



East Liberty Presbyterian Church August 7, 2024 • 7:00 pm

116 South Highland Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15206

412.441.3800



# **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** 

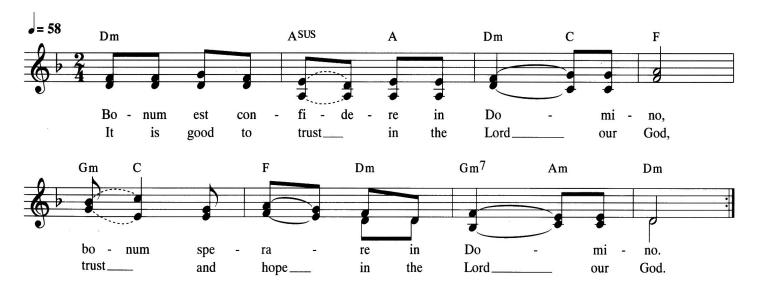
Welcome and Opening Centering by The Rev. BJ Woodworth

## 43 Holy Is The Name Of God



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## 11 It Is Good To Trust



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Psalm 34:1-8 (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

## Sung Response: 2 Alleluia 7



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I will bless the Beloved at all times, A song of praise will I sing. My soul speaks to the Beloved continually; Let all who suffer hear and be glad. O open your hearts, friends, That your pain and loneliness Be turned to Love; And then, we shall rejoice In the Beloved together!

#### **ALLELUIA**

When I searched for Love,
The Beloved answered within my heart,
And all my fears flew away.
Look to the Beloved,
And your emptiness will be filled,
Your face will radiate Love.

#### **ALLELUIA**

For when you weep, the Beloved hears, And comes to companion you; Your burdens are eased by Love. The Beloved sends angels when you call Upon these messengers for guidance and light, For their gracious inspiration, One with Love, you are never alone!

#### **ALLELUIA**

## **Scripture for Meditation:** John 6:35; 48-51 (from Inclusive Bible translation)

Jesus explained to them, "I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry; no one who believes in me will be thirsty.

I am the bread of life. Your ancestors are manna in the desert, but they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, and if you eat it you'll never die.

I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If any eat this bread, they will live forever; the bread I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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



## **Breath Prayer**

*Inhale* — I hunger...

Exhale — I thirst...

**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**

The soul must long for God in order to be set aflame by God's love; but if the soul cannot yet feel the longing, then it must long for the longing. To long for the longing is also from God.

— Meister Eckhart (1260 - c.1328), a German Catholic theologian, philosopher and mystic

## 28 Come And Fill



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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 1



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God of love and liberation, we give thanks for the stories of our faith in which you fed your people in the wilderness and the hungry crowds that followed Jesus. Like them, we sometimes forget to be grateful for what we have and are consumed by complaining about what we do not have and grab more than our daily bread. Help us to be grateful and take only what we need and leave the rest for those who are hungry.

#### **KYRIE**

Forgive us when we follow Jesus or pray to you only seeking after our own good. Help us to pray for our higher things, for the things that will equip us for the work of ministry and to perform the works of God.

#### **KYRIE**

Holy One, we pray for the needs and desires of this community, for its families, its individuals, and its children.

#### **KYRIE**

Giver of Life, we pray for the nations of the earth, that the world may know plenty and peace.

#### **KYRIE**

Bread of Life, we pray for those who hunger for bread and for those who hunger for righteousness, that they will be fed what they need.

#### **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**



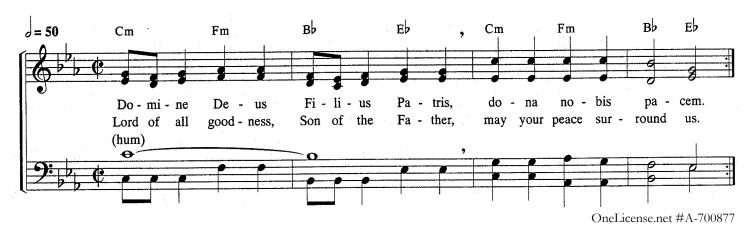
## **Prayer over the Anointing Oil** (in unison)

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.

#### 30 Lord Of All Goodness



## 22 Sing To The Lord



## CLM33 O Lord, You Hold And Protect Me



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## **Closing Unison Prayer**

May God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, fill you with all good things, providing for you today and forever.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.











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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

**Telephone:** 011-33 385 50 30 02 Fax: 011-33 385 50 30 16

**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).

# **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).

Aug 16, Sept 20, Oct18, 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.

RSVP to Norma by Sunday, Sept 15 (412.441.3800 x211). Cost options are:

- 1. One Night (Fri-Sat or Sat-Sun) Shared Bath | \$70
- 2. One Night (Fri-Sat or Sat-Sun) Private Bath | \$110
- 3. Two Nights (Friday-Sunday) Shared Bath | \$85
- 4. Two Nights (Friday-Sunday) Private Bath | \$135

# Visit us online at www.ELPC.church

to learn more about our ministries and opportunities at East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

#### **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).

#### See Dr. Ed in Concert - Aug 11

Dr. Ed Moore will be playing a concert on Sunday, Aug 11 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.



### **ELPC Connections: Reservoir of Jazz - Aug 11**

Join ELPC's Connections group for the free Reservoir of Jazz series on Sunday, Aug 11 from 5–7 pm at Highland Park (by the fountain). Music will be provided by Hugo Cruz and Caminos. RSVP to connectelpc@gmail.com.

#### LGBTQIA+ Ministry Spiritual Gathering - Aug 18

You are invited to attend our LGBTQIA+ Ministry's spiritual gathering on Sunday, Aug 18 after worship to share lunch and conversation. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcome! Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

#### PW Bible Study — Questions Answered Aug 18 and 25

The title of the Presbyterian Women's 2024-2025 Bible Study is Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation. Learn more about this study from its author, the Rev. Dr. Patricia K Tull, in a video at tiny.cc/pw-2024. Rev. Dr. Tull is an ordained Presbyterian minister and an A. B. Rhodes Professor Emerita of Old Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

Bible Study begins on Tuesday, Sept 3 from 10 am—Noon (hybrid), and Monday, Sept 9 from 7–8:30 pm (on Zoom). Presbyterian Women will be available after worship on Sundays, Aug 18 and 25, to answer questions. For more info, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.