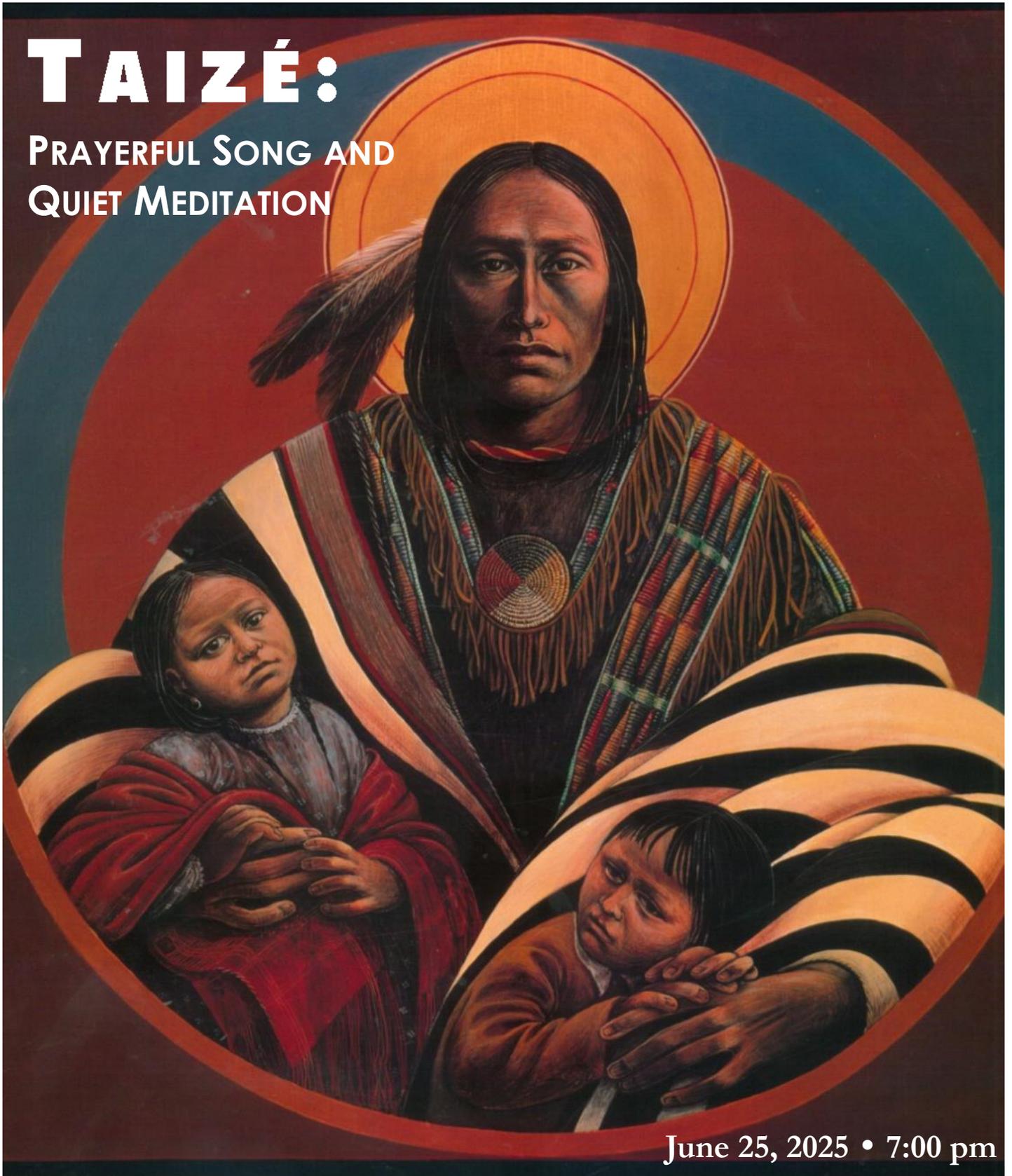


TAIZÉ:

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. John Titus

NB31 With You, O Lord

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, and
in your light we shall see true light. With you, O Lord, is
life in all its full-ness, and in your light we shall see true light.

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CLM12 I Will Sing To The Lord

Can - ta - rei ao Se - nhor, en - quan - to vi - ver; lou - va -
I will sing to the Lord my whole life — long; I will
rei o meu Deus en - quan - to e - xis - tir. Ne - le en - con - tro a mi - nha a - le -
wor - ship my God as long as I live. For the Lord brings joy to his
gri - a. Ne - le en - con - tro a mi - nha a - le - gri - a. Can - ta -
peo - ple. For the Lord brings joy to his peo - ple. I will

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Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: 1 Alleluia 4

♩ = 66



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I cry aloud to You, O Friend,
To the Eternal Listener,
That I might be heard.
In the day of trouble I seek the Beloved;
In the night my hand is
Stretched out in prayer;
My soul yearns to be comforted.

ALLELUIA

I call to mind the closeness of my Friend;
Yes, I remember the joy
Of the Beloved's presence.
I contemplate in the Silence,
Recalling how You led me along the Way.

ALLELUIA

For Your Way, O Beloved, is holy.
There is no other like You!
You are the One who will
Bring us to wholeness,
You manifest Your Love
To all who call upon You;
With You the peoples are redeemed,
The nations brought to peace.

ALLELUIA

When our fears sense You, O Beloved,
When our doubts encounter Your Love,
They are afraid and attack.
Our eyes pour forth oceans of tears;
Our countenance grows cloudy;
We hide behind walls of resistance.

ALLELUIA

The power of Your Love
Seems too much for us;
Your Light unveils the secrets
Hidden in our hearts;
Can You wonder that we tremble?

