

TAIZÉ:
*Prayerful Song
and Quiet Meditation*

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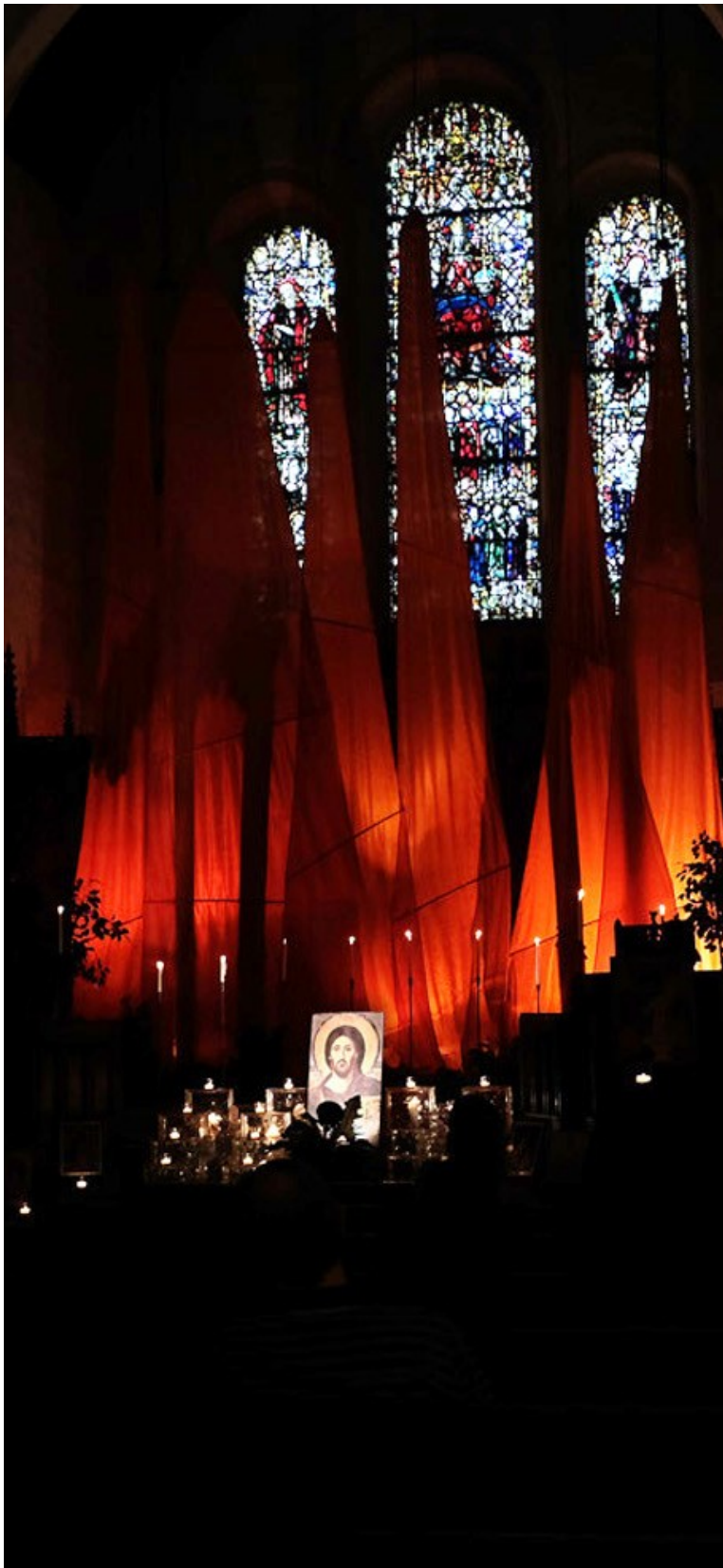
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Welcome to Taizé

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

CLM35 The Kingdom Of God

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly

Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your - king - dom. The

(Last time ☺)

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11 It Is Good To Trust

♩ = 58

Bo - num est con - fi - de - re in Do - mi - no,
It is good to trust in the Lord our God,

bo - num spe - ra - re in Do - mi - no.
trust and hope in the Lord our God.

