC Participates in Pittsburgh Pride – June 1

ELPC is a co-founding and participating member of LAMP (the LGBTQIA+ Affirming Ministries of Pittsburgh), and the next opportunity to celebrate Pride side-by-side with our fellow affirming congregations is at the Pittsburgh Pride March & Festival on Saturday, June 1.

Line up for the March will begin at 10 am and step off will begin at Noon on Liberty Ave between 13th and 14th Sts in the Strip District. LAMP congregations will meet at the white van that says *East Liberty Presbyterian Church* to march together.

The March will bear right on 7th St along Liberty Ave and will continue across the Andy Warhol Bridge and proceed to Allegheny Commons Park West where the Festival will take place until 8 pm. Sign up to volunteer at our Festival booth at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48ADAB2DA4FAC25-49237185-pride>.

For more info, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x218).



Celebrating

The Rev. Dr. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

We are pleased to announce that our pastor, The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy, will receive the Doctor of Ministry degree from PTS at the end of this month. We at ELPC are appreciative of her ministry and her dedication and commitment to this significant achievement. To that end, the Mission Board of ELPC, along with the congregation, will recognize and celebrate *Dr. Patrice* on Sunday, June 9 in our 10 am worship service in the Courtyard, and afterwards with lunch in our Social Hall.



We hope you'll be able to join us in the celebration. **We ask that you RSVP to Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x222) so we can plan for food accordingly.**

We will be including a cookie table with homemade cookies. If you would like to make 2-4 doz. cookies (plated and labeled), please contact Shirley Fair (faird11@yahoo.com; 412.613.7729).

If you would like to volunteer to help set-up or clean-up, contact Carol Chonoska (carolchonoska@gmail.com; 724.272.9722) or Michele Bossers (412.303.9243; michele2285@gmail.com).



Donations for

Chapel Market

The Chapel Market is in need of: men's and women's deodorant, men's and women's Depends (L and XL) men's underwear (M, L and XL), in addition to toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, razors, toilet paper, lotion, etc., in addition to summer clothing for men, woman and children. Donations can be left at the Highland Lobby, or dropped off at the Chapel Market when open (first and third Tuesday of each month from 5-7 pm, or Thursdays from 10 am-12 pm).