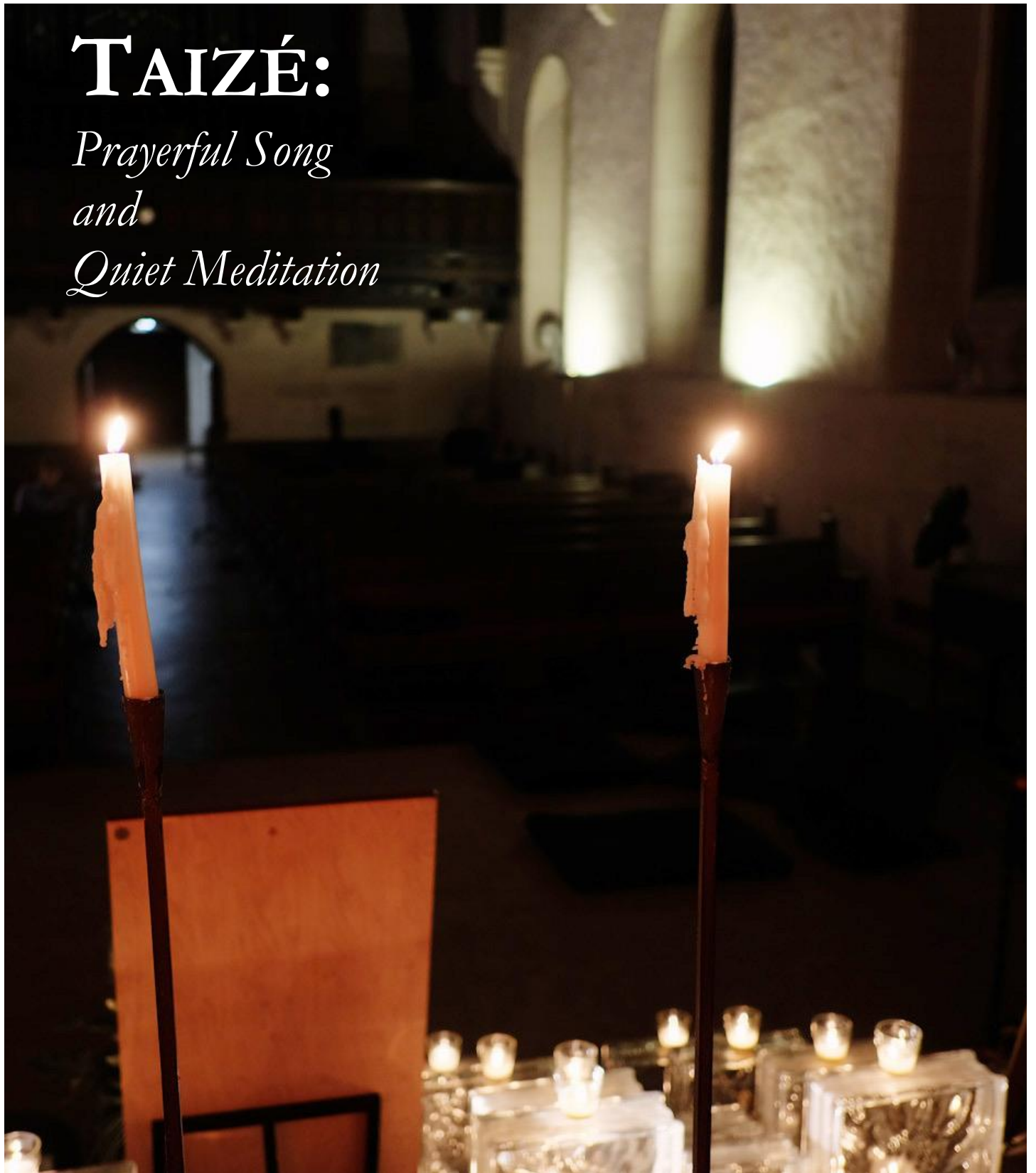


# TAIZÉ:

*Prayerful Song  
and  
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 Emily Cowser**

## 28 Come And Fill

$\text{♩} = 66$

D Bm D A

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Em C Em A D

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

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## CLM15 Lord And Giver Of Life

Do - mi - nus Spi - ri - tus est. Spi - ri - tus au - tem vi -  
Lord and giv - er of life, Spir - it of light and of

vi - fi - cat. Spi - ri - tus au - tem vi - vi - fi - cat.  
ho - li - ness, Spir - it of light and of ho - li - ness.

