



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 the Taizé Musicians

Welcome and Opening Centering by The Rev. BJ Woodworth

CLM37 O Come And Let Us Sing To God

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.

(♩ Last time)

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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CLM33 O Lord, You Hold And Protect Me

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

(♩ Last time)

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

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Psalm 26 (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: CLM2 Alleluia 20

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line for the Cantor (Soprano and Alto) and a piano accompaniment line (Tenor and Bass). The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -". The second system continues the vocal line with "lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!" and the piano accompaniment. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and repeat signs.

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Speak on my behalf, O Beloved,
For I would choose the path
That leads back home,
Trusting in your love without reserve.

ALLELUIA

May my heart be as your Heart.
May my mind be as your Mind.
May your steadfast love guide me
As I live according to your Will,
You, O Counselor,
Are my strength and my guide;
So I choose the path of peace and wholeness.

ALLELUIA

I walk with friends of integrity,
And associate with those who live in truth;
I love the company of faith-filled people,
And count myself among those
Who make your Word their own.

ALLELUIA

Cleanse my heart in innocence
That I might childlike be,
Singing songs of thanksgiving
And proclaiming the Beloved's way.

ALLELUIA

O Loving Presence,
I cherish your dwelling place, my heart;
O, that I might radiate Love Divine.
Keep me always in your presence,
Ever-ready to praise your Name.
Make me holy, complete in You,
Write my name among the saints.

ALLELUIA

For I choose the path of peace and wholeness,
The Counselor is my strength and my guide.
Standing with equanimity
In heaven's blessed company,
I shall know Love and Peace
Beyond the world's understanding.
Blessed are You, O my Beloved!

ALLELUIA

Scripture for Meditation: Mark 10:13-16 *(from Inclusive Bible translation)*

People were bringing their children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples scolded them for this.

When Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them. It is just such as these that the kin-dom of God belongs. The truth is, whoever doesn’t welcome the kin-dom of God as a little child won’t enter it.”

And Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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



Breath Prayer

Inhale — Welcome me...

Exhale — As your child...

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.



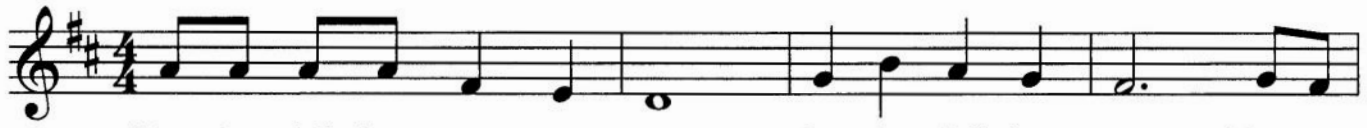
Words from Saints and Ancestors

Children are the hands by which we take hold of heaven.

— *Henry Ward Beecher, (1813-1887)*
an American Congregationalist, social reformer and speaker,
known for his support of the abolition of
slavery, his emphasis on God's love

*** Let The Children Come To Me**

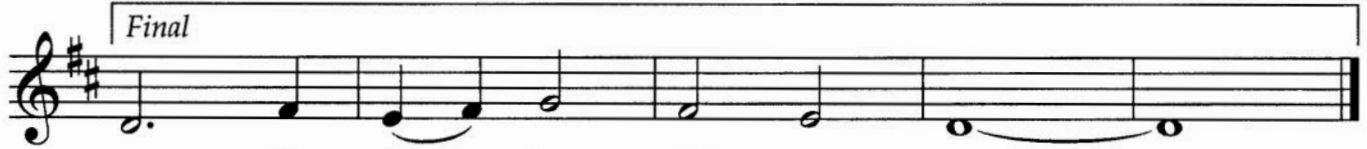
REFRAIN



"Let the chil-dren come to me; let the chil-dren come. Nev-er



hin-der them; nev-er stop them. O let the chil-dren come." To Verses



come. O let the chil - dren come." _____

VERSES



1. Peo-ple were bring-ing chil - dren Just to see the Lord, And
2. "If— you seek the king - dom, Lis-ten to what I say: Un-
3. Then the Lord em - braced them, Held them in his care. With



1. when the dis - ci - ples stopped them, This is what they heard:
2. less you be-come like chil - dren, You can-not know the way."
3. love he be-stowed his bless - ing; With love he spoke this prayer:

James V. Marchionda
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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: NB42 Kyrie 12

Musical score for 'Sung Response: NB42 Kyrie 12'. The score is written for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The vocal line has two endings: 1. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. 2. lei - son. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the right and left hands.

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We pray for those who are suffering:
through sickness, through loss, without
support, and in loneliness.

KYRIE

We pray for those who seek justice, who
frown upon evil but are still shunned and
persecuted.

KYRIE

We pray for those who feel like the
smallest of the small, the weakest of the
weak, those who feel ignored and
unloved.

KYRIE

We pray for those who have been
abandoned or abused, who have been
neglected and left powerless, who have
been limited or rejected.

KYRIE

Take them all into your arms as Jesus did
with the children, and bless them every
day so that they are supported, liberated,
loved, and accepted.

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 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.



