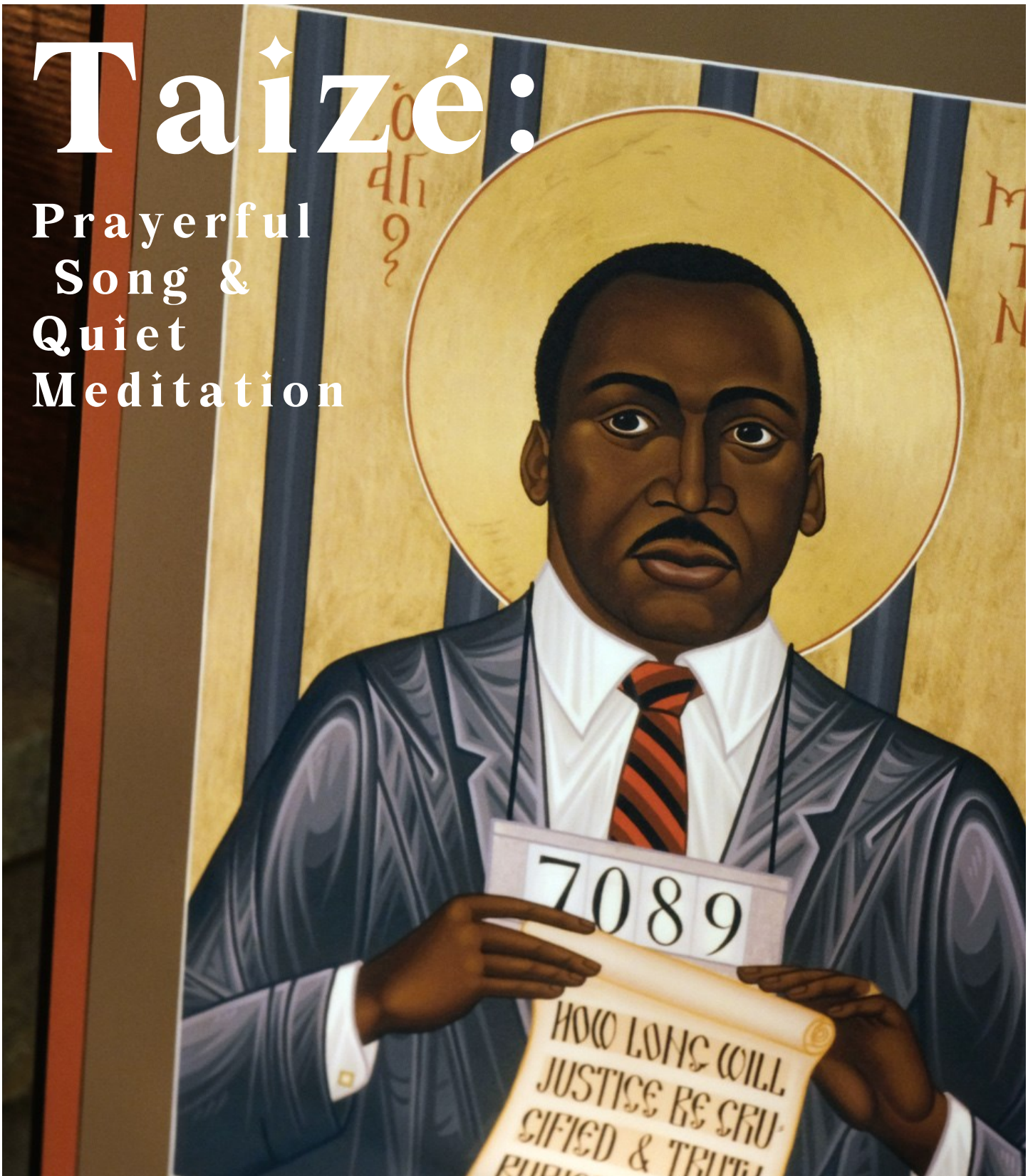


# Taizé:

Prayerful  
Song &  
Quiet  
Meditation



February 12, 2025 • 7:00 pm

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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**



## 28 Come And Fill Our Hearts

♩ = 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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## 11 It Is Good To Trust

♩ = 58

Dm ASUS A Dm C F

Bo - num est con - fi - de - re in the Do - mi - no,  
It is good to trust in the Lord our God,

Gm C F Dm Gm7 Am Dm

bo - num spe - ra - re in the Do - mi - no.  
trust and hope in the Lord our God.

