

# TAIZÉ:

PRAYERFUL SONG AND  
QUIET MEDITATION

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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**

## CLM24 Shout To God With Joy

*p* *f*

O Ju - bi - la - te De - o om - nis ter - ra!  
Shout to God with joy, all peo - ples of the earth!

*p* *f*

O Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## NB25 Where There Is Charity

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Where there is char - i - ty, self - less love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
where there is char - i - ty, God is tru - ly there.

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**Psalm 66:1-10** (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: NB37 Alleluia 18**



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Sing a joyful song to the Beloved,  
All the earth, and praise Love's name;  
Sing in glorious exultation!  
We say to You,  
"How magnificent are your ways;  
So great is your power  
That fear and doubt vanish before You;  
You are our Teacher for all ages;  
We, who choose to listen and learn,  
Sing songs of gratitude and joy.

**ALLELUIA**

Come and see what the Beloved has done;  
Wondrous are the deeds of Love.  
Remember when the sea turned to dry land?  
There, we did rejoice in the One,  
Who rules by the mighty Spirit  
Of Love forever,  
Whose eyes keep watch on the nations —  
Let not those who strive  
For power exalt themselves!

**ALLELUIA**

Bless the Beloved, Heart of our hearts,  
Let the sound of our praises be heard.  
You keep us attuned to life  
And guide our feet on solid ground.  
For You, O Love, have tested us;  
You have tried us as silver is tried.

**ALLELUIA**

You have allowed us to fall into the net;  
You have watched us  
Reap all that we have sown;  
We went through fire and through water,  
Yet You have brought us  
Through our pain  
And into your dwelling place.

**ALLELUIA**

I enter your Heart surrendered to Love;  
I commend my soul into your keeping;  
All that my lips uttered,  
All that my mouth promised  
When I was in trouble and pain,  
I offer up to You;  
I abandon myself into your hands.

**ALLELUIA**



## **The Word/Meditation: Luke 10:1-11** *(The Inclusive Bible translation)*

After this, Jesus appointed seventy-two others, and sent them on ahead in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, “The harvest is rich, but the workers are few; therefore, ask the overseer to send workers to the harvest.

Be on your way, and remember: I am sending you as lambs in the midst of wolves. Don’t carry a walking stick or knapsack; wear no sandals and greet no one along the way. And whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be upon this house!’ If the people live peaceably there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you, for the laborer is worth a wage. Don’t keep moving from house to house.

And whatever city you enter, after they welcome you, eat what they set before you and heal those who are sick in that town. Say to them, ‘The reign of God has drawn near to you.’

If the people of any town you enter don’t welcome you, go into its streets and say, ‘We shake the dust of this town from our feet as testimony against you. But know that the reign of God has drawn near.’ ”

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



### **Breath Prayer**

*(to assist you in the quiet stillness)*

*Inhale* — Peace within ...

*Exhale* — Peace 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

Don't let people pull you into their storm. But instead, pull them into your peace and make all things new.

— Pema Chödrön, an American-born Tibetan Buddhist

### NB10 In The Lord

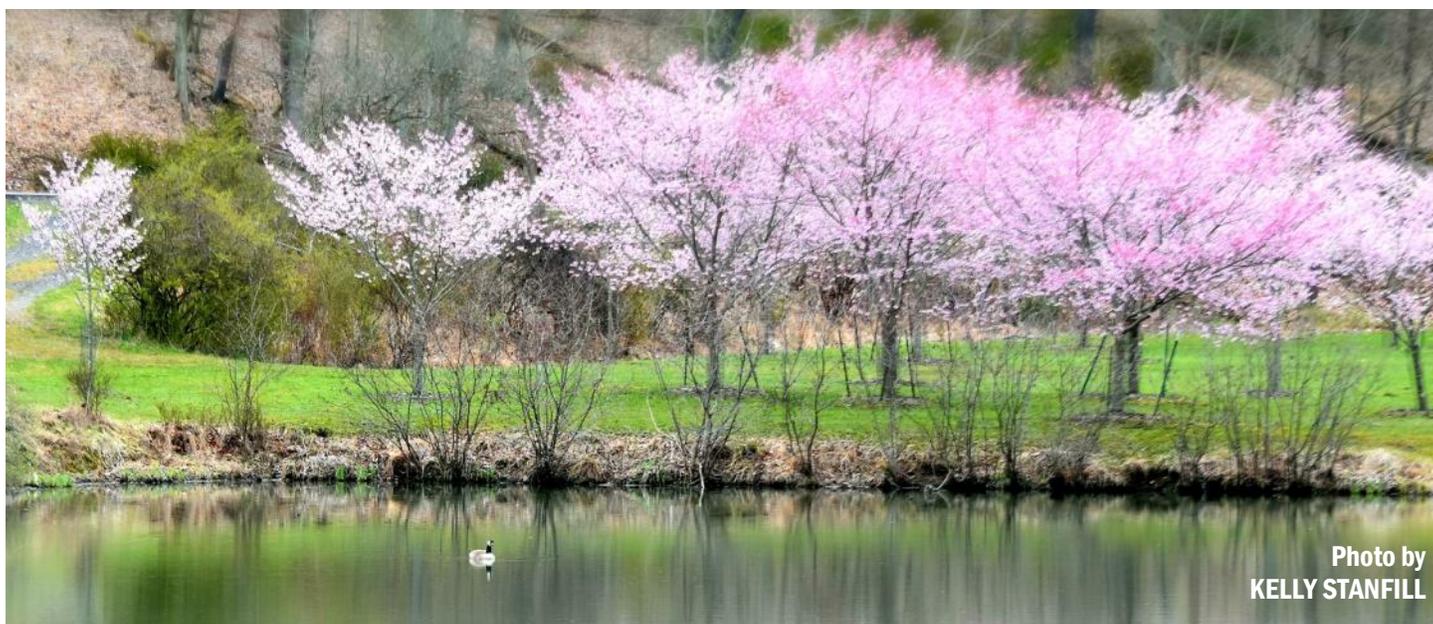


In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-  
El Se-nyor és la me-va for-ça, el Se-nyor el me-u cant. Ell m'ha es-tat la sal-va-ci-



fraid. Lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near. In the  
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## 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 12

The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie. 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 2/2. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. lei - son." There are two endings: the first ending leads back to the beginning of the phrase, and the second ending concludes the piece. The score is printed in black ink on a white background.

