## A PRAYER OF PEACE

All are invited to this ECUMENICAL SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ PRAYER

touched by the light of stained glass and candles, weaving scripture, song and silence

7:30 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month

Celebrated at St. Mary's Church 423 First St NW, Grand Rapids MI 49504

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**Singing** The music of Taizé prayer generally consists of short, repetitive songs that foster meditation. Using just a few words, such songs express a basic reality of faith and are easily grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality can penetrate the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God.

Silence A time of silence is a rare treat for in our society. Taizé-style prayer allows everyone to take part in a time of expectant listening and attentive waiting on God. This simple service can draw one into an experience of God's presence in one's innermost being.

The special intention of each of these Taizé prayer services is for peace within our hearts, which can lead us to reconciliation and peace among all people. We pray with compassion, without taking sides or pointing fingers. Christ gave us the gift of peace, but it is our responsibility to accept it and use it.

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