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**Psalm 92** (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 14**



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It is good to give thanks to you, O Beloved,  
To sing praises to your Holy Name.  
To affirm your gracious love in the morning,  
And your faithfulness through the night,  
To the music of the spheres,  
To the melody of the universe!

**ALLELUIA**

For you, Heart of my heart,  
Gladden my soul,  
As I proclaim with joy  
The harmony and beauty of creation.

**ALLELUIA**

How wondrous is your Divine Plan,  
O Beloved, your design,  
Brought forth by Love!  
The ignorant cannot perceive,  
Those who still sleep cannot understand;  
Though darkness covers much of the land  
And violence seems to flourish.

**ALLELUIA**

Love gives birth to dazzling Light,  
And, like a laser, it shines through  
To all that is hidden.  
Yet, lo, all those who separate themselves  
From Love, will be undone by fear.

**ALLELUIA**

You delight in my spirit and elevate my soul;  
You bathe me in the oil of kindness.  
My eyes behold the radiance  
Of creation's glory,  
My ears echo with Love's refrain.

**ALLELUIA**

Those who live with integrity  
Are like a garden in full bloom,  
Whose blossoms beautify the earth.  
They are planted in the dwelling place of Love,  
Their produce nourishes all those who pass by.

**ALLELUIA**

All through their lives  
They reap bountiful harvests,  
Overflowing as a cornucopia  
Of the finest fruits,  
Magnifying the Blessed Gardener,  
Living as sons and daughters  
Of the Most High.

**ALLELUIA**

## **The Word/Meditation: Jeremiah 17:5-8** *(The Inclusive Bible)*

Yhwh says: “Cursed are those who trust in human ways, who rely on things of the flesh, whose hearts turn away from Yhwh.

They are like stunted vegetation in the desert with no hope in the future. It stands in stony wastes in the desert, an uninhabited land of salt.

Blessed are those who put their trust in God, with God for their hope. They are like a tree planted by the river that thrusts its roots toward the stream.

When the heat comes it feels no heat; its leaves stay green. It is untroubled in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.

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

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### **Breath Prayer**

*Inhale* — Rooted down in you ...

*Exhale* — releasing anxiety and  
fear ...


**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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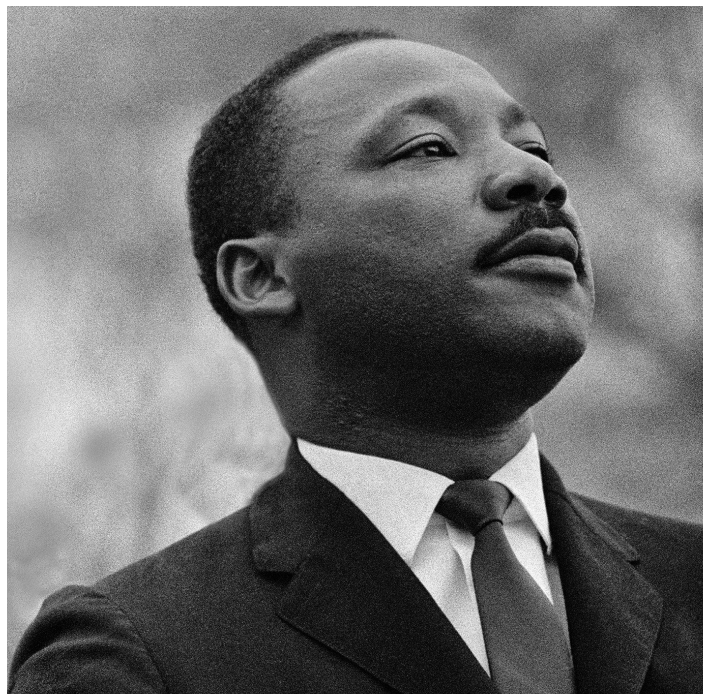


## Words from Saints and Ancestors

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality....

