
TAIZÉ:

PRAYERFUL SONG & QUIET MEDITATION

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**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.

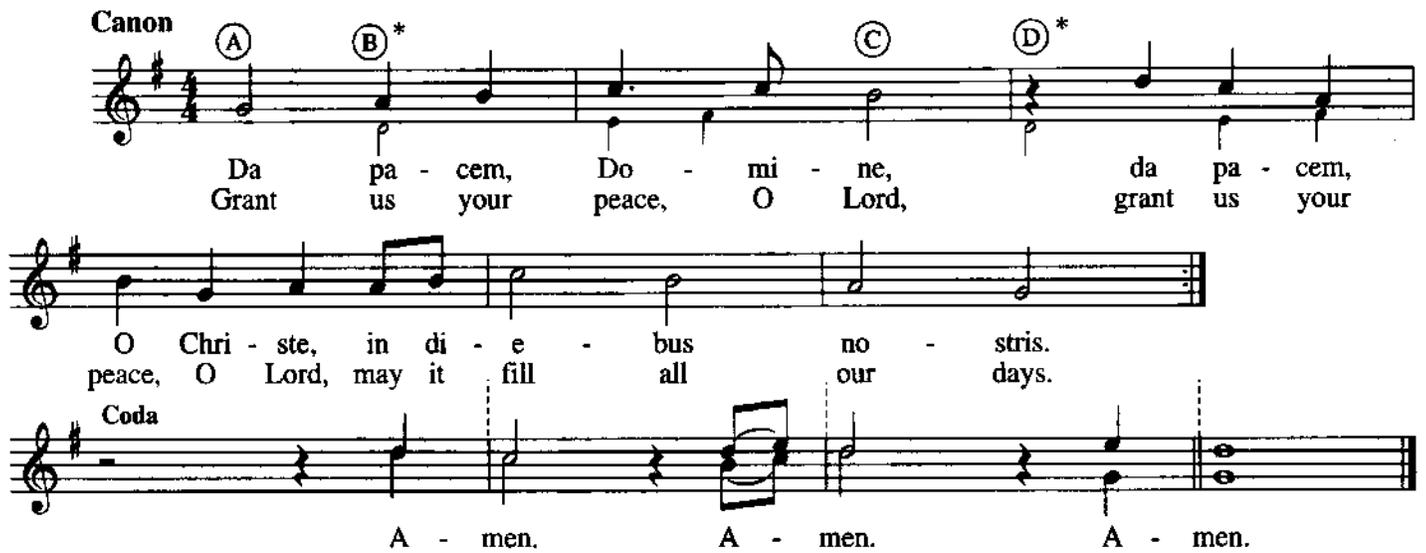
May you awaken to the restful and restorative presence of the Spirit, and may you carry that awareness with you out into the world.

