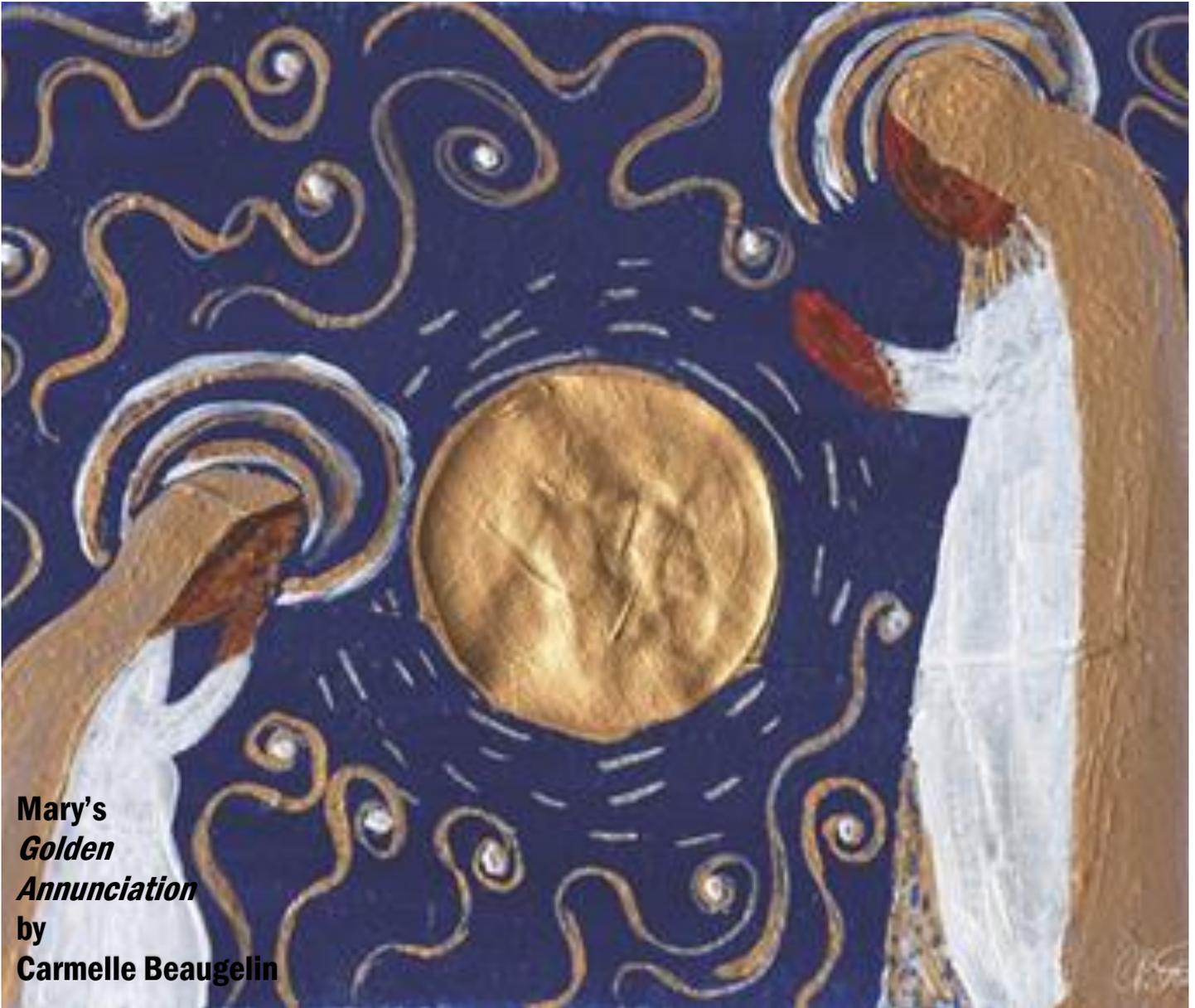


# TAIZÉ

PRAYERFUL SONG AND QUIET MEDITATION



**Mary's  
Golden  
Annunciation**  
by  
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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**

**\* Prepare the Way of the Lord**

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre -

pare the way of the Lord, and all peo - ple will

see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

(A)

(B) (C)

(D) (Fine)

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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

(Last time ☺)

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**Isaiah 40:1-11** (NRSV)

