

# TAIZÉ:

*Prayerful Song &  
Quiet Meditation*



**East Liberty  
Presbyterian 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**

### 43 Holy Is The Name Of God

♩ = 100      F      Dm      Am      E<sup>SUS</sup>      E      A      B $\flat$       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      E<sup>SUS</sup>      E      A      B $\flat$       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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### CLM18 Put Your Trust In God

Fi - ez - vous en Lui, ne craig - nez pas. La paix de Dieu gar - de -  
 Put your trust in God, and do not fear. God's peace will dwell deep with -

ra vos cœurs. Fi - ez - vous en Lui. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 in your hearts. Put your trust in God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**Psalm 42** (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: CLM3 Alleluia 21**

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line for the Cantor (Soprano and Alto) and a piano accompaniment line (Tenor and Bass). The Cantor part begins with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia!" followed by "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, —". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. The second system continues the vocal line with two first endings (1. and 2.) and a double bar line. The lyrics for the first ending are "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!" and for the second ending are "le - lu - ia!". The piano accompaniment continues with sustained chords. The score concludes with a *D.S.* (Da Capo) instruction and a final melodic phrase.

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As a hart longs for flowing streams,  
So longs my soul for you, O Beloved.  
My soul thirsts for the Beloved,  
For the Living Water.  
When may I come and behold your face?  
Tears have been my only nourishment  
Day and night.  
While friends ask continually,  
“Why do you seem so lost and forlorn?”

**ALLELUIA**

All this I remembered,  
As I poured out my soul:  
How I knew your Presence within me  
As I went out among the throng,  
Proceeding to the House of Prayer;  
With loud voice we gave you praise  
And acclamation, a multitude  
Proclaiming gratitude and joy.

**ALLELUIA**

*Continued on next page...*

**Psalm 42** *(continued)*

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
And why are you disquieted within me?  
My hope is in the Beloved,  
My strength and my joy,  
O my soul, open the door to Love!

**ALLELUIA**

My soul is cast down within me,  
Yet I remember you,  
From my mother's womb to maturity,  
Through all the days of my life.

**ALLELUIA**

Deep calls to deep  
At the thunder of your waterfalls;  
All your waves and your billows  
Have washed over me.  
By day you lead me in steadfast love;  
At night your song is within me,  
Prayer from the Heart of my heart.

**ALLELUIA**

I say to the Beloved, the Blessed One,  
“Why have you forgotten me?  
Why go I mourning  
Because of the oppression of fear?”  
As with a deadly wound in my body,  
I feel the pain of war and injustice;  
While the powerful seem to destroy,  
The innocent seem of no account.

**ALLELUIA**

O my soul, let not the quagmire of war  
Keep me from radiating your peace,  
Your love and light to the world.  
My hope is in you, O Spirit of Truth;  
Be my strength and my guide.  
O my soul, let us celebrate  
The Oneness of all Creation!

**ALLELUIA**



## The Word/Meditation: 1 Kings 19:9-12 *(The Inclusive Bible translation)*

There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of Yhwh came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

Elijah replied, “I have been very zealous for Yhwh God Omnipotent. The people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death by the sword. I am the only one left, and now they’re trying to kill me, too.”

God said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of Yhwh, for Yhwh is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountain apart and shattered the rocks by Yhwh’s power — but Yhwh was not in the whirlwind. After the wind there was an earthquake — but Yhwh was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire — but Yhwh was not in the fire. And after the fire came the sound of silence.

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



### Breath Prayer

*(to assist you in the quiet stillness)*

*Inhale* — Speak, Silent One ...

*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

To all that is chaotic in you,  
let there come silence.  
Let there be a calming  
of the clamoring,  
a stilling  
of the voices that  
have laid their claim on you,  
that have made their home in you,  
that go with you  
even to the holy places  
but will not  
let you rest....

Let there be  
an opening  
into the quiet  
that lies beneath the chaos,  
where you find the peace  
you did not think possible  
and see what shimmers  
within the storm.

