The Taize Experience

Taize, a monastic community in rural France, was formed in the turbulent times of World War II. The monks there had undertaken to shelter and care for those most in need: children and Jewish refugees, and after peace came, German prisoners of war. In seeking to provide spiritual nourishment for such a diverse congregation, the brothers developed a contemplative worship service consisting entirely of song and silence. Over the years, many beautiful chants and songs have been composed that are directed to God, distinct from any particular religious orientation.

Today, thousands of pilgrims from all faiths make their way to Taize each week to experience the peace and beauty of this unique form of worship. Since France is a long ways away, we invite you, whatever your spiritual path in life, to join with us here at St. John's in Petaluma on the first Friday of every month (except July/August) for a candlelit Taize service of song and meditation, accompanied by cello & piano.