

# Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Export, PA



Wednesday, May 20, 2020 ~ 7:00 pm

**Welcome! We are glad you are here!**

*There are four ways to connect and participate in this evening's service:*

1. For the streaming YouTube video service at 7 PM, visit our YouTube Channel: [ELC NALC Worship](#) and subscribe.
2. For the TeleGathering audio only service, call in from any Phone:
  - a. Five minutes before the service, call this number: **(712) 770-5505**.
  - b. When asked for the access code, enter **234426**, then press the # key.
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For our ELC TeleGathering Support Page, click [HERE](#)

# Faith in a Time of Crisis

The faithful of Emmanuel Lutheran Church wish you a Blessed Easter season and welcome you here to not only celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, but to spend time in prayer together during such a challenging time.

As all churches currently, we have been operating at a safe distance. When our doors closed to worshiping physically in the presence of others, another door opened for us to reach out and be present to one another through available technology. We have been live broadcasting our 10:15 AM Sunday services along with tonight's prayer service through teleconferencing and posting our bulletins and tonight's service on Facebook and YouTube.

To prepare at home tonight, we encourage you to be in a comfortable, quiet place, dim your lights (if possible), have this worship aid available and an unlit candle nearby. We will light our candles during the silent meditation following the Gospel reading. We invite you to participate in the singing and the praying of the prayers.

## About Taizé

Taizé is one of the first ecumenical and international monastic orders in the world. The community is located in Taizé, France which was founded in 1940 by a young, Protestant, Swiss seminary student, Roger Schütz, as a place of hospitality and reconciliation for refugees seeking sanctuary during World War II. Today, the community is composed of more than 100 brothers from both Protestant and Catholic traditions who originate from 30 countries around the world. Taizé Prayer Pilgrimages and Intercontinental Meetings around the globe bring together thousands of young people and adults in an effort to discern God's purpose for their lives and become the prayerful, reconciled presence of Christ wherever they live.

Taizé's mission is to bring peace and community to the world by healing the divisions between Christians of different denominations and within the human family. The worship of Taizé is marked by depth and simplicity, consisting of mostly singing simple, repetitive meditative chants composed and published by the brothers along with significant periods of silent meditation. For more information, please visit the community's website:

[www.taize.fr](http://www.taize.fr)

## A Taizé Service is a time of Prayer & Renewal

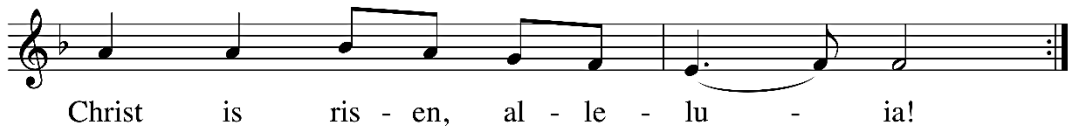
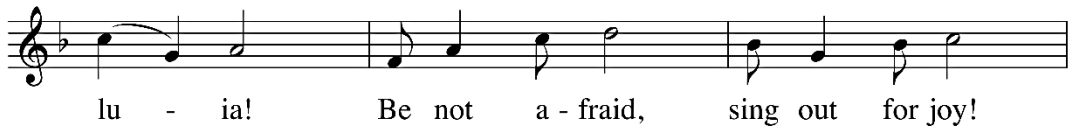
Three times a day, everything on the hill of Taizé stops: the work, the Bible studies, the discussions. The bells call everyone to pray and sing together with the brothers of the community. Scripture is read in several languages. In the middle of each common prayer, there is a long period of silence, a unique moment for meeting with God. Brother Roger was always concerned that nothing in prayer should appear inaccessible—nothing too long or too complicated. For those new to this unique form of musical prayer, we offer a few notes of introduction (from the Taizé service leaflet):

- ***Chant & Refrains:*** Each chant/refrain is repeated many times over in English; with time, you may find a mantra effect to this repetition. Many who attend Taizé regularly, can attest that once a chant is learned and becomes familiar, a space opens up within for the meeting of the soul and the Spirit.
- ***Cantors:*** While the congregation sings, a cantor may sing a descant (an independent treble melody usually sung or played above a basic melody) over the congregation. Please continue to sing the chant while the cantor sings a prayer for us all. Feel free to sing in parts at any time.
- ***Prayers:*** The large cross icon, placed at the front of the church, is a copy of the one painted by Brother Eric of the Taizé community used in their daily services. It might serve as a focus for your prayer or meditation.

# Gathering Song

## Be Not Afraid

Ostinato Refrain



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## ❖ Psalm 90

**Leader:** Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed  
the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are  
God.

**All:** You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"  
For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is  
past, or as a watch in the night.

**Leader:** You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,  
Like grass that is renewed in the morning: in the morning it  
flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

**All:** For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

**Leader:** For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

**All:** So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

**Leader:** Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

*Teach us to*  
*number our days,*  
*that we may gain*  
*a heart of wisdom.*

Psalms 90:12

## Sung Response

## MY SPIRIT YEARNS FOR YOU - *Sung in English*

My spir - it yearns for you in the night, O God; I  
*Ie - de - re nacht ver-lang ik naar u, o God, ik*

seek you, O Lord, with all my soul. My spir - it  
*hun - ker naar u met heel mijn ziel. Ie - de - re*

yearns for you in the night, O God; I  
*nacht ver-lang ik naar u, o God, ik*

seek you, O Lord, with all my soul.  
*hun - ker naar u met heel mijn ziel.*

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### ❖ The Word: John 20:11-17 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

## ❖ **Silent Prayer** – Candle Lighting

*At this time, please light your candle, and reflect upon the meditation below.*

## ❖ **Silent Meditation: Instrumental Music**

The encounter with the mystery of the Resurrection can be recognized first and foremost by the transformation it causes in those who are its witnesses. Mary of Magdala had been close to Jesus during his life on earth. Now left utterly disconsolate by his death, she attempts in vain to keep alive at least some fragments of that vanished relationship, memories symbolized for her by the tomb and the corpse.