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**Psalm 34:1-8, 19** (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 1**

*Soprano ad lib.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Cantor*

Al - le - lu - ia.

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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**

Though we are beset with many fears  
That cause illness and troubles,  
The Beloved is ever ready  
To comfort us in our sorrows,  
To strengthen us  
On our soul's journey to wholeness.  
The Beloved renews the life of all  
Who surrender to Love.

**ALLELUIA**





## Scripture for Meditation: Mark 10:46-52 *(from Inclusive Bible translation)*

They came to Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho with the disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus ben-Timaeus, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, “Heir of David, Jesus, have pity on me!”

Many people scolded him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the louder, “Heir of David, have pity on me!”

Jesus stopped and said, “Call him here.”

So they called the blind man. “Don’t be afraid,” they said. “Get up; Jesus is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, Bartimaeus jumped up and went to Jesus.

Then Jesus said, “What do you want me to do for you?”

“Rabbuni,” the blind man said, “I want to see.”

Jesus replied, “Go, your faith has saved you.” And immediately Bartimaeus received the gift of sight and began to follow Jesus along the road.

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

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### Breath Prayer

*Inhale* — Lord, Jesus Christ...

*Exhale* — have mercy on 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.

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## Words from Saints and Ancestors

God encourages us to notice and name our desires, in the same way that Jesus encouraged Bartimaeus to articulate his desire. Recognizing our desires means recognizing God's desires for us. Indeed, naming our desires tells us as much about God as it does ourselves... Expressing these desires brings a greater intimacy with God... Desire is what makes two people create a third person. Desire can be productive, creative, life-sustaining and life-giving... and a key way that God speaks to us.



### NB10 In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

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 -

## 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: NB57 Psalm 103: God Can Only Give Faithful Love

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. 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 lyrics are: "God can on - ly — give faith - ful love: ten - der - ness and for - give - ness! Dieu ne peut que don - ner son a - mour, no - tre Dieu est ten - dres - se!". There are two "Last time" markings with a curved line above the notes, one at the end of the first line and one at the end of the second line.

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God, you alone know the depths of each human heart: grant us the grace to know our heart's true desire. Grant that we may take delight in you, trusting you with all the desires of our hearts. Grant us the courage to be with that desire in your presence and cry out to you.

**GOD CAN ONLY GIVE FAITHFUL LOVE**

God, we pray for the local and universal church. Grant your people a deep desire for humility and poverty of spirit and that we may walk in your ways.

**GOD CAN ONLY GIVE FAITHFUL LOVE**

God, we pray for the leaders in our nation, and the nations around the world. Grant them a deep desire for peace and nonviolence and the courage to walk in that path.

**GOD CAN ONLY GIVE FAITHFUL LOVE**

God, we pray for those who are in need. Give us the desire to open our ears to hear their cries and be agents of your mercy.

**GOD CAN ONLY GIVE FAITHFUL LOVE**

God, we pray for those who have pain. Heal, touch, and deliver them. May we not keep them from coming to you in their moments of deepest need, rather may we assist them in moving towards you with their deepest needs.

**GOD CAN ONLY GIVE FAITHFUL LOVE**

We come to you with all these prayers, trusting you'll hear our cry; call us near to you, see us, deliver and save us; and invite us to follow you in a new way thereafter.

**GOD CAN ONLY GIVE FAITHFUL LOVE**

## 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.**



## 9 Bless The Lord

♩ = 76

*p* Dm G Dm B♭ C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

*p* Dm G Dm B♭ C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

# G85 Taste And See

Ps. 34, ICEL

James J. Chepponis

Taste and see, taste and see the  
good - ness of God, the good - ness of God.