Chords: Dm, ASUS, A, Dm, C, F, Gm, C, F, Dm, Gm7, Am, Dm

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Psalm 92 (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: 3 Alleluia 11

♩ = 104

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

(Al - le - lu - ia)

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It is good to give thanks to you, O Beloved,
To sing praises to your Holy Name.
To affirm your gracious love in the morning,
And your faithfulness through the night,
To the music of the spheres,
To the melody of the universe!

ALLELUIA

For you, Heart of my heart,
Gladden my soul,
As I proclaim with joy
The harmony and beauty of creation.

ALLELUIA

How wondrous is your Divine Plan,
O Beloved, your design, brought forth by Love!
The ignorant cannot perceive,
Those who still sleep cannot understand;
Though darkness covers much of the land
And violence seems to flourish.

ALLELUIA

Love gives birth to dazzling Light,
And, like a laser, it shines through
To all that is hidden.
Yet, lo, all those who separate themselves
From Love, will be undone by fear.

ALLELUIA

You delight in my spirit and elevate my soul;
You bathe me in the oil of kindness.
My eyes behold the radiance of creation's glory,
My ears echo with Love's refrain.

ALLELUIA

Those who live with integrity
Are like a garden in full bloom,
Whose blossoms beautify the earth.
They are planted in the dwelling place of Love,
Their produce nourishes all those who pass by.

ALLELUIA

All through their lives
They reap bountiful harvests,
Overflowing as a cornucopia
Of the finest fruits,
Magnifying the Blessed Gardener,
Living as sons and daughters
Of the Most High.

ALLELUIA

Scripture for Meditation: Ezekiel 17:22-24 *(Inclusive Bible Translation)*

This is what Sovereign Yhwh says: I myself will take a shoot from the top of a cedar and plant it. I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a lofty and high mountain. I will plant it on the mountain heights of Israel. It will grow branches, bear fruit and become a splendid cedar.

All kinds of birds will nest in it. They will find shelter in the shade of its branches. All the trees of the countryside will know that I am Yhwh who stunt tall trees and make low trees grow. I dry up the green tree and I make the dry tree flourish. I, Yhwh, have spoken, and I will do it.

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



Breath Prayer

Inhale — I am planted ...


Exhale — rooted and
growing ...

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

Bloom where you are planted.

— Francis de Sales (1567-1622)
Bishop of Geneva



CLM16 Whoever Walks In God's Love

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 -

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn "Whoever Walks In God's Love". The first system is labeled "1." and the second system is labeled "2. (♩ Last time)". Both systems are in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The first system consists of a treble and bass staff with lyrics underneath. The second system also consists of a treble and bass staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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 - can - sa. O O El wea - ry. Who -". The musical notation includes notes, rests, and bar lines.

Prayers of Intercession (© The Anglican Church of Australia)

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: CLM33 O Lord, You Hold And Protect Me

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff with lyrics in French and English. The second system continues the melody and includes the words 'cœur. sire.' and 'Guide my steps'. The third system concludes the piece with 'moi sur le chemin d'é - ter - ni - té. Sei -' and 'steps a - long the ev - er - last - ing way. O'. There are 'Last time' markings above the final notes of the first and second systems. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4.

Sei - gneur, tu gar - des mon â - me; Ô Dieu, tu con - nais mon
O Lord, you hold and pro - tect me; you know all my heart's de -

cœur. Con - duis - moi sur le che - min d'é - ter - ni - té, con - duis -
sire. Guide my steps a - long the ev - er - last - ing way, guide my

moi sur le che - min d'é - ter - ni - té. Sei -
steps a - long the ev - er - last - ing way. O

(♩) Last time

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Gardner of our souls, thank you for your persevering persistence in journeying with us. Thank you for fertilizing our roots, tending to our lives, and watering our parched souls. May your kind and gentle hand continue to bring healing and wholeness to us all.

O LORD, YOU HOLD AND PROTECT ME

Bless the garden of your Church, O Gardner of our souls. Guide those who plant and tend it. Protect the young, strengthen the flourishing, and make us fruitful in ministry and mission.