Her attitude, in human terms worthy of commiseration, nonetheless keeps her from being fully present to the reality surrounding her. She notices neither the presence of heavenly messengers, harbingers of a new day, nor that of the risen Christ himself. It is only when Christ calls her by name that the spell is broken, and she experiences a new beginning: twice the passage uses the expression “turning round” (vv. 14, 16), a verb that in Hebrew is used for conversion of heart.

Overcome by joy, she still has a further step to take. The restored relationship will not be a mere copy of the previous one, before Jesus’ death. Mary must give up all claims to “possession,” all thought of having Jesus for her own, and set out in the wake of the Living One. It is only by going toward others, beginning with the community of disciples, that she can remain intimate with Christ. A relationship with the risen Lord turns disciples into living words who call others, in the name of God, to give up all forms of arrogance or despair in order to become part of a universal communion.

## Personal Reflection for this Evening:

- What keeps me from perceiving what God is accomplishing in and around me?
- Have I known times when Christ called me by name?
- What enables us to distinguish his call from so many other invitations?
- To whom can I go in order to communicate an unexpected joy?

*“Jesus, our trust, ever since your resurrection, your light has been shining within us. And so we can still tell you: we love you without having seen you, though we still do not see you we believe, and you seek to shower upon us a joy beyond words, which already transfigures us.”*

*– Brother Roger Shütz, founder of the Taizé Community*

## ❖ Prayers of Intercession

### CONSOLING SPIRIT OF GOD – *Sung in English*

Es - prit con-so-la-teur, a - mour de tout a - mour. Es -  
Con - sol - ing Spir - it of God, O love in all our love. Con -

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with accompaniment in the bass staff. There are dashed circles around the first two notes of the treble staff in the first measure and the first two notes of the bass staff in the second measure.

prit con - so-la - teur, a - mour de tout a - mour. *Last time*  
sol - ing Spir - it of God, O love in all our love.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It also features treble and bass staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides accompaniment. The system concludes with a double bar line and the instruction "Last time" written above the treble staff and below the bass staff.



**Leader:** Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten the minds of women and men of medical science who are working to find a solution to this viral infection. Guide their research and help them discover what you provide in creation, sure ways of control, protection, inoculation and healing. Strengthen them in their tiring work and enrich in them the virtue of hope.

**All Sing: Consoling Spirit of God...**

**Leader:** Eternal Wisdom, guide our leaders called to serve us in our Nation. May they respond to the challenges of this affliction with prudence and sound judgement. With foresight, may their planning alleviate the economic burdens, compensate for losses, protect employment and ensure ample food for the poor and isolated.

**All Sing: Consoling Spirit of God...**

**Leader:** Merciful Lord, we stand before you in our human weakness. We confess that we have been caught up in the pride and presumption that drives our worldly society. Free us from the arrogance that afflicts our age, for now we stand confounded by conditions beyond our control or understanding.

**All Sing: Consoling Spirit of God...**

**Leader:** Give us humble and honest hearts to discern the greater mystery of your providence in creation. May we accept your justice and trust your redeeming mercy.

**All Sing: Consoling Spirit of God...**

### ❖ **Silent & Spoken Prayers**

Please feel free to add your spoken petitions.

### ❖ **The Lord's Prayer**

**Leader:** Let us pray together the prayer which Jesus taught us, in the way it was taught to each of us. Our Father...

**Sung Response:**

**I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU ORPHANED\***

(Sung to: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus")

"I will never leave you orphaned,"  
Jesus, you once told your own.  
When we're overwhelmed and frightened,  
show us that we're not alone.

Thank you for the Holy Spirit  
who is present every day,  
giving love that we might share it,  
giving us the words to say.

In affliction, we find comfort  
through our Friend and Help and Guide.  
When we're sad and cannot bear it,  
you are with us — by our side.

Then, in comfort, we find challenge  
As you call your church to be  
mercy-bearers, justice-seekers  
in your new community.

Christ, in comfort and in challenge,  
May the church hear what you say:  
"I will never leave you orphaned."  
May we trust your word today.

\*Text: by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette  
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**Leader:** Thanks be to God. **All:** Amen.

# Community Outreach

You may now extinguish your candles.

Thank you for sharing in prayer with us this evening. If you enjoyed tonight's service, please tell a friend or better yet, invite your friend to our next scheduled Wednesday Taizé prayer services at 7 PM on June 17. Until we can gather together in person, the service will be available on YouTube, Facebook, or by audio only from any phone. Simply dial this number before the service (712)770-5505 and enter the access code 234426 # when asked. We will keep you posted on our website and Facebook page as to when we will be gathering in the sanctuary again.

We'd also like to invite you to attend our 10:15 AM Sunday audio services led by Rev. Dr. Alden W. Towberman every Sunday morning while we are unable to gather in person. Follow the call-in instructions above to participate.

Many thanks to Rev. Dr. Alden W. Towberman, the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council, accompanist Dr. John Salveson, Director of Music and Organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg, PA along with the beautiful voices of Crystal Stryker, Kelsey Kotun, Louisa Dieck, Gloria Christofano, and Gregg Brandt.

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