NB14 Lord God, You Love Us

Lord God, you love us, source of com - pas - sion.
Toi, tu nous ai - mes, sour - ce de vie.

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* 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.

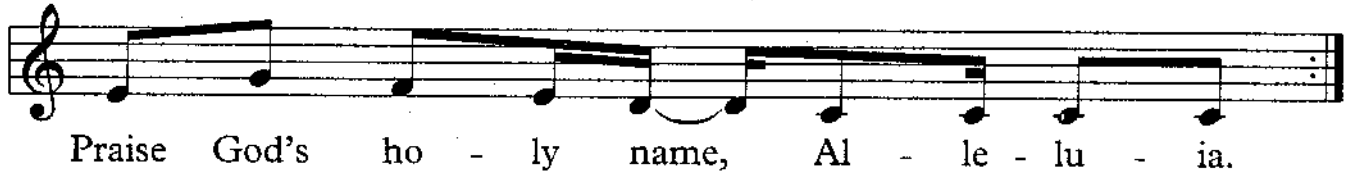
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G86 Praise, Praise, Praise The Lord



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Closing Unison Prayer

Go out into the world and live as children,
depending on God and on each other,
trusting the guidance of God
and holding tight to God's hand.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

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

Taizé Musicians:

Charlie Anderson..... *flute*

James Avant..... *vocalist*

David Bennet *cello*

Alyssa Creasy..... *pianist*

Jennifer Gorske..... *music director/vocalist*

Chris Markwell..... *vocalist*

Gerard Rohlf..... *guitar*

SPIRITUAL LIFE & CHURCH EVENTS

Contemplative Prayer

Monday morning *Contemplative Prayer* will restart tomorrow, Sept 9 from 7:30-8 am. Please join Pastor BJ Woodworth on Zoom (Meeting ID: 959 8065 3992; Passcode: bestill) for 30 minutes of communal silence and guided meditation on scripture.

Mondays, 7:30-8 am

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, 6-7 pm

JourneyDance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month (with a few exceptions).

Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 27

Fridays, 7-8:30 pm

Yoga Retreat: Celebrating the Beauty of You – Oct 5

Join us on Saturday, Oct 5 from 9 am–3 pm for a *Yoga Retreat*. This retreat is all about embracing yourself as you are, relaxation, and inner peace through yoga, movement and meditation in community. Yamuna Morgenstern will lead our yoga, movement and reflections. Special guest Jessica Rosario will offer the sound bath with her crystal bowls. The cost is a suggested donation of \$60 (or pay what you can). Register online at tiny.cc/yoga-retreat.

Revolutionary Love Tour with Valrie Kaur – Oct 15

In the thick of a divisive election season, join visionary civil rights leader Valarie Kaur in an immersive experience of storytelling, music, song, ancestral wisdom, and community-building on Tuesday, Oct 15 from 6-9 pm at 1Hood Media (460 Melwood Ave, 15213). We invite you into a space for soulful introspection, deep listening, and courageous action. Each stop uplifts local leaders, artists, and advocates who catalyze hope. You will leave with the tools needed to lead with love and courage in your daily life. This event is free, but please reserve your tickets online at tiny.cc/revolutionary-love-tour.



Meet our Pastoral Candidate!

We are grateful for all the support you have given the PNC over the course of our journey to discern a new Senior Pastor for ELPC. We would like to invite you to attend any of the events we are planning for the first weekend in October so you can meet and welcome our candidate for ELPC.

- Members of the congregation are invited to come and meet our pastor candidate at an *All-congregation Open House* on **Saturday, Oct 5** from 2-4 pm. This is an informal, drop-in event – come for a few minutes to say *hello* or longer for fellowship and light refreshments. The event will take place in the Garth Overlook Room, so enter through the Highland Ave entrance.
- On **Sunday, Oct 6** there will be a *Meet & Greet* following the 8:45 am Journey service.
- Our final event of the weekend will be a *Reception*, also on **Sunday, Oct 6** after the *Congregational Meeting*, which follows the 11 am sanctuary service.

Session has called a *Congregational Meeting* to vote on this candidate on **Sunday, Oct 6** after the 11 am service. Members can participate on Zoom (Meeting ID: 824 2903 4526). Please note only members will be able to vote for the candidate. Every ELPC member participating on Zoom will need to be on an individual computer to vote.



Art Show: Abolitionist Expressions

Art Show on Display: Abolitionist Expressions

ELPC's Justice and Worship, Music & Arts Committees invite you to attend an art show that runs through Oct 20 in the Highland and Trustees Rooms, featuring paintings, collages, and other artwork created by people who are or have been incarcerated. Artwork can be viewed on Sundays from Noon-2 pm, and Wednesdays from 5:30-7 pm.

Interested in Hosting Pilgrims? – Oct 5-10 and Oct 10-15

We are looking for people interested in hosting our guests from Malawi. There are two hosting periods planned: Saturday, Oct 5-Thursdays, Oct 10, and Thursdays, Oct 10-Tuesday, Oct 15 (when the pilgrims depart). To help, contact Eddie Willson (willson.eddie@gmail.com) or Kay Shissler (kshissler@juno.com).



Please visit our website for more information about the ministries of East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

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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).