

# Taizé:

Prayerful Song & Quiet Meditation

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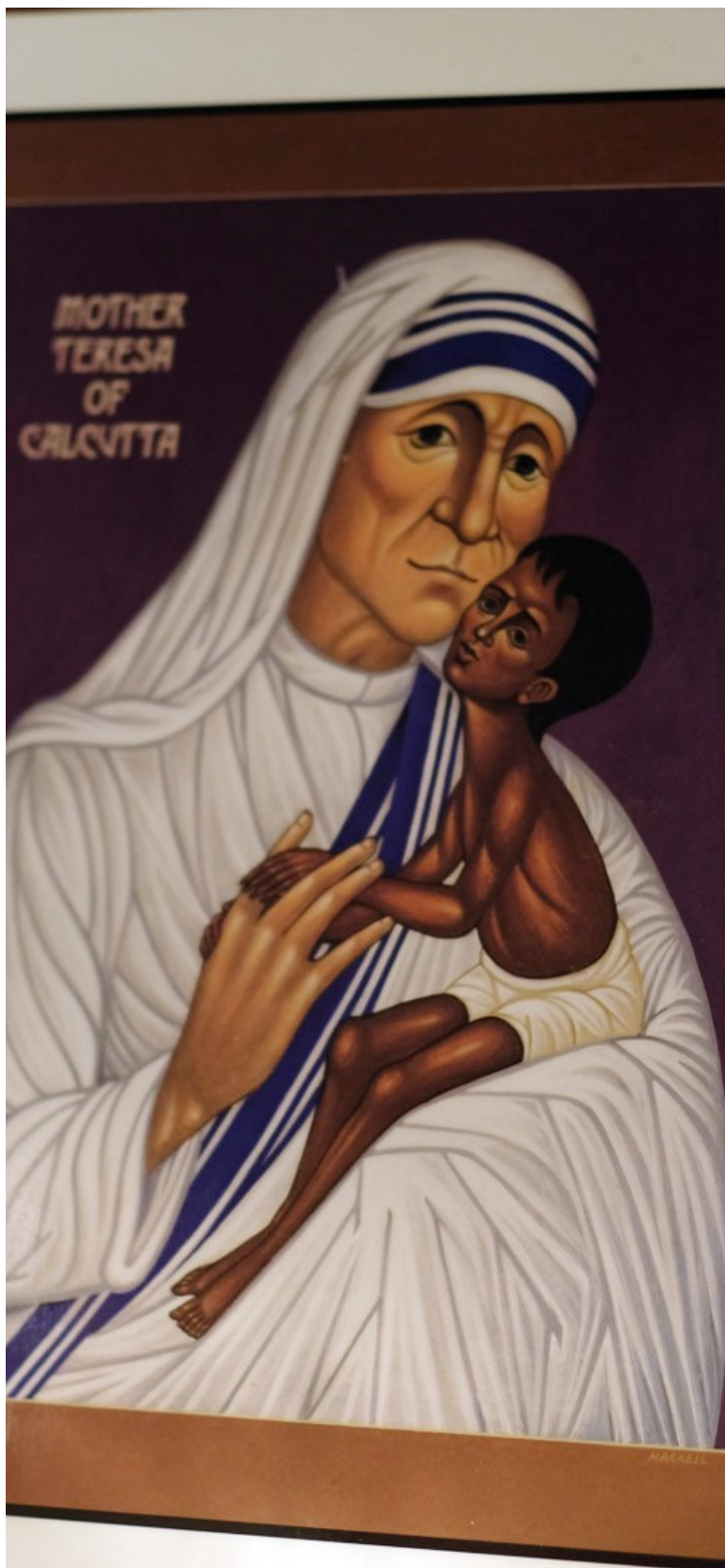


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# Welcome to Taizé

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 Rohlif**

**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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Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn in 4/4 time, key of D major. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. There are repeat signs at the beginning of each system. The second system ends with a 'Last time' instruction and a smiley face symbol.

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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)*

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn in 4/4 time, key of D major. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The third system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. There are repeat signs at the beginning of each system. The third system ends with a 'Last time' instruction and a smiley face symbol. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes in the first and second systems.

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**Psalm 48** (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: 3 Alleluia 11**

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a tempo marking of ♩ = 104 and a 3/4 time signature. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The score consists of two staves. The upper staff is for the voice, and the lower staff is for the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (hum)". The piano part features a steady accompaniment of chords and moving lines. The score ends with a double bar line and the marking "D.S." (Da Capo).

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Great is the Beloved and greatly to be praised  
In the abode of the Most High!  
The holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,  
Is the joy of all the earth,  
Clear as a crystal within its pearly gates.

**ALLELUIA**

Within the stronghold of open hearts,  
The Beloved's voice can be heard.  
For lo, the inner fears assembled,  
They came forth together.

**ALLELUIA**

As soon as they saw the Beloved,  
They were in panic, they took to flight;  
Trembling before the eyes of Love,  
They labored for a stronghold.

**ALLELUIA**

Through the Heart's ear,  
The Word can be heard.  
The refining Fire of Divine Mercy  
Melted hearts held in bondage  
By fear and illusion.

In the abode of the Most High,  
Where the Beloved lives forever.