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God of the prophets and the disciples, you have heard the plea of your people throughout the ages. Hear us now, as we present to you those things that burden us. God of mercy, lift us out of the depths!

### KYRIE

Hear us as we pray for those who are sick. Give them hope, that they may feel through your presence, and the presence of others, comfort and support. Grant them patience, that they may live in your time and in your way. We believe in the power of your healing; God, do your will!

### KYRIE

Hear us as we pray for those who live in constant conflict. Bring your wisdom to their lives. Enable your people to learn from you, whose anger lasts only a moment, but whose favor lasts a lifetime. Allow our anger to last only a moment, that we might put our efforts toward reconciliation and peace.

### KYRIE

Hear us as we pray for those who feel trapped in the patterns of their lives. Lead us to examine ourselves and our lives to discern why we return to our unhealthy coping mechanisms. Give us empathy to understand others in their temptations. Grant us the strength to do good and not to be weary, to always be watchful for opportunities to walk in your ways.

### KYRIE

Hear us as we pray for your church. Give us courage to be your faithful disciples. It is challenging to live in this world, and yet others watch us as we witness and act. Give us wisdom to better reflect your actions of love and mercy, so that our families, our communities, and our countries might understand what your reign is all about.

### 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 - dant, with - out end. To God be praise! A - men. A - men.

## 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.**



## 31 Give To Us Your Peace

♩ = 72  
mp Am C Dm ESUS E

Do - na no - bis pa - cem Do - mi - ne.  
Give to us your peace, O Je - sus Christ.

mp

The musical score is written on two staves, treble and bass clef, in common time (C). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 72. The dynamics are marked as mezzo-piano (mp). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major). The chords are Am, C, Dm, ESUS, and E. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## NB8 In God Alone My Soul

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.  
 Mon â-me se re-po-se en paix sur Dieu seul: de lui vient mon-sa-lut.

On-ly in God my soul can find its rest,— find its rest— and peace. In  
 Oui, sur Dieu seul mon â-me se re-po-se, se re-po-se en paix. Mon

*Last time*

*Last time*

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## NB16 Let Your Servant Now Go In Peace

Nunc di-mit-tis ser-vum tu-um Do-mi-ne, \_\_\_\_\_ se-  
 Let your ser-vant now-go in peace, O Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ now—

ne, Do-mi-ne,  
 Lord, O Lord,

cun-dum ver-bum tu-um in— pa-ce, \_\_\_\_\_ Nunc di-  
 go in peace ac-cord-ing to your word, \_\_\_\_\_ Let your

*Last time*

*Last time*

(Do-mi-ne.)  
 (to your word.)

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## **Closing Blessing** *(in unison)*

The harvest is truly great.  
There is a need for peace in the world.  
People are struggling and in need of solace.  
We all need to know the reign of God has come near.  
God calls us to go and labor in the harvest.  
Don't hesitate! Don't be weary!  
Jesus has promised that he will give us all we need to walk in God's way.  
Let us go out rejoicing!

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](mailto: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*

# Announcements

## 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.

3rd Friday of month, 7:00-8:30 pm

## 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).



## Church Tour — July 13

The next scheduled tour will be on Sunday, July 13 after the 10 am worship service, featuring the Sanctuary and Chapel. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to participate.



## Labyrinth Prayer Walk

The Labyrinth is available on:

**Wednesdays and Thursdays**  
10 am—7 pm in McKelvy Room

## 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.

## 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).

## Connections Group Gatherings — July 25, Aug 24

The ELPC *Connections Groups Ministry* invites everyone to attend the following summer events. Grab your blanket or chair and join us for these free outdoor concerts! Bring a picnic, buy food from the vendors, relax, enjoy music and talk with EPLC folks! RSVP to connectelpc@gmail.com.

- Friday, July 25: *Fridays at Frick* — The Stemtecs Band will dazzle us with jazzy melodies. Grounds open at 5 pm; music starts at 6:30 pm and ends around 8 pm.
- Sunday, August 24: *Reservoir of Jazz* — Join us at the Highland Park Reservoir for a performance by Paul Cosentino's Boiler Maker Jazz Band. Music starts at 5 pm and ends at 7 pm.

## Pittsburgh Black Pride at ELPC — July 26

All are welcome to a family fun day at ELPC on Saturday, July 26 from Noon-4 pm for *Pittsburgh Black Pride*, co-hosted by Pittsburgh Black Pride, and ELPC's Justice Committee and LGBTQIA+ Ministry. Come share fellowship, food and fun at this free event open to all! Contact Wil Forrest for more info (Wil@coh.net).

## Donations for Chapel Market

The Chapel Market is in need of **summer clothing, diapers, and full-sized toiletries items** (soap, body wash, toothpaste, toilet paper, toothbrushes, lotion etc.).

Donations can be left at the Highland Lobby, or dropped off at the Chapel Market when open (on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 5-7 pm, or Thursdays from 10 am-12 pm).