



Taizé

Prayerful Song & 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 Taizé Musicians

Welcome and Opening Centering by The Rev. BJ Woodworth

43 Holy is the name of God

♩ = 100 F Dm Am ESUS E A B♭ F Gm C

San - ctum no - men Do - mi - ni ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a.
Ho - ly is the name of God. Sing out my soul, prais - ing God ev - er - more.

F Dm Am ESUS E A B♭ F Gm C F

San - ctum no - men Do - mi - ni ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a.
Ho - ly is the name of God. Sing out my soul, giv - ing praise to God.

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CLM 16 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. wea - ry. O O El Who -

(♩ Last time)

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Scripture for Meditation: Song of Songs 2:8-13 *(from Inclusive Bible translation)*

Here comes my lover, running down the mountains like a gazelle,
Leaping the hills like a stag in search of his doe.
Look at him, standing out there staring in through window lattices like the moon.
He is calling me: "Come, sweetheart, my pretty one, come out!
Winter is over, the rains are gone, the flowers are blooming.
It's time for signing; let's walk out through the valleys and listen to the song of the dove.
The fig trees are setting fruit; and the air is full of the smell of grape blossoms.
Arise and come, my pretty darling, come away with me!"

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



Breath Prayer

Inhale — Come to me...

Exhale — my Beloved...

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

..."All shall be well, all shall be well...for there is a Force of Love moving through the universe that holds us fast and will never let us go."

- Julian of Norwich (1343-c. 1416) an English anchoress of the Middle Ages. Her writings, now known as Revelations of Divine Love, are the earliest surviving English-language works by a woman.

All Will Be Well



All will be well, and all will be well, all



man - ner of things will be well.



well, will be well, will be well.

Text: *The Revelations of Divine Love*, Julian of Norwich; adapt. by Steven C. Warner, b.1954
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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



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

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God, we pray for the church in every land: help all who serve the living God to be strong in the power of God and to withstand all the temptations of the evil one.

KYRIE, KYRIE, E LE ISON

God, we pray for those who lead your church: guide bishops, pastors, elders, deacons, teachers, and administrators who order the life of Christian community, that they may persevere in supplication for all the saints.

KYRIE, KYRIE, E LE ISON

God, we pray for those who govern the nations and exercise authority in civic life: give our governing officials wisdom for the administration of justice, compassion for the sake of mercy, and determination for the pursuit of the common good.

KYRIE, KYRIE, E LE ISON

God, we pray for the sick, the poor, and the oppressed: save those who are in need and strengthen all who minister to them.

KYRIE, KYRIE, E LE ISON

God, we pray for our planet Earth: save our world from the ravages of war, thoughtless waste, and the foolish exploitation of Earth's abundance.

KYRIE, KYRIE, E LE ISON



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 confidentiality.

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.



NB 8 In God Alone My Soul

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace- and joy.
Mon â- me se re- po- sê 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 - sê en paix. Mon

Last time

NB 10 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Musical score for 'In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful'. The score is in 3/4 time and consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The piece ends with a triplet of eighth notes in the treble staff.

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 -

Musical score for 'Lift up your voices, the Lord is near'. The score is in 3/4 time and consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The piece ends with a 'Last time' marking and a fermata over the final note in both staves.

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 -

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18 Raise a Song to Gladness

Musical score for 'Raise a Song to Gladness'. The score is in 2/4 time and consists of a single treble staff. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 84. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The score is divided into two sections, A and B, indicated by circled letters above the staff. Section A contains the first two lines of music, and Section B contains the last two lines. The lyrics are written below the staff.

Two-voice Canon
 ♩ = 84 (A) D G A (B)

Raise a song of glad - ness, peo - ples of the earth.
 Christ has come, bring - ing peace, joy to ev - 'ry heart.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - 'ry heart!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - 'ry heart!

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Closing Unison Prayer

The living God give you strength!
The Lord Jesus Christ feed you
with the bread of life!
The Holy Spirit fill you with the words of life!
The blessing of the Holy Trinity
abide with you this night and forever

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.



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



We live in a world of division and conflict. Yet, as followers of Christ, we are called to be peacemakers and bridges of unity. Here in Taizé, we are inspired by the example of reconciliation and fraternal community. Your commitment to praying together, living together and serving together is a model for the whole world. Let us remember the words of the apostle Paul to the Ephesians: “Strive to maintain the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” (*Ephesians 4:3*) It is a task that requires our daily dedication and our faith in God’s transforming love.

(by His Eminence, Metropolitan Dimitrios of France, Exarch for Europe of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, addressing the brothers of the Taizé community and to young people taking part)

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)

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



Let's Get Free Art Show:

Abolitionist Expressions
Sept 22 to Oct 20

ELPC's Justice and Worship, Music & Arts Committees invite you to attend an art show from Sept 22 - Oct 20 featuring selected works from the permanent collection of *Let's Get Free: The Women and Trans Prisoner Defense Committee*. The show, *Abolitionist Expressions*, includes paintings, collages, and other artwork created by people who are or have been incarcerated.

The mission of *Let's Get Free* is working to “...end perpetual punishment, build a pathway out of the prisons back to our communities through commutation reform, support successful possibilities for people formerly and currently incarcerated, and shift to a culture of transformative justice.” The organization's efforts are in line with the goals of both ELPC Committees and we are thrilled to partner with them on this initiative.

A panel presentation on the societal impact of the death penalty, mass incarceration, and inequities in our legal system is being planned for Sunday, Oct 13 after the 11 am sanctuary worship service.

We're in need of volunteer “gallery sitters” willing to be onsite during the times when the show will be open to the public. Contact Vivienne Selia (vselia@comcast.net).



The artwork will be displayed in the Highland and Trustees Rooms, and will be available for the public to view on Sundays from Noon – 2 pm, and Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7 pm.

INQUIRERS' CLASS — SEPT 1

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* on Sunday, Sept 1 after the 10 am worship service in the Fellowship Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided.

For more info or to register, please contact Jen King (JenniferK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x222).