**ALLELUIA**

We have pondered your steadfast love,  
O Beloved, in the midst of our hearts,  
Your Holy Temple.  
We call on your Name, O Holy One,  
And praise you to the ends of the earth.

**ALLELUIA**

Your Word is our armor of strength  
Let us rejoice and be glad!  
Let all peoples rejoice  
Because of your forgiving love!

**ALLELUIA**

See with your heart's eye the crystal mountain,  
Note the clarity and purity within;  
Consider well the essence of love,  
The echoes of mercy and justice,  
That you may tell the generations to come  
That this is the Beloved,  
Our hope for ever and ever.

Yes, the Blessed One will be with us forever!

**ALLELUIA**

**Scripture for Meditation: Psalm 123:1-2; 4b** (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

To you I lift up my spirit, you, who are enthroned in every heart! For, as the young child holds tightly the hand of its parent, as those in the throes of disease look to one who brings comfort, so our spirits seek the Heart of Love, that we might find mercy and forgiveness.

Have mercy, lead us to the path of wholeness, that we may know the abiding Peace of the Beloved.

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



**Breath Prayer**

*Inhale* — Have mercy ...

*Exhale* — Lead me ...

**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

With the prayer [for mercy] we are purified, enlightened, and sanctified; it is the lifeline of the soul and of the body, and the foundation of perfection.

— *Saint Amphilochios (Makris) (1889-1970)*



### CLM28 I Lift Up My Eyes

Canon

1

L'a - ju - da em vin - drà del Se - nyor, del Se -  
I lift up my eyes to the hills; from -

2

nyor, el nos - tre Déu, que ha fet el cel i la  
where shall come my help? My help is in God who cre -

3

4 (Last time ☺)

ter - ra, el cel i la ter - ra. L'a -  
at - ed the earth and the heav - ens. I

## 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: NB42 Kyrie 7

Musical score for 'Kyrie 7' in 2/2 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The melody is written in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son, Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son.

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God of heaven and earth, creator of all things seen and unseen, we join with the church through all ages, praying that you remove all evil and renew the face of the whole creation.

#### **KYRIE**

Grant wisdom and courage to political leaders in every nation, especially our own as we enter this election season, so we all act for the common good, with the justice you command

#### **KYRIE**

Grant intelligence and generosity to leaders of business and industry so that they provide dignity and safety for every person and household on the planet.

#### **KYRIE**

Grant imagination and passion to educators and artists so they give clear guidance and true vision, enabling us to praise you for the wonder and beauty of your world.

#### **KYRIE**

Grant compassion and skill to healers and caregivers so that the sick and suffering may know your touch as a foreshadowing of the resurrection.

#### **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.**



## CLM8 I Bless You, Lord, My God

Ben - di - go al Se - ñor por - que es - cu - cha mi — voz. El Se -  
I bless you, Lord, my God, for you hear me when I call. You, O

ñor es mi fuer - za, con - fi - a mi co - ra - zón. Ben -  
Lord, are my strong - hold; I trust you with all my heart. I

(♩ Last time)

## NB17 Our Eyes Are Turned

O - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num Je - sum,  
Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ.

o - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num nos - trum.  
Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior.

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## NB2 Be Not Afraid

Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!  
Ne - boj - te se, ra - duj - te se! Kris - tus slav - ný ví - téz z hro - bu vstal.

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## Closing Unison Prayer

May we show the love of God in all we do.

May we be faithful witnesses to the grace of Jesus, the Christ.

May we live in the power and the joy of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

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



**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)*

# 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).

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).

## OHM House Rehab Workdays – Wednesdays

Help us work with Open Hand Ministries to renovate their current property and make it available to a qualified and deserving family! We’re now in the construction phase, where the house will begin to take shape and look like a home. Volunteers are needed on Wednesdays, 9 am -3 pm. No special skills are needed and lunch is provided! Contact Frank Bauerle for details (frbauerle@yahoo.com).

## ELPC Connections: Fridays @ Frick – July 12

Join ELPC’s *Connections Group* for the Fridays @ Frick concert on July 12. Music will be provided by Living Dream. The lawn opens at 5 pm; music starts at 6:30 pm. The concert is free, but a \$5 adult donation is suggested. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Pack a meal for yourself or buy food from the vendors. Come enjoy music and each other’s company. RSVP to connectelpc@gmail.com.

## LGBTQIA+ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – July 14

You are invited to attend our LGBTQIA+ Ministry’s Spiritual Gathering on Sunday, July 14 at 11:30 am. 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; 412.441.3800 x218).

## See Dr. Ed in Concert – July 14

Dr. Ed Moore will be playing a concert on Sunday, July 14 at 4 pm at Ingomar United Methodist Church (1501 West Ingomar Rd, 15237), as part of their summer recital series. A freewill offering will be accepted. The concert will also be live-streamed on the church’s YouTube channel.



## Middle School Service Week at Crestfield – July 22 to 26

Youth in grades 6–8 are invited to Crestfield Camp for *Service Adventure Camp*, combining adventure with local missions and service opportunities from Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26. Campers will be sent out to local non-profits to learn about and assist those agencies. The cost is \$400; scholarships available. Contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

## Donations for Chapel Market

The Chapel Market is in need of men’s shorts, pants, underwear and socks. Donations can be left at the Highland Lobby.