— *Jan Richardson, artist, writer,  
and ordained minister in the  
United Methodist Church*

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## Hoping in Season and out of Season

by Brother Alois of Taizé

Humanity is able to move forward because of the multitudes of women and men who give themselves without counting the cost, even in times of upheaval and uncertainty.

People have become more aware of structures of injustice, sometimes inherited from the past. And unfortunately, power has not always been exercised to serve the good of all. In the face of such abuses, frustration and anger are comprehensible. Who will be daring enough to be creators of justice and peace beyond the divisions that are splitting our societies apart?

Yes, in the midst of the difficult realities of the present, we can glimpse reasons to hope, and even at times to hope against all hope. For this, we need to come together with others who have made different choices—with Christians from other denominations, with believers of other religions, and with people who are agnostic or atheist and who are also committed to solidarity and sharing.

Joy is renewed when we live as brothers and sisters, when we remain alongside the most deprived: the homeless, men and women who are elderly, ill or lonely, children in difficulty, people living with disabilities, migrants.... Life's circumstances can make us all vulnerable. And the pandemic is exposing the weak spots of our humanity.



# \* Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon and  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou has been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)

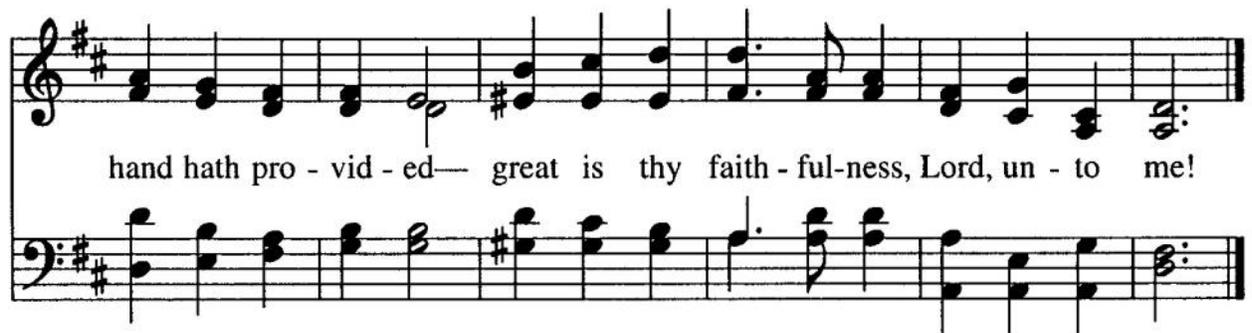
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FAITHFULNESS

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hand hath pro - vid - ed— great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single 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: \* To You I Pray, O Lord** *(music printed on next page)*

Holy God of earth and sky, in your presence mountains quake, flames tremble, and the winds roar, and yet it is in the sound of silence that you speak. As we pray to you tonight, open our ears to hear and notice your voice in the sound of silence.

**TO YOU I PRAY, O LORD**

We pray for the coming of your Kin-dom. That the earth be made whole and be renewed; let the sky be made clean and refreshed. May all who dwell in heaven and on earth be joined together in giving you praise and seeking justice and mercy in humility.

**TO YOU I PRAY, O LORD**

We pray for the nations and the people of the world. May peace, equity and hope be established on earth as it is in heaven. Grant world leaders wisdom and humility, that they may guide your people in ways that make for peace. Give us ears to attend to the voices of poets, prophets and artists to whom your Spirit speaks and is actively demonstrating justice.

**TO YOU I PRAY, O LORD**

We pray for the most vulnerable: for creatures threatened with extinction... For those of the human family who are poor, homeless, or refugees, especially those threatened by authoritarian leadership... For victims of political or relational violence... For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit... For those on the front lines of or peacefully protesting injustice in our own country...

**TO YOU I PRAY, O LORD**

Grant all of us compassionate hearts, inspired minds, and wills resolved to care for all of our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable in this time in which we live.