Prelude by the Taizé Musicians

Welcome and Opening Centering by Rev. BJ Woodworth

NB33 Give Us Your Peace, O Lord

Canon

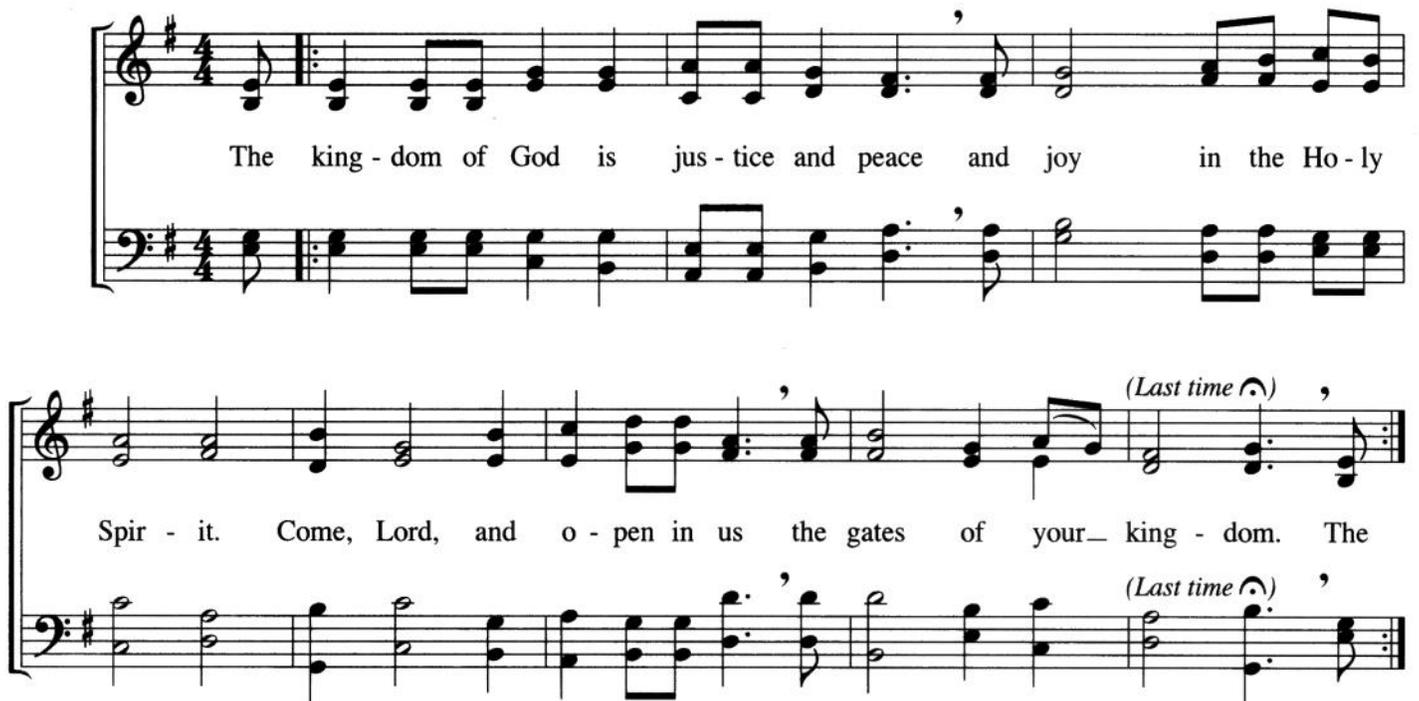


Da Grant pa - cem, Do mi - ne, da pa - cem,
Grant us your peace, O Lord, grant us your
O Chri - ste, in di - e - bus no - stris.
peace, O Lord, may it fill all our days.
Coda
A - men. A - men. A - men.

*The (B) and (D) entrances in the canon are sung a fourth lower.

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CLM35 The Kingdom Of God



The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly
Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your_ king - dom. The

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Psalm 15 (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: 3 Alleluia 11

♩ = 104

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 3/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking of ♩ = 104. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The score includes a repeat sign (double bar line with dots) and a 'D.S.' (Da Capo) instruction at the end. The lyrics are: (Al - le - lu - ia) Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (hum)

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O Beloved, You invite us to rest
In the abode of your Heart,
To forgive our weaknesses
And renew our love.
Who will respond with hearts
Opened wide to Love?

ALLELUIA

Those who walk with integrity,
Who are in harmony with your Word,
And sing the heart's song.

ALLELUIA

Whose tongues speak truth
Judging not others
And seeking only the good.

ALLELUIA

Whose eyes behold not
The outer garments of the body,
But see within the inner robe of Love.

ALLELUIA

Whose own weaknesses
Are acknowledged
And brought to light in prayer;
Those who are just in all affairs of life
And take not advantage of another.

ALLELUIA

Those who dwell in the Heart of Love,
Who act justly, with integrity,
Will join the Dance of Life,
Will sing the Songs of Joy!

ALLELUIA

Their family, friends and,
Indeed, the world,
Will be blessed by their love.

ALLELUIA



The Word/Meditation: Luke 10:38-42 *(The Inclusive Bible translation)*

As they traveled, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him to her home. She had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at Jesus' feet and listened to his words.

Martha, who was busy with all the details of hospitality, came to Jesus and said, "Rabbi, don't you care that my sister has left me all alone to do the household tasks? Tell her to help me!"

Jesus replied, "Martha, Martha! You're anxious and upset about so many things, but only a few things are necessary — really only one. Mary has chosen the better part, and she won't be deprived of it."

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



Breath Prayer

(to assist you in the quiet stillness)

Inhale — Seated at your feet ...

Exhale — I listen ...

