



Taizé:

Prayerful Song & Quiet Meditation



**East Liberty
Presbyterian Church**

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116 South Highland Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

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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 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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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)

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Psalm 68 (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: 3 Alleluia 11

♩ = 104

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (hum)

(Al - le - lu - ia)

D.S.

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Yes, the Beloved will empower us with love,
As we face the fears within.
Love ever whispers, "I will break
Down the walls of illusion,
I will shatter the fears that bind.
That you may walk in a new dawn,
That you may dance with light hearts,
And spread peace throughout the earth."

ALLELUIA

Then will there be a great celebration,
O Beloved, as the peoples come into the Light.
The singers in front, the musicians will follow,
Children will join the procession:
"Bless the Beloved before the peoples,
The Holy One, the Giver of Life!"

ALLELUIA

All nations will partake in this new Life,
From the East and the West,
From the North and the South,
Will the peoples come.

ALLELUIA

Call forth our strength, O Beloved;
Stand by us as we break down
The fears that bind us.
Because you dwell in our hearts,
We are strong and live with courage.

ALLELUIA

We shall walk among the beasts
That dwell among the weeds,
The doubts that weaken and confuse us.
We shall root our fears out of the darkness,
With beams of your Love.

ALLELUIA

Let all within that separate us beware,
As we stretch out our hands to the Beloved.
Sing to the Beloved, O nations of the earth;
Sing praises to the One who is Love.
To the One who gathers the nations together,
To the Beloved, whose voice is heard
In the Silence.

ALLELUIA

Ascribe wisdom to the Indwelling Presence,
Who invites us to understanding,
And calls us to live in peace.
Majestic is Love in our hearts,
The Beloved, Heart of our heart,
Who gives strength and wisdom
To the people.
Blessed be the Beloved!

ALLELUIA

The Word/Meditation: I Corinthians 12 *(The Message Bible)*

God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God is the One behind it all.

Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful: wise counsel, clear understanding, simple trust, healing the sick, miraculous acts, proclamation, distinguishing between spirits...

All these gifts have a common origin but are handed out one by one by the one Spirit of God. Spirit decides who gets what, and when.

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



Breath Prayer

Inhale — I open to my gifts...

Exhale — I offer my gifts...

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

Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable. My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together.

— *Kenyan Proverb and Desmond Tutu*

CLM25 Jesus, Your Spirit

Kris - tus, din An - de i oss är en käl - la med por - lan - de va - ten.
Je - sus, your Spir - it in us is a well - spring of life ev - er - last - ing.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus, Your Spirit'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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Silence and Love

Christ says: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). We need silence in order to welcome these words and put them into practice. When we are agitated and restless, we have so many arguments and reasons not to forgive and not to love too easily. But when we "have calmed and quieted our soul", these reasons turn out to be quite insignificant. Maybe we sometimes avoid silence, preferring whatever noise, words or distraction, because inner peace is a risky thing: it makes us empty and poor, disintegrates bitterness and leads us to the gift of ourselves. Silent and poor, our hearts are overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit, filled with an unconditional love. Silence is a humble yet secure path to loving.

— *Brother Alois of Taizé*

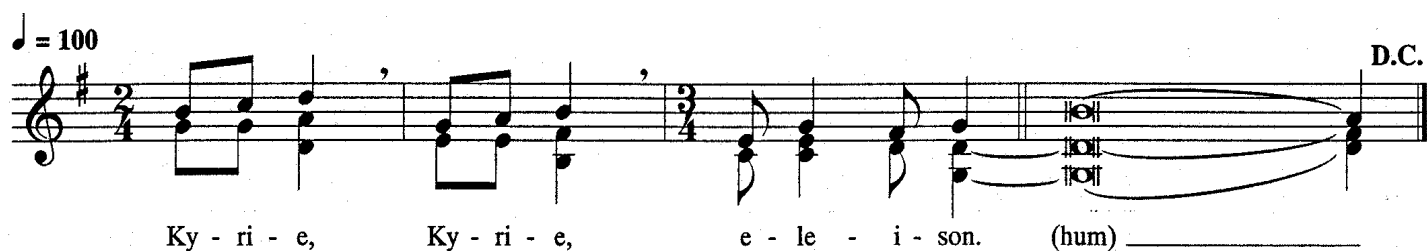


Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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

♩ = 100



Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. (hum) _____

D.C.