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.

— Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



## 25 When The Night Becomes Dark

Em Am<sup>6</sup> E Am E

When the night be - comes dark, your love, O Lord,

Am E C<sup>6</sup> Dm C F<sup>6</sup> E Am

is a fire; your love, O Lord, is a fire.

A musical score for the hymn 'When The Night Becomes Dark'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The first system includes a bass clef staff. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Em, Am<sup>6</sup>, E, Am, E. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second system also includes a bass clef staff and has chord symbols Am, E, C<sup>6</sup>, Dm, C, F<sup>6</sup>, E, Am. The lyrics continue below the notes.

## 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 18

Musical score for 'Kyrie 18' in 4/4 time, featuring a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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Holy One, you have created us with the ability to choose between life and death, blessings and curses. Help us to not be deceived by the advice of the wicked or betrayed by the fleeting comfort of power and wealth, and by your grace, empower us to put our trust in you alone.

#### **KYRIE**

We pray for those who place an inordinate amount of their trust in themselves instead of leaning on the wisdom of community and the inner voice of your Spirit.

#### **KYRIE**

We pray for those who put their trust in acquiring wealth and status; and confidence for change in politicians and political parties and find themselves deceived and misled.

#### **KYRIE**

We pray for those who are poor, who hunger, and who weep.

#### **KYRIE**

We pray for those who are seeking to make wise choices in their lives; may they turn to you for guidance.

#### **KYRIE**

We pray for the trees, for the rivers and streams, and for all creation: turn us from our exploitive ways to help renew the earth.

#### **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.*

## Closing Refrain

In the communion of the Holy Spirit and all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another to the living God through Jesus Christ. In your divine mercy... **Hear our prayers!**



## 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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support through chords and single notes.



## 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.**



## 36 The Lord Is My Light

Calmly (♩ = 66)

Ⓐ1 Dm G Ⓐ2 Ⓑ1 Ⓑ2 fine

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

The first system of musical notation is for the song 'The Lord Is My Light'. It is written on a single staff in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The tempo is marked 'Calmly' with a metronome marking of 66 (♩ = 66). The music consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes. Above the staff, there are four circled letters: A1, A2, B1, and B2, indicating different parts of the song. The word 'fine' is written above the final note. Below the staff, the lyrics are: 'The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The'.

Ⓐ1 Ⓐ2 Ⓑ1 Ⓑ2 fine

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

The second system of musical notation is identical to the first system, including the tempo marking, circled letters, and lyrics.

# 30 Lord Of All Goodness

♩ = 50      Cm      Fm      B♭      E♭      ,      Cm      Fm      B♭      E♭

Do - mi - ne De - us Fi - li - us Pa - tris, do - na no - bis pa - cem.  
 Lord of all good - ness, Son of the Fa - ther, may your peace sur - round us.  
 (hum)

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# \* I Will Trust In The Lord

1. I will trust in the Lord, I will  
 2. I'm gon - na treat ev - 'ry - bod - y right, I'm gon - na  
 3. I'm gon - na stay on the bat - tle - field, I'm gon - na  
 4. I'm gon - na stay on 7 bend - ed knee, I'm gon - na

trust in the Lord, I will  
 treat ev - 'ry - bod - y right, I'm gon - na  
 stay on the bat - tle - field, I'm gon - na  
 stay on bend - ed knee, I'm gon - na

trust in the Lord till I die.  
 treat ev - 'ry - bod - y right till I die.  
 stay on the bat - tle - field till I die.  
 stay on 7 bend - ed knee till I die.