O LORD, YOU HOLD AND PROTECT ME

Bless the gardens of the world, the soil and rain and sunshine, and the work of all who sow and reap. Give abundant harvests and teach us to share them with justice.

O LORD, YOU HOLD AND PROTECT ME

Bless the gardens of our community, the shelter of families, the fragrance of friendship. In all our care for one another, make us grow in wisdom and love, in gentleness, kindness and truth.

O LORD, YOU HOLD AND PROTECT ME

Give tender care to all who are struggling through weakness, sickness, grief, or change. Show us your grace at work in the times when growth is painful or when death is near.

O LORD, YOU HOLD AND PROTECT ME

Give eternal life to all whom you love, through Jesus Christ, the true vine. Give us grace to abide in him as fruitful branches and bring us at last with all your saints to resurrection life.

O LORD, YOU HOLD AND PROTECT 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 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.



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
ó. En ell con - fi - o i no tinc por. En ell con - fi - o i no tinc por. El Se -

NB22 Sing To The Lord



Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, let ev-'ry-thing in me pro-claim God's sal-va-tion.
Lo - be den Herrn, mei-ne See - le, und al-les in mir sei-nen hei - li - gen Na-men!



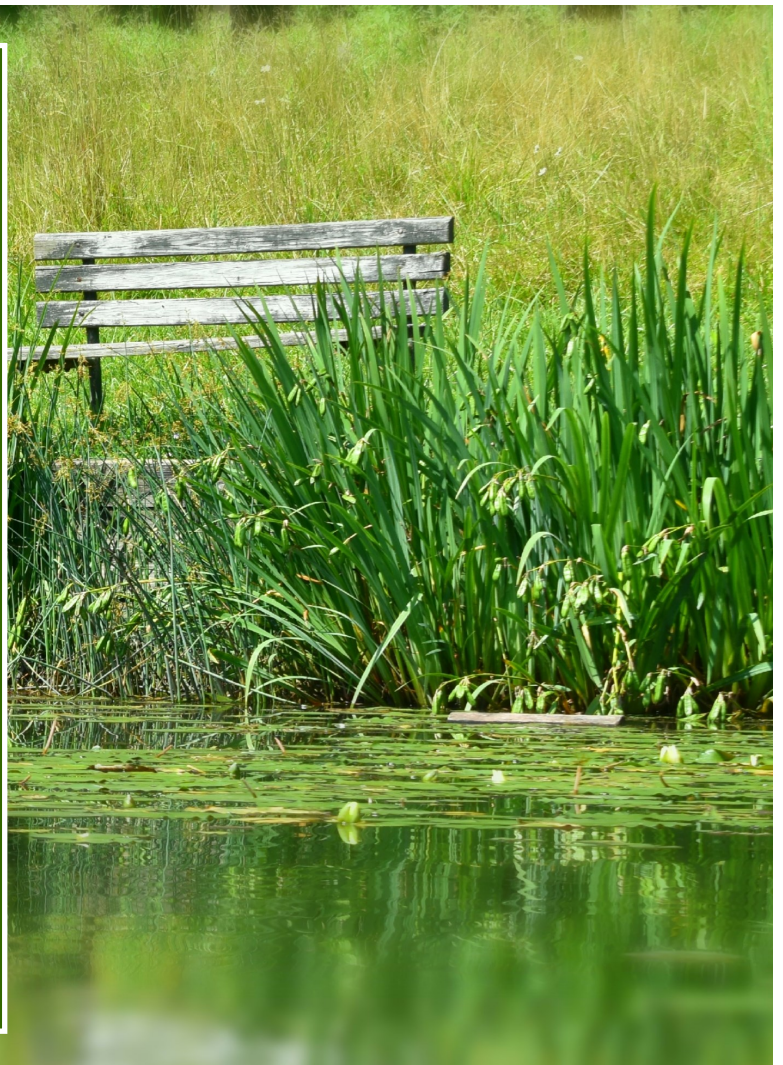
Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, and re-mem-ber all of God's mar-vel - ous deeds!
Lo - be den Herrn, mei-ne See - le, und ver-giß nicht, was er dir Gu - tes ge - tan!