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

There are times not to answer the door, not to answer the phone, not to do undone things, but to rest in silence from everything. The world can wait for five minutes. In fact, no matter how busy we are, no matter how well organized, no matter how little rest we allow ourselves, we will never do all that needs to be done. But to do well what we are called to do, it is essential to nurture a capacity for inner stillness; such quiet, deep-down listening, is itself prayer.

—-from "Praying With Icons" by Jim Forest

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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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: 4 Kyrie 1

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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Still and quiet our anxious and frenetic hearts, minds, souls and bodies, O God. Help us to release our busyness and distractions to be able to sit at your feet and listen, that we may hear your voice quietly affirming us, whispering to us and guiding us.

KYRIE

We pray for the nations of the world, that all may live without fear of oppression, poverty, or war. For the leaders of our nation, for our President, Congress and judges, that they may honor justice, protect the weak, and serve the common good of all.

KYRIE

We pray for the Earth, that we may wisely use its resources for the benefit of all people and offer help wherever natural disaster has fractured human trust in the goodness of creation.

KYRIE

We pray for our communities and neighborhoods that all may dwell in harmony, peace, and see ourselves as connected to one another serving and caring for the vulnerable, sick and troubled, that they may find healing and peace.

KYRIE

We pray for our enemies, that we may find reconciliation with them for the sake of Christ.

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 staff for each system. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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.



32 Christ Jesus

$\text{♩} = 60$

A musical score for the hymn 'Christ Jesus' in 3/4 time. The score is written for guitar and voice. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the tempo is marked as quarter note = 60. The score consists of two staves: a treble staff for guitar and a bass staff for voice. The lyrics are: 'O Christe Do-mi-ne Je-su, O Christe Do-mi-ne Je-su! O Christ Je-sus, Lord and Sav-ior! Christ Je-sus, Lord and Sav-ior! Christ'. The guitar part includes chords: A, D, Em/D, D, A. There are triplets in both staves. The piece ends with a 'fine' marking.

O Chri - ste Do - mi - ne Je - su, O Chri - ste Do - mi - ne Je - su! O
Christ Je - sus, Lord and Sav - ior! Christ Je - sus, Lord and Sav - ior! Christ

fine

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28 Come And Fill Our Hearts

♩ = 66

D Bm D A

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
 Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Em C Em A D

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!
 Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

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NB21 Sing To God

[A]

Sing to God with joy - ful hearts. Praise the Lord for
 Singt dem Herrn ein neu - es Lied. Lob - singt ihm

ev - er - more, praise the Lord for ev - er - more.
 al - le - zeit, lob - singt ihm al - le - zeit!

Last time

Verses (Cantor)

[B]

O

D.C.

D.C.

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Closing Blessing *(in unison)*

Brother Jesus, the labors of the day are over and the evening rest begins. If we have been busy with too many things, return our thoughts to what is needful. Let us know the better part you have promised will not be taken away, that we may sleep in your peace and awaken with renewed attentiveness to your presence.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

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

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).



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

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 Events at ELPC – July 25 and 26

Everyone is invited to the FREE *Pittsburgh Black Pride* concert on Friday, July 25 at 6:30 pm in the ELPC Sanctuary.

Then return for 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).

Church Tower Tour – July 27

On Sunday, July 27, a *Tower tour* will be led by Steve Evrard and Tom Morton.

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.

Benefit for Pittsburgh's Immigrant Community – Aug 7 to 10

Ted Cmarada and Susan Spangler have organized the *All Together Now! Music Festival* to benefit our immigrant community. The music festival will be held from Aug 7 to 10 at various venues around Pittsburgh.

All proceeds will go to the Collaborative for Immigrant Impact to help immigrants access legal services, housing, healthcare, education, English classes, career development, food assistance, and more, ensuring our immigrant neighbors have the opportunity to thrive. The Collaborative for Immigrant Impact is a network of 20 Pittsburgh-based organizations that serve as a critical safety net for over 20,000 immigrants in our community.

The music festival ends on Sunday, Aug 10 at 3 pm with *An Afternoon of Storytelling and Multicultural Music and Dance* in the ELPC Sanctuary.

Please visit www.alltogetherpgh.com for a schedule of events and ticket prices, the listing of bands and artists, to purchase tickets and t-shirts, and to make a donation.

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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