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Loving God, in every gathering of Christian people, you bring together a variety of gifts, strengths, and needs to manifest the universal body of Christ. We pray for your church throughout the world, that every local congregation may live as a harmonious family, showing forth the light of Christ to the world.

KYRIE

In every age you raise up servant leaders for your people. We pray for all who teach and lead your church; for the pastoral staff at ELPC, for our elders, and our deacons and for all who serve in the name of Christ.

KYRIE

For the sake of the common good of all people, you create human societies to be places of refuge and human flourishing. We pray for the leaders of governments and especially our leaders: President Biden, President-elect Trump, Governor Shapiro, Mayor Gainey, and all others in public service. May they receive wisdom to exercise government with true justice grounded in mercy.

KYRIE

Your son, Jesus, performed the first of his signs of glory at a wedding. We pray for all who are joined together as family: for all partners who have made covenant to live together for mutual support and love; For parents and children, for the aged and the young.

KYRIE

Lord, you are the giver of all good things: receive the prayers that we offer for ourselves and for our world. In all things, grant us the courage to exercise the gifts you have given each of us for the common good of the whole world.

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.

Jesus' Prayer for the Disciples / Life Giver (Tune: TALLIS CANNON)

1. Life-giv-er, Lov-er of us all, up-on your ho-ly name we call;
2. We pray this day for bread to live, for-give our sins as we for-give,
3. For all the cos-mos is your own, your pow'r of love which we have known,
your new day come, your will be done, on earth as in all realms be-yond.
and give us strength in time of test. Grant us re-lease from e-vil's death.
the splen-dor, ra-diant, with-out end. To God be praise! A-men. A-men.

Written by Laurie Y. J. Aleona, 1988



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.



NB28 Holy Spirit, Come To Us

♩ = 56

pp A Bm⁷/A

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

pp

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NB33 Grant Us Your Peace, O Lord

Da pa - cem, Do mi - ne, da pa - cem,
Grant us your peace, O Lord, grant us your

O Chri - ste, in di - e - bus no - stris.
peace, O Lord, may it fill all our days.

Coda

A - men. A - men. A - men.

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NB16 Let Your Servant Now Go In Peace

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of vocal staves (treble and bass clefs) with lyrics underneath. The first system contains the lyrics: "Nunc di - mit - tis ser - vum tu - um Do - mi - ne, se - / Let your ser - vant now - go in peace, O Lord, now -". The second system contains: "cun - dum ver - bum tu - um in - pa - ce, Nunc di - / go in peace ac - cord - ing to your word, Let your". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. There are two "Last time" markings above the final notes of the vocal lines. Below the second system, there are two lines of text: "(Do - mi - ne.)" and "(to your word.)".

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Closing Unison Prayer

May the Spirit's love, flowing like water across the face of the earth, fill you with every gift for the good of the world. And the blessing of God, Eternal Source, Fountain of Life, and Giver of Gifts, be with you always with you 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*

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



Epiphany Retreat – Jan 31 to Feb 2

On this retreat, we will reflect together on four ways in which God still communicates, speaks and reveals God's self-directing, guiding, and granting us wisdom. Join us for a time of solitude, silence, community, rest, prayer and discovery. Scholarships available. **RSVP to Norma by Jan 19 (412.441.3800 x211).** *Cost options:*

1. One Night (Fri-Sat or Sat-Sun) Shared Bath | \$85
2. One Night (Fri-Sat or Sat-Sun) Private Bath | \$100
3. Two Nights (Fri-Sun) Shared Bath | \$120
4. Two Nights (Fri-Sun) Private Bath | \$155
5. Sat ONLY (just meals for the day) | \$25

LGBTQIA+ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering – Jan 19

You are invited to attend the LGBTQIA+ Ministry's spiritual gathering on Sunday, Jan 19 after the 11 am worship service. Join us to share lunch and conversation. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcome! Contact Wil Forrest to attend (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x218).

