

# TAIZÉ:

PRAYERFUL SONG AND  
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**

## 43 Holy is the Name of God

♩ = 100

F Dm Am ESUS E A B♭ 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 ESUS E A B♭ 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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## \* There Is One Lord

Ostinato Refrain

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There is one Lord, one faith, one bap - tis - m,

There is one God; Fa - ther, Mo - ther of all.

Text: Ephesians 4. Taizé Community, 1984

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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**Psalm 8** (selected verses from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

**Sung Response: 2 Alleluia 7**

♩ = 116

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia! (hum) \_\_\_\_\_

1. 2. D.C.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in 3/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking of ♩ = 116. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, followed by a repeat sign. After the first ending, there are two alternative second endings: the first is a half note followed by a quarter note, and the second is a half note followed by a quarter note. The piece concludes with a double bar line and the instruction 'D.C.' (Da Capo).

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O Love, my Beloved,  
How powerful is your Name  
In all the earth!  
You, whose glory is sung in heaven  
By the angels and saints.

**ALLELUIA**

Who with the innocence and  
Spontaneity of a child,  
Confound those who are mighty  
And proud,  
You comfort the unloving and fearful.

**ALLELUIA**

When I look up at the heavens,  
At the work of Love's creation,  
At the infinite variety of your Plan,  
What is woman that You rejoice in her,  
And man that You do delight in him?  
You have made us in your image,  
You fill us with your Love;

**ALLELUIA**

You have made us co-creators of  
The earth!  
Guardians of the planet!  
To care for all your creatures,  
to tend the land, the sea,  
And the air we breath;  
All that You have made,  
You have placed in our hands.

**ALLELUIA**

O Love, my Beloved,  
How powerful is your Name  
In all the earth!

**ALLELUIA**



## The Word/Meditation: Ephesians 4:3-7 *(The Inclusive Bible translation)*

Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the peace that binds you together. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called into one hope when you were called. There is one Savior, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of all, who is over all, who works through all and is within all. Each of us has received God’s grace in the measure in which Christ has bestowed it.



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

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### Breath Prayer

*Inhale* — Through all,  
within all ...


*Exhale* — We are one in  
you ...

**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.

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## Words from Saints and Ancestors

We might say the Trinity is the soul of Creation...[And] once we allow the entire universe to become alive for us, we are living in an enchanted world. Nothing is meaningless; nothing can be dismissed. It's all whirling with the same beauty, the same radiance...We must realize that we are the continuation of that radiance in our small segment of time on Earth. We can either allow it and let the Trinitarian Flow, flow through us or we can deny it, which is to deny the divine image.

— *Father Richard Rohr (1943-present) OFM,  
an American Franciscan priest and writer on spirituality based in Albuquerque, New Mexico*

## 28 Come And Fill Our Hearts

♩ = 66

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.

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

## Prayers of Intercession

### Sung Response: 4 Kyrie Eleison 1

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

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We pray that the love which passes ceaselessly between the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer may renew and deepen the life of each of us and draw us all into your unending life.

#### **KYRIE**

We pray for the leaders of the church: for Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Orthodox; for children and youth; for the elderly whose wise counsel is sorely needed in all ages; for all interfaith endeavors that seek to bring us closer to each other and to you.

#### **KYRIE**

We pray for the earth and all creatures and plants; for healthy water and air and soil; for policies and laws that regard our home in God's universe as a precious gift.

#### **KYRIE**

We pray for our families, households, and communities, that your unified and flowing life together as the Triune God may show us the importance of depending on each other, and strengthen us in peace, grace and truth.

#### **KYRIE**

We pray for the sick and those who suffer in any way; for those who struggle to pay rent or a mortgage; for those who have no home; for those who are neglected and abused in our communities; for people who long for family and are instead alone; for children who do not have a good guide to raise them up; and for whatever else you see that we need.

#### **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 confidentialities.*

*Whether or not you say the person's name out loud, God hears and receives the intentions of your heart.*

## Closing Refrain

In hope for what we do not yet see, we join our spoken and wordless prayers with the groaning of the Spirit in us and all creation... 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 image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style.

