



Taizé:

Prayerful Song & Quiet Meditation



**East Liberty
Presbyterian Church**

www.ELPC.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 Rev. BJ Woodworth

48 Sing Praises

$\text{♩} = 63$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$ Cm G Cm $B\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $B\flat$ $E\flat$

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Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau -
 Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord. Sing

p

$A\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$ Cm $A\flat$ $B\flat$ $E\flat$ *fine*

da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num! Lau -
 prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord! Sing

fine

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NB22 Sing To The Lord

Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, let ev - 'ry - thing in me pro - claim God's sal - va - tion.
 Lo - be den Herrn, mei - ne See - le, und al - les in mir sei - nen hei - li - gen Na - men!

Sing to the Lord, all my be - ing, and re - mem - ber all of God's mar - vel - ous deeds!
 Lo - be den Herrn, mei - ne See - le, und ver - giß nicht, was er dir Gu - tes ge - tan!

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Psalm 19 (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: 2 Alleluia 7

♩ = 116

1. 2. D.C.

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 116. The score includes two first endings (1. and 2.) and a double bar line with 'D.C.' (Da Capo) instruction. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia! (hum) _____'.

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The heavens declare the glory of the Creator;
The firmament proclaims
The handiwork of Love.
Day to day speech pours forth
And night to night knowledge is revealed.

ALLELUIA

There is no speech, nor are there words;
Their voice is not heard;
Yet does their music resound
Through all the earth,
And their words echo to the ends of the world.

ALLELUIA

In them a tent for the sun is set,
Which is like a bride and groom
On their wedding night
As they sing love's song
And celebrate the dance of life.

ALLELUIA

Its rising is in eternity,
And its circuit to infinity.
Nothing is hidden from the sunlight.

ALLELUIA

The law of Love is perfect,
Reviving the soul.
The testimony of Love is sure,
Making wise the simple.
The precepts of Love are right,
Rejoicing the heart.
The authority of Love is pure,
Enlightening the eyes.

ALLELUIA

The spirit of Love is glorious,
Enduring forever.
The rites of Love are true,
Awakening compassion.

ALLELUIA



The Word/Meditation: I Corinthians 12:12, 14-18, 21, 26-27 *(The Inclusive Bible)*

The body is one, even though it has many parts; all the parts — many though they are — comprise a single body. And so it is with Christ.

And that Body is not one part; it is many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” does that make it any less a part of the body? If the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” would that make it any less a part of the body? If the body were all eye, what would happen to our hearing? If it were all ear, what would happen to our sense of smell? Instead of that, God put all the different parts into one body on purpose. If all the parts were alike, where would the body be?

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I do not need you,” any more than the head can say to the feet, “I do not need you.”

If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members share its joy. You, then, are the body of Christ, and each of you is a member of it.

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



Breath Prayer

Inhale — I am ...


Exhale — because we are ...

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

We are all bound together in ways that are invisible to the eye; there is a oneness to humanity; that we achieve ourselves by sharing ourselves with others and caring for those around us. — *Barak Obama*



CLM36 Lord, You Are Living Water

Tu sei sor - gen - te vi - va, tu sei fuo - co, sei ca - ri - tà.
Lord, you are liv - ing wa - ter, you are light and fire, you are love.

Vie - ni Spi - ri - to San - to, vie - ni Spi - ri - to San - to.
Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come, O Ho - ly Spir - it.

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: 6 Kyrie 13

♩ = 96 D.C.

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

The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 96. The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The piece ends with a double bar line and the instruction 'D.C.' (Da Capo).

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God of the prophets and apostles, you call us to restore that which is broken and to proclaim and embody your vision of a world made new. Create in us new hearts, strong voices and able bodies to build the beloved community.

KYRIE

We pray for those who have been chosen as leaders of people, particularly this new administration in our own country, may they attend to the voices of their people, the poor, the marginalized, the vulnerable, and be guided by your wisdom.

KYRIE

We pray for pastors, priests, elders, deacons, and teachers of the church, may they faithfully interpret, teach and live out your word as a holy vision for your church.

KYRIE

We pray for the poor, those in need of assistance and all who feel vulnerable under this new administration, that we may all open our hearts and homes to their cries for help.

KYRIE

We pray for those who are captives of war and victims of violence, especially the ceasefire in Gaza; may an end to violence truly occur and the peace of the gospel arrive in that land in word and deed.

KYRIE

We pray for those with physical challenges and spiritual struggles; may we use our particular gifts to companion them and be a presence of healing and hope as they journey through their trials.