*Alternate lyrics:*  
 Father, I stretch my hands to thee;  
 No other help I know.  
 If thou withdraw thyself from me,  
 O whither shall I go?



I will trust in the Lord, I will  
 I'm gon - na treat ev - 'ry - bod - y right, I'm gon - na  
 I'm gon - na stay on the bat - tle - field, I'm gon - na  
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 stay on 7 bend - ed knee, I'm gon - na

trust in the Lord till I die.  
 treat ev - 'ry - bod - y right till I die.  
 stay on the bat - tle - field till I die.  
 stay on bend - ed knee till I die.

### Closing Unison Prayer

May you live with integrity and be like a garden in full bloom, beautifying the earth.  
 May you be planted in the dwelling place of Love, nourishing all those who pass by.  
 May your life reap a bountiful harvest, overflowing with the finest fruits.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

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

#### TAIZÉ MUSICIANS:

- |                       |                 |                       |                                |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Charlie Anderson..... | <i>flute</i>    | Alyssa Creasy .....   | <i>pianist</i>                 |
| James Avant.....      | <i>vocalist</i> | Jennifer Gorske ..... | <i>music director/vocalist</i> |
| David Bennett .....   | <i>cello</i>    | Chris Markwell .....  | <i>vocalist</i>                |
|                       |                 | Gerard Rohlf.....     | <i>guitar</i>                  |

# 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](mailto:BJW@coh.net)

## Meet the Officer Nominees Social Hour – Feb 16

On Sunday, Feb 16 after the 11 am worship service, Membership and Outreach and the Officer Nominating Committee will co-host a *Social Hour* in the Fellowship and Garth Overlook Rooms. You will have a chance to meet this year's ELPC officer nominees, who will officially be presented on Feb 23 during the *Congregational Meeting*. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

## Survey of Your Favorite Hymns for Worship – Feb 16 and 23

ELPC's Worship, Music, and the Arts Committee would like to know what your favorite hymns are. You are invited to fill out the survey online at <http://tiny.cc/elpchymns>. Paper copies of the survey will be available Feb 16 and 23.

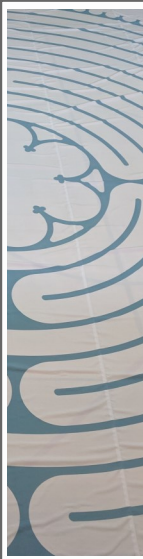
## Environmental Team Book Study – Feb 20

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to read *The Great Displacement: Climate Change and the Next American Migration* by Jake Bittle, and then join a book discussion on Thursday, Feb 20 at 7 pm on Zoom. Even as climate change dominates the headlines, many of us still think about it in the future tense. Jake Bittle, a journalist who covers climate change and energy, gives us a human-based narrative of national scope. Contact Nancy Heastings for info and link ([n.heastings@comcast.net](mailto:n.heastings@comcast.net)).

## Congregational Meeting – Feb 23

Session has scheduled the annual *Congregational Meeting* to take place on Sunday, Feb 23 following our Sanctuary worship service. All official members of the church are invited to participate and vote for new candidates for Elder and Deacon for this coming year. The meeting will be held in the Social Hall. Refreshments will be served.

## ELPC Labyrinth Ministry Team



For decades the Labyrinth at ELPC has been a vital and creative spiritual path for our church and neighbors and during the pandemic we had to suspend its weekly offering. The Spiritual Life Committee desires to revive this ministry starting in March and we need your help! We are looking for 6-8 people who would serve as a team and come to ELPC once a month to set up the labyrinth at the beginning of the day and take it down at the end of the day. The specific day of the week (*Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday*) and the times of the day would be determined based on the availability of the team. *Contact Pastor BJ* ([BJW@coh.net](mailto:BJW@coh.net)).