Where Do You Find Hope? – Jan 19

You are invited to *Where Do You Find Hope?* in a community of faith on Sunday, Jan 19 from 3-4 pm on Zoom. That Sunday is the eve not only of the Inauguration of Donald Trump as President but also Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Day. The Zoom gathering will be hosted by Presbyterian Women. You do not need to be Presbyterian or a woman to participate! Email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

Social Hour – Jan 26

ELPC's Membership & Outreach Committee is hosting a *Social Hour* after the 11 am service on Sunday, Jan 26 in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome to join them for fellowship and refreshments!

PW Bible Study – Feb 3 and 4

Presbyterian Women's 2024-2025 Bible Study *Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters: Climate Change* will meet on Monday, Feb 3 from 7-8:30 pm (on Zoom), and on Tuesday, Feb 4 from 10 am-Noon (hybrid). There will be a potluck lunch after Tuesday's Bible Study. Please bring a dish to share; beverages will be provided. For more info, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

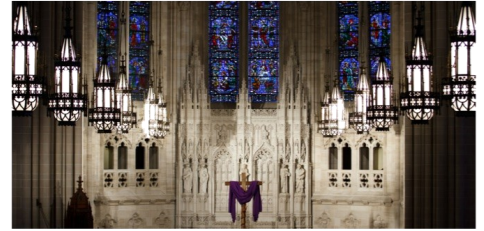
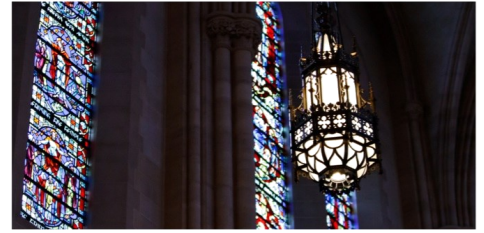
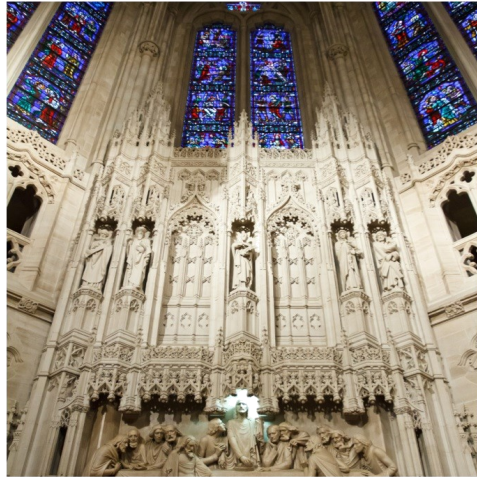
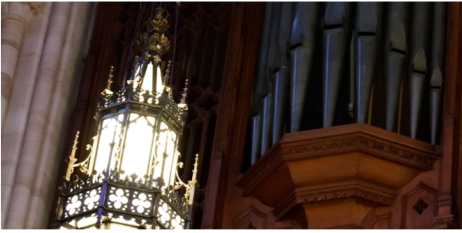
Cathedral Concert: St. Olaf Choir – Feb 9

The highly acclaimed St. Olaf Choir will perform in the ELPC Sanctuary on Sunday, Feb 9 at 7:30 pm. The choir is hailed as one of the nation's premier a cappella ensembles and is renowned for its artistry and beauty of sound. This is a ticketed event and will not be livestreamed. Discounted tickets are available for ELPC members and friends. Contact Dr. Ed Moore (EdM@coh.net).



INQUIRERS CLASS Sunday, February 9

Attend an Inquirers' Class on Sunday, Feb 9 after the 11 am worship service to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Jen King (JenK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x222) to register or for info.



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).