

Taize Prayer

People gather, quietly focusing their gaze on the icon lit by dozens of candles of varying shapes and sizes. Out of the quiet a small group begins, '*Veni Sancte Spiritus, Holy Spirit Come to Us*' and are gradually joined by a soloist's lilting line accompanied by a flute, guitar or recorder weaving a rich prayer around the simple melody. With this, an invitation is extended to those gathered together for Taize Prayer.

Organized and led by Olive Meyer, Taize Prayer has been offered for the past two years and starts up again this fall. As an ETS participant, Olive knew that her ministry would involve two of the things she loves and practices: music and meditative prayer. Attracting people from the church and community, "This service was selected as the end point for a peace walk last fall and people of different faiths, and some without a faith community, stayed for the service and have returned since."



Olive also notes that "The musicians sink into the silence as much as anyone else and reach a meditative space as they lead and accompany the prayers. It is very satisfying for all of us to pray together in a manner that allows us to explore and discover another way to experience and appreciate God's blessing."