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## \* Amazing Grace

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to  
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to  
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and  
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand  
sound That saved a wretch like me!  
fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;  
me, His word my hope se - cures;  
snares, I have al - read - y come;  
years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,  
I once was lost but now I'm  
How pre - cious did that grace ap -  
He will my shield and por - tion  
'Twas grace hath brought me safe thus  
We've no less days to sing God's  
found, Was blind but now I see.  
pear The hour I first be - lieved.  
be As long as life en - dures.  
far, And grace will lead me home.  
praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: St. 1-3, John Newton, 1725-1807, st. 4, attr. to John Rees, fl. 1859  
Tune: NEW BRITAIN, CM; *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; arr. by Evelyn Simpson-Curenton, b.1953, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

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## Closing Unison Prayer

Beloved, may the healing love of Christ,  
the wisdom of God,  
and the strengthening power of the Spirit  
be with you this day and always.

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*

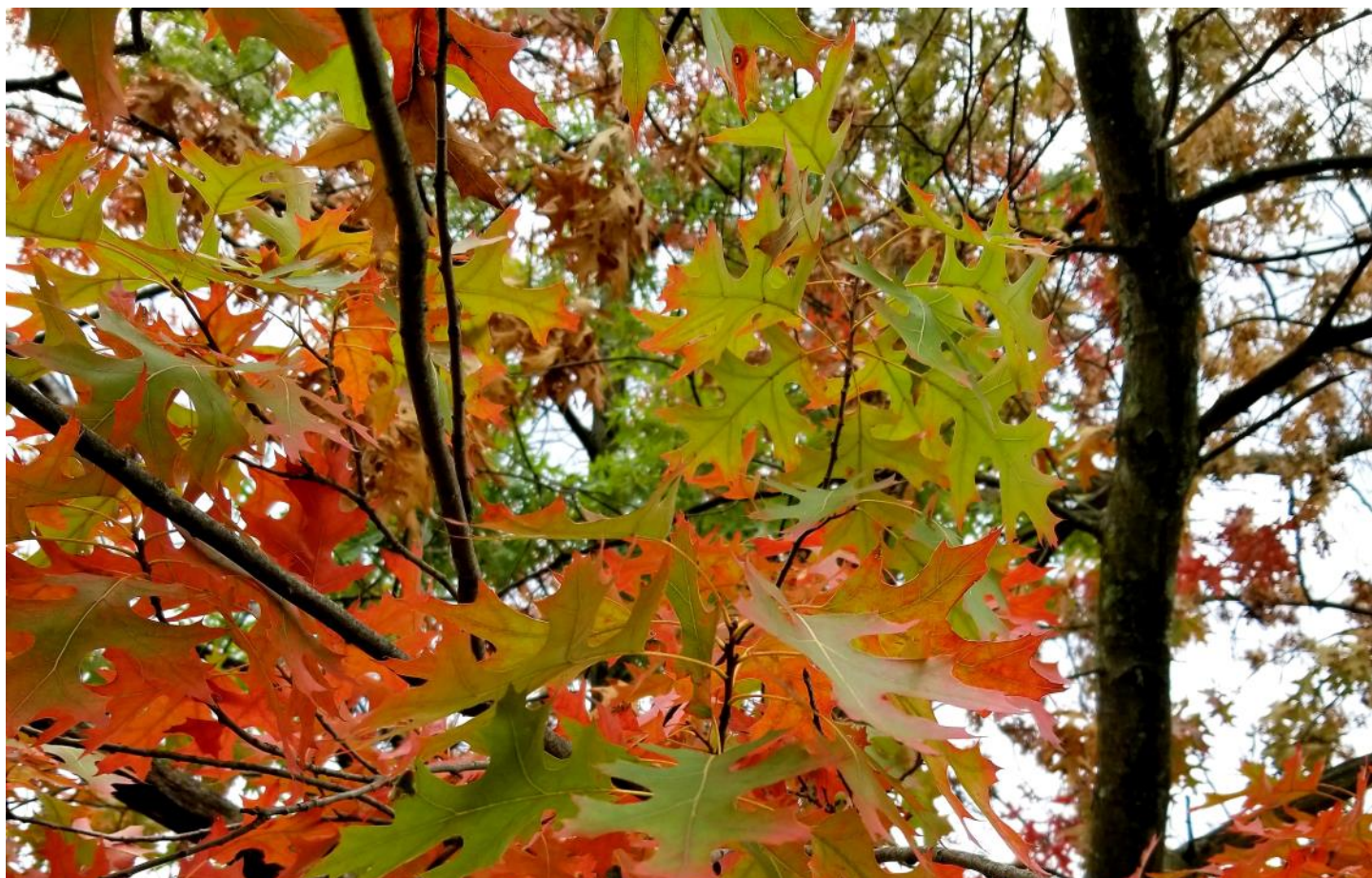
David Bennett..... *cello*

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

## Tuesday Morning Zoom Prayer Group

ELPC offers an online prayer group each Tuesday morning from 8-8:20 am, hosted by ELPC member Steve Evrard. These 20-minute sessions feature scripture readings, responsive prayer, and interactive dialogue. All are welcome at this opportunity for fellowship and prayer.

Tuesdays, 8-8:30 am

Meeting ID: 896 9680 6662 • Passcode 116  
or you may call in by dialing 929.205.6099

## 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).

Nov 15, Dec 27 ♦ Fridays, 7-8:30 pm

## A Day with Cole Arthur Riley – Nov 2

Cole is the creator of *Black Liturgies* and author of *This Here Flesh*. She is a native of Pittsburgh and will be offering her wisdom and sharing from her liturgies at Sixth Presbyterian Church (1688 Murray Ave, 15217) on Saturday, Nov 2 from 9 am—2 pm. The cost is \$20 per person. Cole will be speaking on **Dignity, Justice, Lament, and Solidarity**. *What is our story and where does it begin? How can you practice justice and reconciliation in the mundane and in the systemic? What does it mean to exist in solidarity with another?* Register online at:

