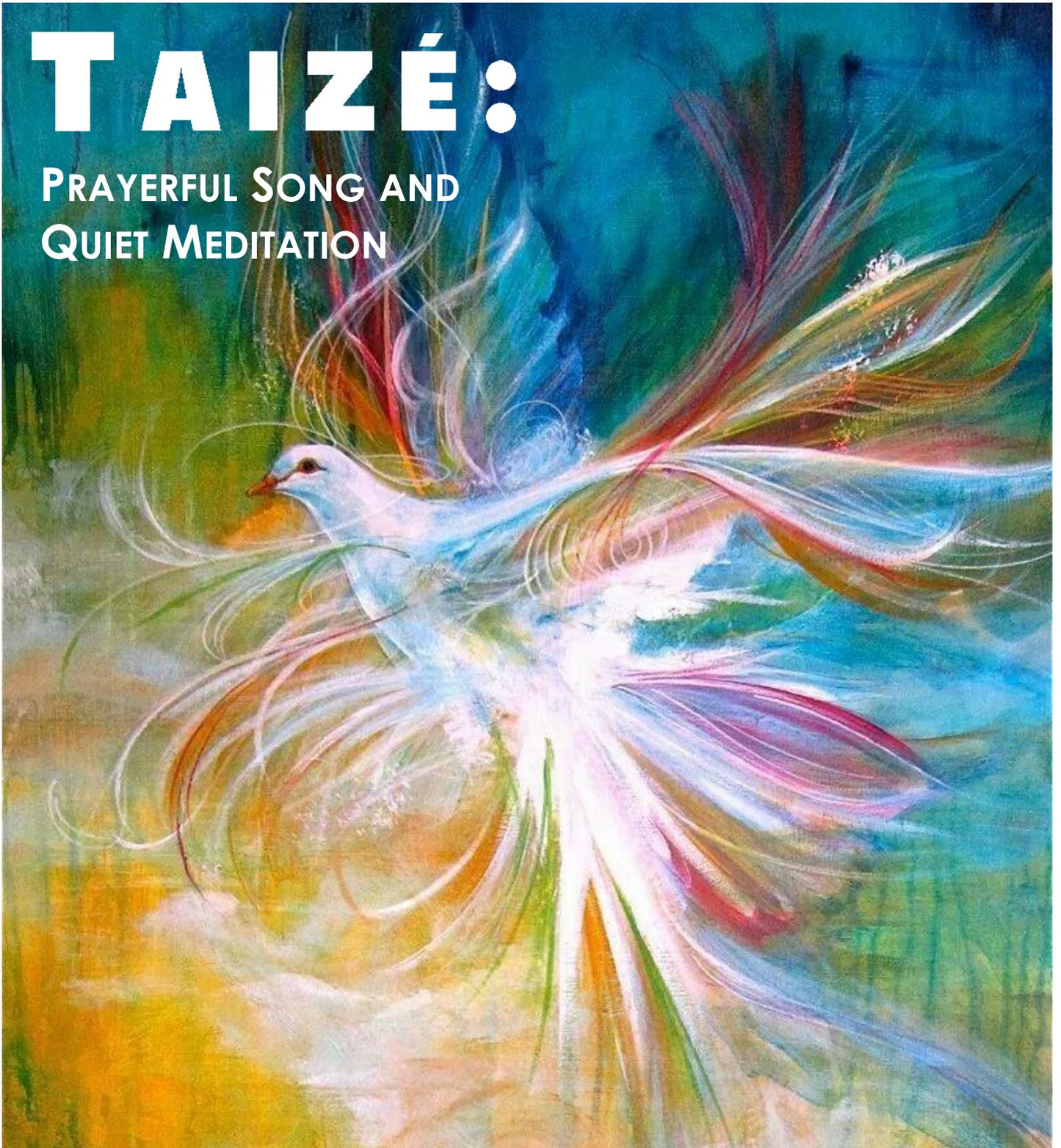


# TAIZÉ:

PRAYERFUL SONG AND  
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**

# NB27 Veni Lumen

O

Ve - ni Cre - a - tor Spi - ri - tus.  
Come Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er.

