

TAIZÉ:

*Prayerful Song
& Quiet Meditation*



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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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NB17 Our Eyes Are Turned

O - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num Je - sum,
 Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ.

o - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num nos - trum.
 Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Sav - ior.

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Psalm 99 (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 18



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Awaken, O you people!
Entrust your hearts to Love.
For the Beloved reigns supreme;
Let all the earth give thanks!

ALLELUIA

Your unseen Presence is great in the land;
You sit with the leaders of nations.
Let them be silent and guided by your Voice.

ALLELUIA

Holy are you!
You are mighty and love justice,
You establish equity;
Out of the Silence,
Your Word can be heard in the land
Inviting the nations to live in peace.

ALLELUIA

Listen, O you people!
Open your hearts to the Beloved,
That Truth may be born anew!

ALLELUIA

Many who have gone before you
Followed the Beloved's Voice,
The unknown saints of all generations.
They surrendered themselves
Into the Beloved's hands,
And walked with confidence.
They were guided through difficult times,
Keeping to Love's way,
And trusting in Love's promises.

ALLELUIA

O Heart of all hearts,
You answered their prayers;
With mercy, you forgave them
Their wrongdoings,
Always inviting them to new life.
Sing praises to the Beloved,
And aspire to ascend the holy mountain,
Holy are you, O Giver of Life!

ALLELUIA



The Word/Meditation: Luke 9:28-36 *(The Inclusive Bible)*

Jesus took Peter, John and James and went up onto a mountain to pray. While Jesus was praying, his face changed in appearance and the clothes he wore became dazzling white. Suddenly two people were there talking with Jesus — Moses and Elijah. They appeared in glory and spoke of the prophecy that Jesus was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

Peter and the others had already fallen into a deep sleep, but awakening, they saw Jesus' glory—and the two people who were standing next to him. When the two were leaving, Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, how good it is for us to be here! Let's set up three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah!" Peter didn't really know what he was saying.

While Peter was speaking, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and the disciples grew fearful as the others entered it. Then from the cloud came a voice which said, "This is my Own, my Chosen One. Listen to him!"

When the voice finished speaking, they saw no one but Jesus standing there. The disciples kept quiet, telling nothing of what they had seen at that time to anyone.

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



Breath Prayer

Inhale — May I see your glory ...

Exhale — within, upon, all
around ...

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

It was Jesus of Nazareth all right, the man they'd tramped many a dusty mile with, whose mother and brothers they knew, the one they'd seen as hungry, tired, footsore as the rest of them. But it was also the Messiah, the Christ, in all his glory. It was the holiness of the man shining through his humanness, his face so afire with it they were blinded. Even with us something like that happens once in a while. The face of the man walking his child in the park, of a woman picking peas in her garden, of sometimes even the unlikeliest person listening to a concert or standing barefoot in the sand watching the waves roll in, or just having a beer at a Saturday baseball game in July. Every so often, something so touching, so incandescent, so alive transfigures the human face that it's almost beyond bearing

— *Fredrick Buechner*

NB15 Jesus Your Light

Je — sus your light is shi — ning with - in us. Let not my
Jé - sus le Christ, lu - mière in - té - rieu - re, ne lais - se

doubts nor my dark - ness speak to me. Je — sus your light is
pas mes té - nè - bres me par - ler. Jé - sus le Christ, lu -

shi — ning with - in us. Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.
mière in - té - rieu - re, don - ne - moi d'ac - cueil - lir ton a - mour.

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 Eleison 6

The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie Eleison response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) 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 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' are written below the treble staff. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and a final double bar line with repeat dots.

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Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of Christ's countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross. Indeed, O Lord, give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold your glory in all things.

KYRIE

O God, at the Holy Mountain we open our eyes, and we see Jesus, the months of ministry transfigured to a beam of light, the light of the world, your light. May your light always shine upon us.

KYRIE

O God, we open our eyes, and we see Moses and Elijah with Jesus, your Word, restoring us, showing us the way, telling a story, your story, his story, our story. May your word always speak to us.