<https://www.jotform.com/form/242466134554053>.

## Special Reception Celebrating Hope Academy – Oct 27

Join us following the 11 am Sanctuary worship service on Sunday, Oct 27 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Hope Academy and the long-time leadership and accomplishments of Director Linda Addlespurger. Come to the Fellowship and Garth Overlook Rooms to celebrate and enjoy light refreshments.



## Amen to Action Event – Nov 2

Join with neighbors from local congregations and nonprofits to pack 100,000 meals for the Pittsburgh Community Food Bank during *Amen to Action* at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on Saturday, Nov 2 from 8 am-Noon. If you want to participate with ELPC's Neighbors Committee, sign up online at: <http://Tiny.cc/amen-to-action>. You can also donate at [www.pts.edu/Amen-to-Action](http://www.pts.edu/Amen-to-Action).

School aged children can participate with adult family members. Please contact Bob Forloines for more info ([rforloines@gmail.com](mailto:rforloines@gmail.com)).

## Volunteer for Fall Clean-Up at ELPC – Nov 9

If you would like to help clean up the church grounds for the fall season, please join Don Breitbarth on Saturday, Nov 9 from 9 am—Noon. Work will include removing the annual flowers in the courtyard and at S Highland Ave, planting spring tulip bulbs, and some miscellaneous cleanup in the rain garden. Gloves, garden tools, and donuts provided! Please contact Don for more info ([don.breitbarth@gmail.com](mailto:don.breitbarth@gmail.com)).

## Stewardship Sunday Food Drive – Nov 17

The Neighbors Committee invites you to participate in a special food drive to help stock the shelves of East End Cooperative Ministries' food pantry with healthy, non-perishable foods to distribute to those in our community who are in need. On *Stewardship Sunday*, Nov 17, please bring your food donations (along with your stewardship pledge cards) to worship. You can also drop off your donations in the Highland Lobby prior to Nov 17.

Here is a list of suggested items: *brown rice, whole grain pastas, instant potatoes, boxed mac and cheese, low-sodium soups and broth, low-sugar canned fruits and vegetables, canned tomato paste and sauce, canned tuna, high-fiber breakfast cereals, pancake mix and syrup, brownie mix, peanut butter, jelly, baking soda, bags of dried beans and unsalted nuts and seeds.*