**Sung Response: \* Alleluia (Veni Emmanuel)**

(VENI EMMANUEL) Stephen Pishner



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

**ALLELUIA**

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness  
prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

**ALLELUIA**

A voice says, "Cry out!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All flesh is grass;  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers; the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

**ALLELUIA**

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"

**ALLELUIA**

See, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms  
and carry them in his bosom  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

**ALLELUIA**

## The Word for Meditation: Matthew 3:1-6, 11 *(Inclusive Bible)*

At this time John the Baptizer appeared in the desert of Judea, proclaiming, “Change your hearts and minds, for the reign of heaven is about to break in upon you!”

It was John that the prophet Isaiah described when said, “A herald’s voice cries in the desert:

‘Prepare the way of our God, make straight the paths of God!’ ”

John was clothed in a garment of camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist. Grasshoppers and wild honey were his food. At that time, Jerusalem, all Judea and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him. John baptized them in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins.

“I will baptize you in water if you have a change of heart, but the One who will follow me is more powerful than I. I’m not fit even to untie the sandals of the Coming One! That One will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire.”

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



### **Breath Prayer**

*(to assist you in the quiet stillness)*

*Inhale* — Prepare the way ...

*Exhale* — Make straight the paths ...

**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.



## Affirmation of Peace

Leader: Please join me in affirming God's gift of courageous and prophetic peace.

Right-side: We believe in a courageous and prophetic peace—a peace founded through sacrificial love and a relentless pressing in toward places of pain and wounding. We commit to justice as peace and embrace repentance and humility as foundational steps.

Left-side: *We believe there is always more to learn and understand—that a posture of curiosity and grace leads us to the heart of God and one another.*

Right-side: We believe in pursuing shalom, a whole-bodied peace, for all God's creation; seeking peace in families; peace in neighborhoods; peace between nations; peace for Mother Earth; and peace in the quiet depths of our own souls.

Left Side: *We believe in praying for peace; speaking peace over those torn apart by painful divides in streets and conversations; peace for those holding deep grief; peace for those buried under heartache, chaos, and unanswered questions.*

Right-side: We trust this peace is not just a dream, but a promise. With Jesus as the Giver of Peace, we claim anew the deep peace within us, committing to channel it through love and power in all that we say and do.

## CLM36 Lord, You Are Living Water



Tu sei sor - gen - te vi - va, tu sei fuo - co, sei ca - ri - tà.  
Lord, you are liv - ing wa - ter, you are light and fire, you are love.



Vie - ni Spi - ri - to San - to, vie - ni Spi - ri - to San - to.  
Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come, O Ho - ly Spir - it.

## Intercessory Prayers

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: NB45 Come, Lord, Light of Our Hearts

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Come, Lord, Light of Our Hearts'. It is written in 4/4 time and features three staves: a vocal line at the top, a piano accompaniment line in the middle, and a bass line at the bottom. The lyrics are: 'Ve - ni lu - men cor - di - um! Come, Lord, light of our hearts!' and 'San - cte Spi - ri - tus! light of our hearts!'. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

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God, we are your people, shaped by your creative will, animated by your life-giving breath. As we enter now into a spirit of prayer, awaken us to your presence within and all around us. We breathe in belonging; we breathe out care. *Take a breath.....*

### COME, LORD, LIGHT OF OUR HEARTS

We know that to breathe together is to con-spire. And so, as we share this silence, we remember that we belong to one another; that you have made all of us each other's keepers. We breathe in communion; we breathe out commitment. *Take a breath.....*

### COME, LORD, LIGHT OF OUR HEARTS

We pray for the peace of all people on earth, may every elder be sheltered in care, may every child know silliness and security, may every friend be enfolded in beloved community. We breathe in hope; we breathe out love. *Take a breath.....*

### COME, LORD, LIGHT OF OUR HEARTS

We pray for the peace that is not only silence, but songs and shouts of justice, not only stillness, but free and playful movement. We pray for the peace that is full bellies and hearts, safe streets and homes, a kin-dom governed by care. We breathe in promise; we breathe out possibility. *Take a breath.....*