ALLELUIA

Yet, You stand beside us
As we walk through our fears
To the path of wholeness and love,
Though our footsteps are unsure.
You send the Counselor as a guide,
To lead us on the road
To peace, truth and love.

ALLELUIA

The Word/Meditation: Luke 8:47-56 *(The Inclusive Bible translation)*

When the woman realized that she had been noticed, she approached in fear and knelt before him. She explained in front of the crowd why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.

Jesus said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”

While Jesus was still talking, someone from the house of Jairus, the synagogue official, arrived and said, “Your daughter died. Don’t trouble the Teacher anymore.”

But when Jesus heard this, he said to the messenger, “Don’t be afraid. Have faith, and she will be made well.”

When he arrived at the house, Jesus ordered no one to enter with him except Peter, John, James and the girl’s parents. Everyone was weeping and wailing for the child, but Jesus said, “Stop crying. She is not dead, just sleeping.” But they ridiculed him, for they knew she was dead.

Jesus took her hand and said softly, “Get up, child.” Her breath returned to her and she got up immediately. And he told them to give her something to eat. The parents were astonished, but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

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



Breath Prayer

(to assist you in the quiet stillness)

Inhale — Help me ...

Exhale — follow your
invitation ...

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

The Master always left you to grow at your own pace. He was never known to "push." He explained this with the following parable:

"A man once saw a butterfly struggling to emerge from its cocoon, too slowly for his taste, so he began to blow on it gently. The warmth of his breath speeded up the process all right. But what emerged was not a butterfly, but a creature with mangled wings.

In growth, the Master concluded, you cannot speed the process up. All you can do is abort it."

— Anthony DeMello, *Indian Jesuit priest and psychotherapist*



NB17 Our Eyes Are Turned

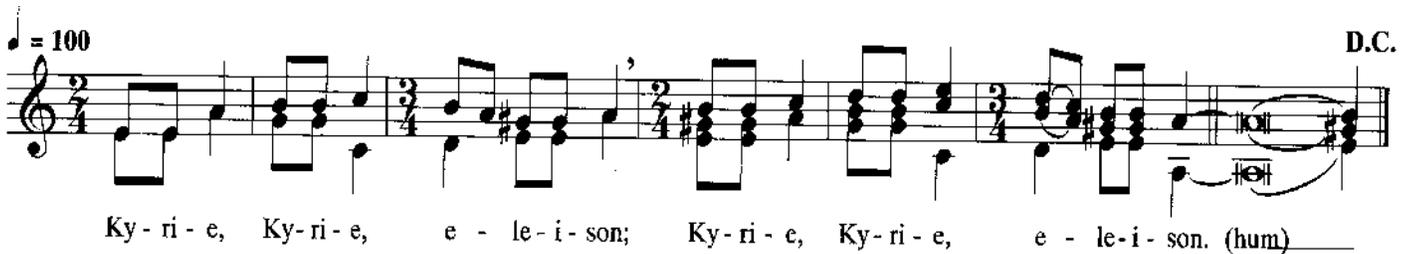
O - cu - li nos - tri ad Do - mi - num Je - sum,
Our eyes are turned to the Lord Je - sus Christ.

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

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: 5 Kyrie 10



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

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God of leaders, prophets, children, and all who are in need, we give you thanks for the breath of life you pour into the living and into us all when we are in trouble. Bless your world in these times of struggle, despair, grief and longing. Make us one with you and one another.

KYRIE

We thank you for your care of the earth, especially for rain and sun, for the flowers that give food to bees, for fish and all their shapes and colors, and for the shelter we find underneath your trees. Let us and all creation praise your name.

KYRIE

We pray for the church: for the fellowship in this congregation and the families of faith in all the lands; give us both comfort and challenge. Teach us to give thanks for insights new to us. Make us able to rejoice with people of other faiths: that Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims and all other spiritual people may speak kindly of one another and work together for peace and justice.

KYRIE

We pray for people everywhere who need courage, hope and peace, especially the people of Garza, Ukraine, Sudan, Hati, Mali, Syria and Myanmar, who face war, hunger and uncertain futures.

KYRIE

We pray for all in any need: for those enduring cancer treatments, those awaiting recovery from surgery, those reshaping their lives from tornadoes, fires, and floods; for people who have no food, no work, no self-confidence, and for those you are bringing into our awareness right now in the quietness of our hearts.

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 features a treble and bass clef 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.



9 Bless The Lord

♩ = 76

p Dm G Dm B \flat C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

p Dm G Dm B \flat C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are in English and French. The first system covers the first line of lyrics. The second system covers the second line of lyrics. The third system covers the third line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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CLM24 Shout To God With Joy

The image shows a musical score for two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is in 4/4 time and starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic, followed by a forte (*f*) dynamic. The piano accompaniment also follows this dynamic structure. The lyrics are: "O Ju - bi - la - te De - o om - nis ter - ra! Shout to God with joy, all peo - ples of the earth! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

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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:

412.441.3800 x241 • BJW@coh.net

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

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 for info (Wil@coh.net).



Day Retreat for LGBTQIA+ Folks and Allies – July 19

Take a step away from your regular schedule and come together with others who are seeking a self-care and care-for-others balance. Members of the ELPC community are invited to a day retreat (sponsored by ELPC's Justice Committee and LGBTQIA+ Ministry) for LGBTQIA+ folks and their allies at a local queer establishment for a day of exploration, laughter, reflection, creativity, and food.

On Saturday, July 19 from 9 am—3 pm, we will gather at Harold's Haunt in Millvale for this retreat, with special guest presenter, Debra Flint. Contact Wil Forrest or Carol Chonoska with any questions.

RSVP to Wil by July 13 (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 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.