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Silence and Love

Christ says: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). We need silence in order to welcome these words and put them into practice. When we are agitated and restless, we have so many arguments and reasons not to forgive and not to love too easily. But when we "have calmed and quieted our soul", these reasons turn out to be quite insignificant. Maybe we sometimes avoid silence, preferring whatever noise, words or distraction, because inner peace is a risky thing: it makes us empty and poor, disintegrates bitterness and leads us to the gift of ourselves. Silent and poor, our hearts are overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit, filled with an unconditional love. Silence is a humble yet secure path to loving.

— *Brother Alois of Taizé*



G65 Thank You, Lord

1. Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord, Thank you,
2. Been so good, Been so good, Been so
3. Been my friend, Been my friend, Been my,

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains three measures of music, each with a chord. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing three measures of music, each with a single note.

Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.
good, I just want to thank you, Lord.
Friend, I just want to thank you, Lord.

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains three measures of music, each with a chord. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing three measures of music, each with a single note.

Text: Traditional

Tune: Traditional; Harm. by J. Jefferson Cleveland, b. 1937, and Verolga Nix, b. 1933, from *Songs of Zion* © 1981 by Abingdon CCLI #689547

4. Been my Light ...
5. Been my Peace ...
6. Been my Joy ...
7. Been my Life ...

Closing Unison Prayer

May the Name of Love be your protection and rise up in your heart as a tower of strength! May all you have given in gratitude and with open hands be returned to you a hundredfold! May your heart's desires and all of Love's plans for you be fulfilled in due season!

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

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

CHURCH EVENTS

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).

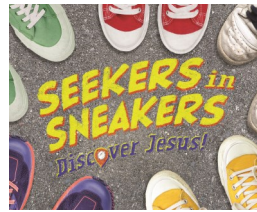
June 21, July 19, Aug 16, Sept 20,
Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 27 • 7:00-8:30 pm

The Sacrament of Letting Go Retreat – Sept 27 to 29

We glibly advise others and admonish ourselves to “let go” of the patterns that no longer serve us well and the concerns that continue to haunt us, but it doesn’t seem to be quite that easy...in fact, if it was, we would! The desire to let go comes from deep within us and what it is that we are being invited to let go of is often obscured. Nature understands and is a ready guide.

Whether you embrace the season of fall or are an autumn struggler, join us at Villa Maria from Sept 27-29 to open yourself up to the bittersweet beauty and the invitations autumn has for you, and receive a liberating measure of divine grace. We will be led by Lynn Holden, a spiritual director, professional counselor, and founder of Cultivating Awareness, where she creates and holds space for individuals and groups as they awaken to a Greater Reality.

Registration will be open soon! Contact Pastor BJ Woodworth (BJW@coh.net).



VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Student registration is currently full, but email Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net) if you would like to have your child added to the waitlist.

Volunteers are still needed for *Vacation Church School* at ELPC June 24–28 from 9 am–3 pm. Our theme this summer is *Seekers in Sneakers: Discover Jesus!* and children will use their investigative skills to discover Jesus.

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!

**Teen and Adult Volunteers can register at
www.ELPC.church**

Celebrating Juneteenth – Parade on June 15

Juneteenth (June 19) gained federal holiday recognition in 2021, but has been celebrated in parts of the United States since 1866, when those enslaved in Galveston, Texas received word of the end of the Civil War and emancipation over two years after Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation.



The first Pittsburgh remembrance of Juneteenth was organized in the late nineteenth century by Presbyterian Pastor Henry Highland Garnett, the first Pastor of Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church, once again linking freedom with faith. ELPC members can join in this year’s observance by marching behind the ELPC banner in the annual Juneteenth parade on Saturday, June 15, or cheering marchers on along the parade route.

For more info, please contact Michele Bossers (michele2285@gmail.com) or Lenore Williams (leefabilli@aol.com).

**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.