## 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.*

**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

**A** Cm F Cm F

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

**B** **C**

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

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# CLM33 O Lord, You Hold And Protect Me

Sei - gneur, tu gar - des mon â - me; Ô Dieu, tu con - nais mon  
O Lord, you hold and pro - tect me; you know all my heart's de -

cœur. Con - dui - moi sur le che - min d'é - ter - ni - té, con - dui -  
sire. Guide my steps a - long the ev - er - last - ing way, guide my

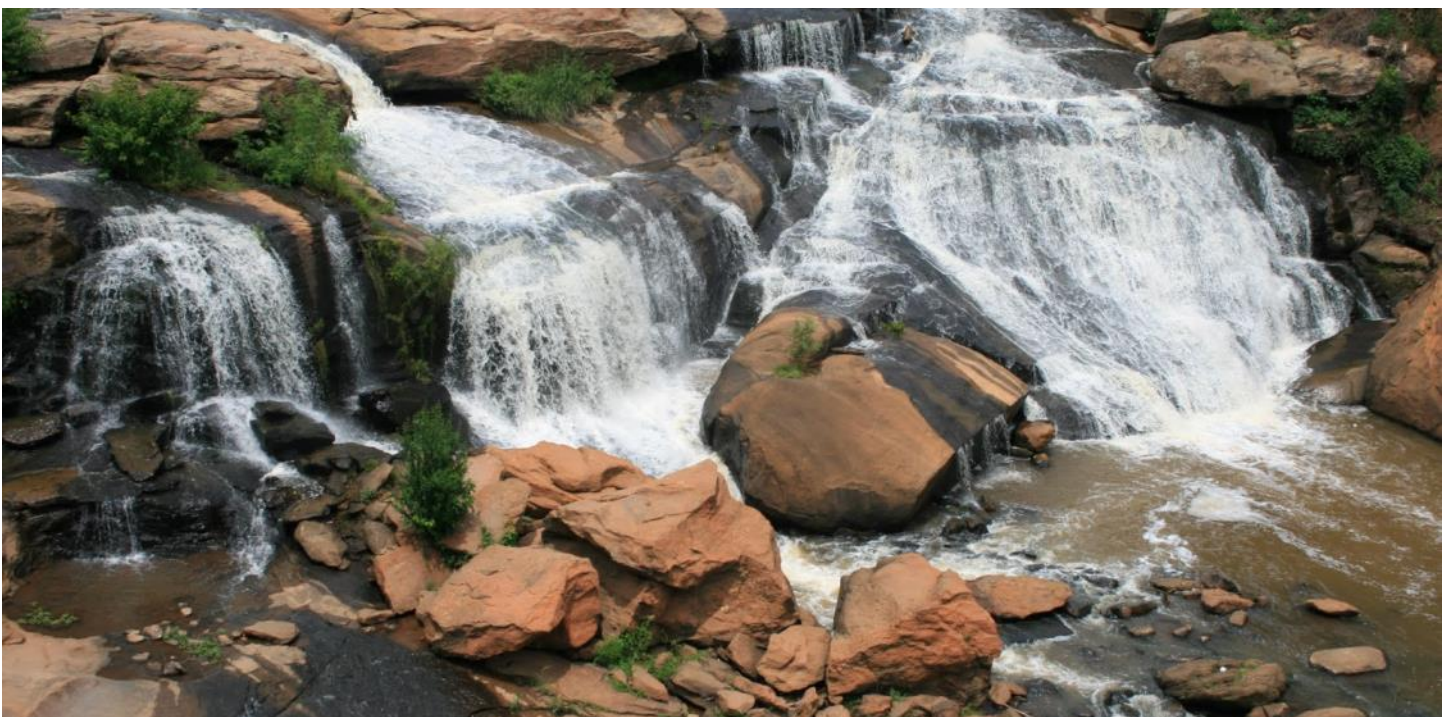
moi sur le che - min d'é - ter - ni - té. Sei -  
steps a - long the ev - er - last - ing way. O

(♩) Last time

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The piece is in 4/4 time and includes a 3/4 time signature change. The lyrics are in French and English. The score includes a repeat sign and a 'Last time' instruction with a fermata symbol.

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\* **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord god Almighty!**

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## Closing Unison Prayer

God for us; we call you Father, Mother, Creator.

God alongside us, we call you Jesus, Friend, the Christ.

God within us, we call you Holy Spirit, Flame of Love, Breath.

You are the eternal mystery that enables, enfolds, and enlivens all things.

Every name falls short of your goodness and greatness.

We can only see who you are in what is. We ask for such perfect seeing.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

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

### TAIZÉ MUSICIANS:

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

### 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).

## 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

### Meditation Hour

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to join John Benedict in the Chapel each Tuesday from 6-7 pm for an hour devoted to meditation. The session will include an opening reading, silent sitting, and walking. John is a retired psychologist and a long time student and practitioner of insight meditation.

Tuesdays, 6-7 pm

### 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

### Church Tower Tour – May 31

Steve Evrard and Nate Stephens will guide a tour of the Tower on Sunday, May 31 after the 11 am service. Please pre-register at [tiny.cc/towertour](http://tiny.cc/towertour) as this tour is limited to 20 participants. Participants must wear closed-toe shoes to join this tour.