### COME, LORD, LIGHT OF OUR HEARTS

Strengthen us to hear what the prophet says to us this day. Turn our hearts to you and to one another, and put us to the tasks of repair — naming and mending what's broken; tending and healing what's hurt; dreaming, and risking, and working for the world of your shalom. We breathe in courage; we breathe out peace. *Take a breath.....*

### COME, LORD, LIGHT OF OUR HEARTS

## 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

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that for these, and for us, your care is constant, and your heart is always open... God, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer!**



## 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 for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

## 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 hearing 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.**



*Our olive oil is from the Palestinian village of Bil'in. Sent to us by Iyad Burnat, a nonviolent, international peacemaker. Bil'in has had 60% of its land stolen by Israel and now houses an illegal settlement for 100,000 European and American Jewish people.*

## 12 Wait For The Lord

Lento (♩ = 48)

Em *p* C Am<sup>6</sup> B

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

*p*

Detailed description: This is the first system of musical notation for the hymn 'Wait For The Lord'. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo is Lento with a quarter note equal to 48 beats. The first measure is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic and an Em chord. The lyrics 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' are written below the notes. The system ends with a B chord.

Em D G Am B Em

Wait for the Lord: Wait be strong, take heart!

*mf*

Detailed description: This is the second system of musical notation for the hymn 'Wait For The Lord'. It continues from the first system. The lyrics 'Wait for the Lord: Wait be strong, take heart!' are written below the notes. The system starts with an Em chord and ends with an Em chord. The dynamic is marked as mezzo-forte (*mf*).

# G60 Salvator Mundi

(A) ♩ = 84 (B)

Sal - va - tor mun - di sal - va nos. Sal - va - tor mun - di

(C) (D)

sai - va nos. Sai - va nos, sai - va nos. Sai - va - tor mun - di sai - va nos.

Savior of the world, save us, free us.

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## \* Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Em-man - u - el, Em-man - u - el, his name is  
called Em - man - u - el. God with us,  
re-vealed in us, his name is called Em-man - u - el.

Text and music: Bob McGee (b.1944)

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EMMANUEL

## Responsive Charge: A Call to Advocacy

Leader: Go forth from this place, allowing God to forge you into instruments of peace

**People: for the hard work of peacemaking in our families, church, community, and world.**

Leader: Making peace requires us to enter into spaces of conflict.

**People: May God harden our resolve, not our hearts; strengthen our will, not our arms; sharpen our minds, not our words.**

Leader: May we listen to the cries of others like John in the wilderness, guarding our hearts from being defensive or indifferent.

**People: May we be moved to peace not for the sake of avoiding an argument, but for the sake of the gospel.**

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

**People: Amen.**

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

**TONIGHT!**  
**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 bring a cake or some other snacks, please contact Pastor BJ (BJW@coh.net).

**TAIZÉ MUSICIANS:**

<b>Charlie Anderson</b> ..... <i>flute</i>	<b>Alyssa Creasy</b> ..... <i>pianist</i>
<b>James Avant</b> ..... <i>vocalist</i>	<b>Jennifer Gorske</b> ..... <i>music director/ vocalist</i>
<b>David Bennett</b> ..... <i>cello</i>	<b>Chris Markwell</b> ..... <i>vocalist</i>
	<b>Gerard Rohlf</b> ..... <i>guitar</i>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Chapel Market Needs  
Winter Coats and Toiletry Items**

The Chapel Market is stocking up on winter clothes for our neighbors in need. From now until Thanksgiving, please consider donating clean, new or gently-used winter coats for toddlers to adults.

They also need full-sized toiletry items. Leave donations in the Highland lobby.

**Support the Holiday Giving Tree**

The Deacons' annual *Giving Tree* ministry is an opportunity to assist families this Christmas season and provide children with gifts! Sign up at [tiny.cc/elpc-giving-tree](http://tiny.cc/elpc-giving-tree) (or scan this QR code) for specific gift requests and to make financial donations to assist with the purchase of retail gift cards.



Deacons will be available in the Highland Lobby to help you after worship on Sundays, Nov 23 and 30.

Gifts and donations should be dropped off by Sunday, Dec 7.

**LGBTQIA+ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – Dec 14**

All are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering of the LGBTQIA+ Ministry at 12:30 pm on Sunday, Dec 14 when we will share conversation and lunch. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcome! Contact Wil Forrest, LGBTQIA+ Ministry Coordinator, to attend (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x218).