KYRIE



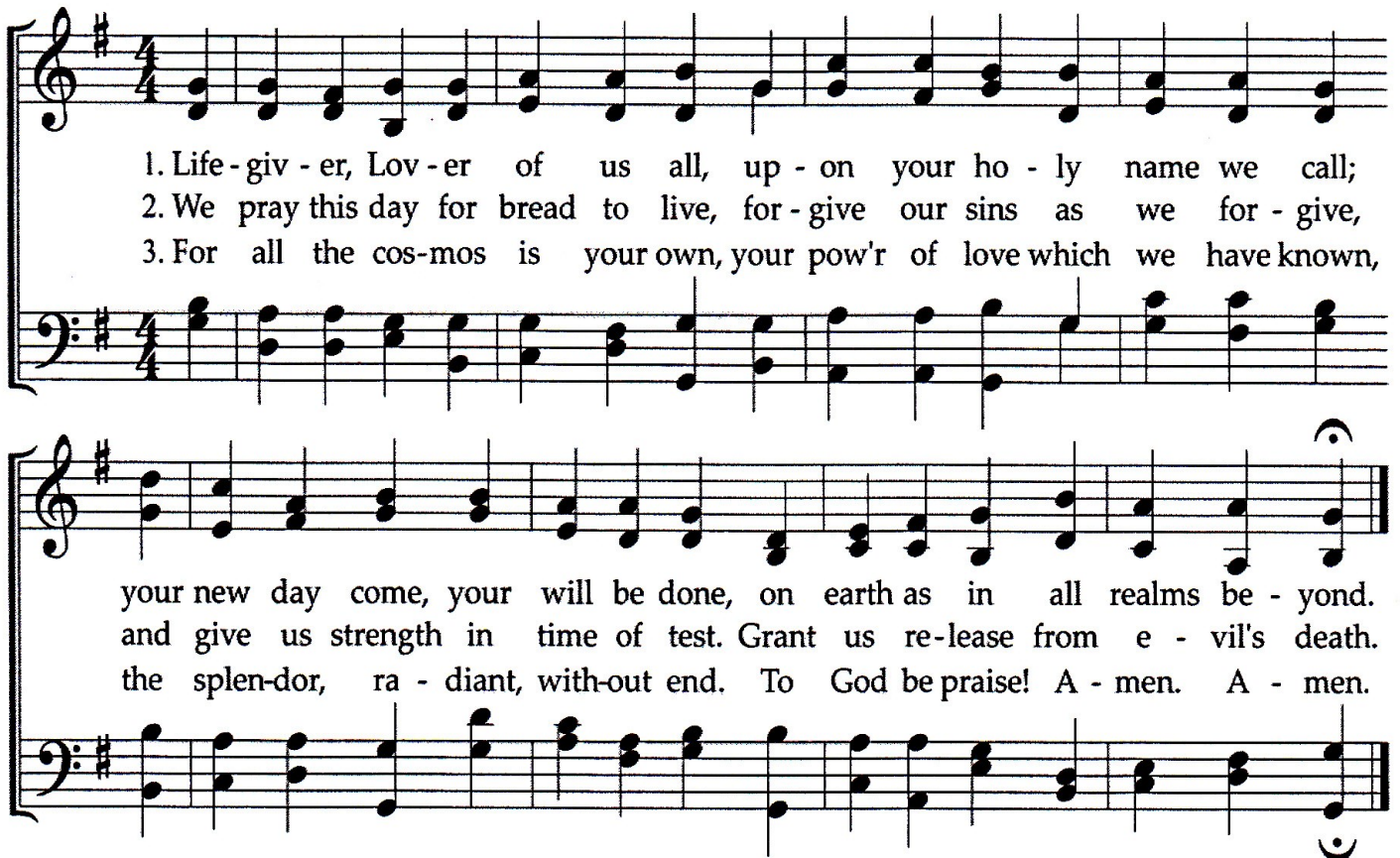
Silent and Spoken Prayers

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.



NB8 In God Alone

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

Last time

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NB32 Your Word, O Lord

Your word, O Lord, is a light. My God, en - light - en my
C'est toi ma lam - pe, Sei - gneur. Mon Dieu é - clai - re ma té -

dark - ness. O Lord, my God, en - light - en my dark - ness. O
nè - bre. Sei - gneur, mon - Dieu, é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. Sei -

Lord, my God, en - light - en my dark - ness. Your
gneur, mon - Dieu, é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. C'est

Last time

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16 Glory To God

Canon

$\text{♩} = 80$

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ri - a. glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Closing Unison Prayer

Holy One, thank you for the gift of this day. Thank you for all the ways that we encountered your Light and experienced your loving presence. As we drift to sleep this night, draw us close to you, our Rock and our Redeemer.

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

JourneyDance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month.

*February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20,
July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17,
November 21, December 19*

Fridays, 7:00-8:30 pm

**The Rev. BJ Woodworth is Minister of
Taizé Prayer here at ELPC.**

BJ is also Director of Spiritual Life Ministries and is available to provide spiritual direction to anyone who is a part of the ELPC community (attending Taizé makes YOU a part of that community).

He can be reached at:

412.441.3800 x241 • BJW@coh.net

Cathedral Concert

St. Olaf Choir

Sunday, Feb 9 • 7:30 pm



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).



Open Hand Ministries Volunteer Opportunity – Feb 1

The next *Open Hand Ministries Workday* will be on Saturday, Feb 1. The current house rehabilitation is nearing completion but volunteers are still needed to finish things up. Both skilled construction labor and willing hands are welcome to participate. Feel free to participate for just a few hours or all day. If interested, please contact Frank Bauerle (fbauerle52@gmail.com) for more info.

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. Email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.



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.