**TO YOU I PRAY, O LORD**



# Sung Response: \* To You I Pray, O Lord

Brendan Dowd  
Harm. by Helena O'Kane  
Acc. by Ciaran McLoughlin

♩=120

## Refrain

Capo 2: (D)  
E

(G)  
A

(C)  
D

*Melody* To you I pray, O Lord;

*Harmony* To you I pray, O Lord; I

(Am)  
Bm

(Am/G)  
Bm/A

(D)  
E

(G)  
A

lift up my hands. My bod - y pines for

Last time to Coda ⊕

(C)  
D

(C/B)  
D/C#

(Am7)  
Bm7

(D)  
E

(G)  
A

To Verses

you like a dry and wea - ry land.

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## 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 features a treble and bass clef staff for each system. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

## 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.**



## 44 Give Peace

Canon  
♩ = 72

Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da  
Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give

pa - - - - - cem. Da pa - - - - - cem. Da  
peace, Lord. Give peace, Lord. Give

Chords: Cm, F, Cm, F

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## CLM1 I Lift Up My Soul

Ad te Je - su Chri - ste le - va - vi a - ni - mam  
I lift up my soul to you, Christ Je - sus, my re -

me - am. Sal - va - tor mun - di, in te spe - ra - vi. Ad  
deem - er. All earth's sal - va - tion, my hope is in you. I

Rehearsal marks: 1, 2, 3\*, 4\*

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## NB2 Be Not Afraid

Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!  
Ne - boj - te se, ra - duj - te se! Kris - tus slav - ný ví - téz z hro - bu vstal.

Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!  
Ne - boj - te se, ra - duj - te se! Kris - tus slav - ný ví - téz z hro - bu vstal.

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## Closing Blessing *(in unison)*

May God feed you; Christ protect you;  
Spirit live in you and wash over you with the love of God.

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*

## Monthly Taizé Social Gathering

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).

### 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:

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### 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 Tower Tour – June 29

On Sunday, June 29, a *Tower tour* will be led by Tim Van Fleet and Steve Evrard.

High above the bustle of the streets below, you will have an opportunity to view the entire East Liberty valley and beyond from the 300 foot spire of ELPC. The climb requires a bit of stamina, as there are 333 steps total (equivalent to about 13 stories), many of which are very narrow and circular. Please wear pants and comfortable, closed-toe shoes. The tour is not recommended for children under 12, those with heart or respiratory conditions, people with fear of heights or small enclosed spaces.

The tour capacity is limited to a total of 20 participants. You must pre-register for the tour online at <https://tinyurl.com/TowerTourELPC>, or scan this QR code.



There is no cost to participate but free-will donations are gratefully accepted. Please gather in the Highland Lobby after the 10 am Sunday worship service to participate, and allow 45-60 minutes for the tour.

### Reckoning with ELPC's Tie to Enslavement – June 29

In 2022, our church family learned that one of our most revered founders and donors enslaved and sold two women, Nell and Poll, in the early 1800s.

Join the Facing Systemic Racism Committee after the 10 am service in the Social Hall on Sunday, June 29 for a presentation on what we have learned about Nell, Poll, and their family, and for a time of discussion and reflection on what we must do to reckon with this part of our church's legacy. A light lunch will be provided.

### LGBTQIA+ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – July 6

Please plan on joining us at our next Spiritual Gathering on Sunday, July 6 at 11:30 am to share conversation and lunch. Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

### Labyrinth Prayer Walk

The Labyrinth is available on:

**Wednesdays and Thursdays**  
**10 am—7 pm in McKelvy Room**  
*(with the exception of June 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.





*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:

<b>Address:</b>	Taizé Community, 71250 TAIZE, France
<b>To contact Taizé:</b>	community@taize.fr
<b>To visit Taizé:</b>	meetings@taize.fr
<b>List of useful info:</b>	info@taize.fr
<b>Web site:</b>	www.taize.fr
<b>Telephone:</b>	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.)*

<b>ELPC Web site:</b>	www.ELPC.church
<b>E-mail:</b>	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).