KYRIE

O God, we open our eyes, and we see Jesus, not casting us off, but leading us down, leading us out – to ministry, to people. Help us to share his love, your love.

KYRIE

O God, hear our prayers not just for ourselves, but our prayers for one another at this time: our prayer that all who are lost might be found, that all who are lame might walk and all who are sick may be healed, that all who are enslaved may be set free and all that mourn may be comforted.

KYRIE

O God, at your Holy Mountain we open our ears, and we hear your voice saying, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him!" We give you thanks and we pray in all your holy names, that we might always do your will and harken to your voice — both on the mountains and in the valleys of life.

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 confidentiality.

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. God, in your 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 in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a bass line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves of each system. The first system contains three lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is a simple, homophonic setting of the text.

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.

37 Within Our Darkest Night

♩ = 63

p B Em D

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a -
 Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés al - lu - me le feu qui ne s'é - teint ja -

p

G C G D G Em C Am

mf *p*

way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the
 mais, ne - s'é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al - lu - me le

mf *p*

B Em Am B Em Am B

pp *fine*

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est
 feu qui ne s'é - teint ja - mais, ne s'é - teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri -

pp *fine*

30 Lord of All Goodness

$\text{♩} = 50$ Cm Fm B \flat E \flat , Cm Fm B \flat E \flat

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)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). It features a key signature of two flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor) and a tempo of 50 quarter notes per minute. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics in Latin and English. The lyrics are: "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)". The score includes a repeat sign at the end.

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16 Glory to God

Canon

$\text{♩} = 80$

(A) Dm Gm C F (B)

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!

(C) (D)

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!

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a grand staff. It features a key signature of two flats and a tempo of 80 quarter notes per minute. The score is marked as a Canon and includes four distinct sections labeled (A), (B), (C), and (D). The lyrics are: "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!". The score includes repeat signs and a double bar line at the end.

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Closing Unison Charge

May the glory of God shine upon you,
the Word of God live within you,
and the Spirit of God give you peace.

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.

*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

Monthly Taizé Social Gathering Begins April 2

Beginning Wednesday, April 2, and on the first Wednesday of each month, we will create space for people to connect and fellowship after Taizé with some light refreshments and conversation in the Narthex. Taizé is a unique spiritual community within ELPC, and we desire to have time for those who gather to get to know one another, converse and move from solitude into community and expand the connection that exists amidst our prayerful songs and quiet meditation at Taizé.

Ash Wednesday Services – March 5

A season where we reflect on repentance and our own relationship with God, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Pastor Michael and Pastor BJ will lead a reflective time of word and prayer in the Chapel at 12 pm, and an evening Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary at 7 pm. Both services include the imposition of ashes.

Living Love: Reading the Bible Queerly – March 11 to April 8

Are you frustrated with how some people use the bible as a tool against LGBTQIA+ people? What does the bible really say about same-gender relationships? This introductory offering is for anyone seeking to reconcile and affirm one's sexuality with one's faith, as well as those interested in understanding more. Join us as we study a few supposed "clobber passages" through the lens of love and current biblical scholarship. This study will be held on five Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm from March 11 to April 8 in the McKelvy Room in an environment that openly welcomes and celebrates queer people as beloved children of God.* Please register to participate at <https://tinyurl.com/ReadingBibleQueerly>.

March 11..... Introductions and Judges 19

March 18..... Genesis 19

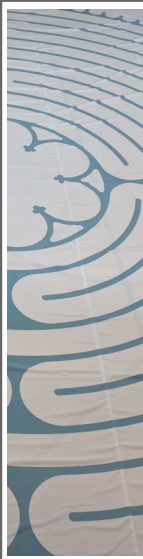
March 25..... Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13

April 1 Romans 1:17- 2:4

April 8 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

* *Content Warning: Although this offering is primarily a study of scripture, some of the scriptures will necessitate conversations relating to homophobia, transphobia, misogyny, violence, and sexual assault.*

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@cob.net).*