O

Ve - ni lu - men cor - di - um,  
Come Cre - a - tor Spir - it! Come!

ve - ni lu - men cor - di - um.  
Come and lead us with your light!

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# NB28 Veni Sancte Spiritus

$\text{♩} = 56$  *pp* <sup>A</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup>/A

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

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**Psalm 104:24-35** (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 1**

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a repeat sign and a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a repeat sign and a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The word 'Cantor' is written above the first few notes of the bottom staff.

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O You, who know all hearts,  
How manifold are your works!  
In wisdom, You have created them all;  
The earth is filled with your creatures.

**ALLELUIA**

We look to the seas, great and wide,  
Which teem with life innumerable,  
Helping to maintain the balance.  
O, that we might receive your gifts,  
Taking only what is needed  
With grateful hearts.

**ALLELUIA**

All of creation looks to You,  
To give them food in due season.  
When we are in harmony with You,  
The earth provides; yes, a bountiful harvest  
To be shared with all.

**ALLELUIA**

When we misuse  
What You have created for us,  
We blame You for the famine  
And destruction that ensues,  
And feel alienated from You.  
Even so, You continue to send forth  
Your Spirit, and the earth,  
Though not without turmoil, is renewed.

**ALLELUIA**

The glory of the Radiant One  
Endures forever,  
For the works of Love are sure.  
You are ever-present to us,  
Even as the earth trembles,  
Even as the mountains  
Spew forth ashes and smoke!

**ALLELUIA**

I will abandon myself into your hands  
As long as I live;  
I will sing praise to You  
While I have breath.

**ALLELUIA**

May my meditations be pleasing to You,  
For I rejoice and am glad in You.  
May all who feel separate from You  
Open their hearts to new Life!

**ALLELUIA**

Praise the Creator of the Universe!  
Bless the Heart of my heart,  
O my soul! Amen.

**ALLELUIA**

## **The Word/Meditation: Acts 2:1-8, 16-18** *(The Inclusive Bible translation)*

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished: “Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue?”

It’s what Joel the prophet spoke of:

‘In the days to come — it is our God who speaks — I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams. Even on the most insignificant of my people, both women and men, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.’ ”

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



### **Breath Prayer**

*(to assist you in the quiet stillness)*

*Inhale* — Spirit Voice, speak ...

*Exhale* — I am listening ...

**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

In mystery and all at once...an utterance went out to the multitude, people from every nation, as the sacred sound drew them toward one another. They heard themselves in the sound - not the language of their oppressors or people who believed themselves to be closer to the divine than others. They heard their own language and understood. What words were spoken remain as mysterious as the tongues that bore them.

But together, even in the presence of doubt, people from all nations remembered their ancestors. Those who had an imagination for a miracle such as this.

The image of God, a sacred multitude, gathered in the midst of a cosmic power shift.

— Cole Arthur Riley

## NB24 Holy Spirit, Come To Us

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus, tu - i a - mo - ris i - gnem ac - cen - de.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and includes a crescendo leading to a dotted half note. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands.

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

The second system continues the musical score. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line includes a piano (*p*) dynamic and a crescendo. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines in both hands.

## 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: 42 Come And Pray In Us

Canon  
♩ = 89

The musical score is written on a single staff in C minor (three flats) and 3/4 time. It consists of four sections labeled A, B, C, and D. Section A has chords Cm, G, Cm, Fm, G. Section B has chord G. Section C has chords Cm, G, Cm, Fm, G. Section D has chords G, Cm, G, Cm, Fm, G. The lyrics are: 'Come and pray in us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and pray in us, Vie - ni, Spi - ri - to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni, come and vis - it us, Ho - ly Spir - it, Spir - it, come, Spir - it come. vie - ni, Spi - ri - to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni!'.

Come and pray in us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and pray in us,  
Vie - ni, Spi - ri - to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni,

come and vis - it us, Ho - ly Spir - it, Spir - it, come, Spir - it come.  
vie - ni, Spi - ri - to cre - a - to - re, vie - ni, vie - ni!

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All-Vulnerable God, we pray for the church throughout the world. Inspire your children for prophetic witness to your truth, and upon all the young give clarity of vision to have knowledge or saving power in the world.

#### COME AND PRAY IN US

All-Vulnerable God, we pray for the nations of the world and its leaders, especially in our own regions, President Trump, Governor Shapiro, and Mayor Gainey. Overcome the babble of misunderstanding among the nations, and let all people hear in their own language and recognize in their own culture your unifying message of love.

#### COME AND PRAY IN US

All-Vulnerable God, we pray for planet earth, our home. By your Spirit, renew the earth and make us good stewards of its resources, and teach us to enjoy its abundance rightly.

#### COME AND PRAY IN US

All-Vulnerable God, we pray for those in need of healing. Send your healing Spirit upon those who are sick in body or mind, restore them to health and restore to them the joy of salvation.

#### COME AND PRAY IN US

All-Vulnerable God, we pray for our children. Bless our children, protect them from danger, and help parents and caregivers nurture them so that they may mature in wisdom and grow in grace.

#### COME AND PRAY IN US

## Silent and Spoken Prayers

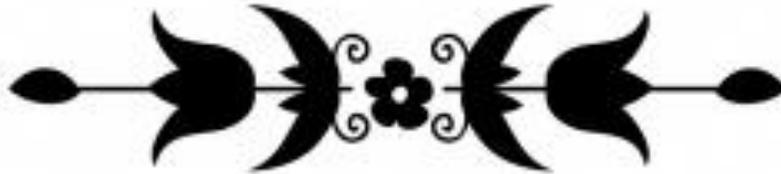
*Please feel free to add your spoken petitions.*

*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 - dian, 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 with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the two systems.

## 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. Please wait outside the door until the person before you exits.*

**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.**



## NB26 Veni Creator Spiritus

Ve - ni Cre - a - tor Spi - ri - tus.

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## 40 Holy Spirit, Loving Spirit

**A** Cm G Cm Fm G **B**  
Ve - ni Cre - a - tor, ve - ni Cre - a - tor,  
Ho - ly Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it,  
**C** **D**  
ve - ni Cre - a - tor Spi - ri - tus.  
ho - ly, lov - ing Spir - it, come!

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## G118 Friend

Holy Spirit, Holy Ghost,  
Comforter, Teacher  
Paraclete, Mediator, Advocate, Reminder  
Some call you Holy Spirit  
And some say Holy Ghost,  
But I long to call you Friend.

Holy Dove, Spirit of Love,  
Spirit of Truth, Leader  
Holy One, Mighty One, Counselor, Revealer  
Some call you Holy Spirit  
And some say Holy Ghost,  
But I long to call you Friend.

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## Pentecost Blessing

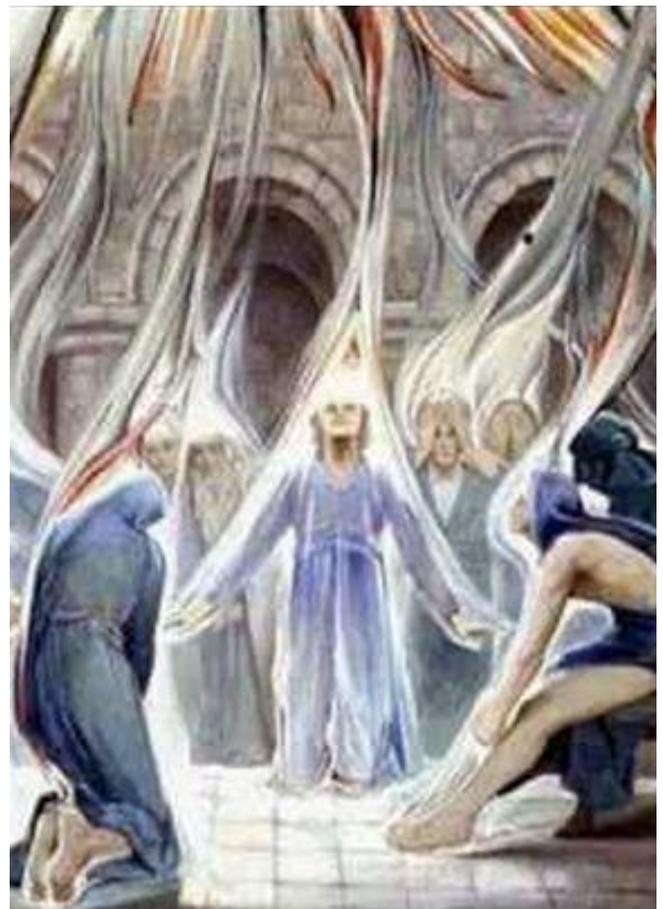
by Jan Richardson (*in unison*)

May the Divine  
rain down in strange syllables,  
yet with an ancient familiarity,  
a knowing borne in the blood,  
the ear, the tongue,  
bringing the clarity that comes  
not in stone or in steel  
but in fire, in flame.

May there come one searing word:  
enough to bare you to the bone,  
enough to set your heart ablaze,  
enough to make you whole again.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.



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

## Monthly Taizé Social Gathering TODAY!

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. If you would like to volunteer to bring a cake or some other snacks, please contact Pastor BJ (BJW@coh.net).

### 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*

### 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 for fellowship and prayer.

Tuesdays, 8-8:30 am

Meeting ID: 896 9680 6662 • Passcode 116

### 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.

June 20 • Fridays, 7:00-8:30 pm

### Church Tours – June 8 and 29

Please gather in the Highland Lobby after the 10 am Sunday worship service to participate in any tour:

- ♦ June 8 — *Sanctuary and Chapel* led by Jo Ellen Aleshire
- ♦ June 29 — *Tower* led by Tim Van Fleet and Steve Evrard (*please wear closed-toe shoes for this tour*)

### Vacation Church School – Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for a few more volunteers for VCS from June 23-27 from 9 am to 3 pm, especially in the afternoon with some very fun kids! If you are interested or want to learn more reach out to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net) or fill out the online volunteer form at [tiny.cc/vcs](http://tiny.cc/vcs).

### Labyrinth Prayer Walk

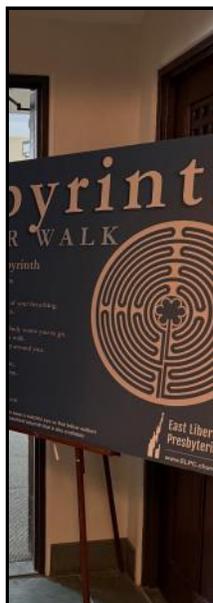
For decades the Labyrinth at ELPC has been a vital and creative spiritual path for our church and neighbors and during the pandemic we had to suspend its weekly offering. It is available on:

**Wednesdays and Thursdays**  
**10 am—7 pm in McKelvy Room**  
(with the exception of June 11, 12, 19, 25, 26)

### Volunteers Needed

We need 3 to 6 more people on our team to help with the set up and teardown of the labyrinth.

Set up happens on Wednesdays from 9-10 am; teardown is Fridays from 9-10 am.



### INQUIRERS CLASS

Sunday, June 8

Attend an Inquirers' Class after the 10 am service on Sunday, June 8 to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided.

Register online using this QR code, or visit [elpc.church/visit-us/becoming-a-member](http://elpc.church/visit-us/becoming-a-member).

Please contact Jen King for more info:

(JenK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x222)





*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](mailto:community@taize.fr)  
**To visit Taizé:** [meetings@taize.fr](mailto:meetings@taize.fr)  
**List of useful info:** [info@taize.fr](mailto:info@taize.fr)  
**Web site:** [www.taize.fr](http://www.taize.fr)  
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**E-mail:** [BJW@coh.net](mailto: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](mailto:BJW@coh.net) or 412.441.3800 x241).