

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Sponsored by the New Trier Multifaith Alliance

Tuesday, November 21, 2017
7:30 P.M.

Winnetka Covenant Church

With pleasure we greet and welcome all
who have gathered for this time of worship.

May God's presence be real, meeting us at our point of Thanksgiving.
Please make yourself known to worshipers around you
and to the leaders of worship.

Please silence all electronic devices.

Order of Service

Prelude

The Benefit Brass

Welcome

Rev. Peter Hawkinson

Prayer of Gratitude and Call to Worship

Cantor Adam Kahan

*Modim A-nakh-nu Lakh, Modim A-nakh-nu Lakh
Modim A-nakh-nu Lakh, Modim A-nakh-nu Lakh*

*Erev, Va-Voker, V'tzo-ho-rayim
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*Modim A-nakh-nu Lakh, Modim A-nakh-nu Lakh
Modim A-nakh-nu Lakh, Modim A-nakh-nu Lakh*

(We give thanks to You. Evening, Morning, and Afternoon.)

*Bar'khu et Adonai Ham'vorakh!
Barukh Adonai Ham'vorakh L'olam Va-ed!*

(Praise God, to whom praise is due forever!
Praised be God to whom praise is due, now and forever!)

Opening Hymn

Please remain standing for the hymn found in the pew hymnal #59,

Let All Things Now Living, K.K. Davis

Opening Prayer

Bahá'í Sacred Writing, Dr. Jena Khodadad

Scripture Readings

A Reading from the Holy Qu'ran

SURA [4:163] Mohsin Waraich

Surely, we have revealed to you as we have revealed to Noah and to the prophets after him; and we have revealed to Abraham, Ishamel, Isaac, Jacob and their children, and to Jesus, Job, Jonah, Aaron and Solomon, and we have given psalms to David.

A Reading from the Tanakh

2 Samuel 23:1-4 Rev. Sarah Walker Cleaveland

These are the last words of David: The utterance of David son of Jesse, the utterance of the man set on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet singer of Israel: The spirit of the LORD has spoken through me, His message is on my tongue; The God of Israel has spoken, The Rock of Israel said concerning me: "He who rules men justly, He who rules in awe of God is like the light of morning at sunrise, a morning without clouds; Through sunshine and rain [Bringing] vegetation out of the earth."

Choral Anthem

The Last Words of David, R. Thompson
Interfaith Choir, Dimitri German, *director*

A Reading from the Christian Scripture

Luke 6: 27-36 Virginia Hoynes

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

Children's Choir

I'll Walk with You, C. L. Pearson
Church of the Latter Day Saints, Sheila Duran, *director*

Litany of Thanksgiving

Rev. Kathy Dale McNair

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world;
for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;
for seen and unseen splendors;

We thank you God.

For friends;
for trust and understanding,
for counsel and comfort, enabling both intimacy and solitude;

We thank you God.

For family;
for living together and eating together;
for family amusements and family pleasures;

We thank you God.

For children;
for their energy and curiosity;
for their brave play and their startling frankness;
for their sudden sympathies;

We thank you God.

For growing up and growing old;
for wisdom deepened by experience;
for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;

We thank you God.

For the diversity of human life;
for times of talking and moving and thinking together;
for times of difficult conversations that lead to greater justice;

We thank you God.

For faith communities into which we have been called;
for traditions that sustain us in times of doubt and sorrow;
for faith and love that bind our lives together;

We thank you God.

For all these and more,
**We thank and praise you, eternal God,
for your goodness to us. Amen.**

Hymn

#99, *We Gather Together*, arr. E. Kremser

Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Mitchell L. Slotnick

Thanksgiving Message

Dr. Rami Nashashibi

Choral Anthem

Sing Out A Song, D. Besig

Interfaith Choir

Passing of the Peace

The peace of God be always with you.

And also with you.

Closing Hymn

#422, *O God Our Help in Ages Past*, W. Croft

Blessing

Chris Wood and Salweh Waiarch

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God, Johann Sebastian Bach

Please gather for a reception immediately following the service in the narthex directly outside the sanctuary.

All donations received this evening will be given to the New Trier Food Pantry. Checks should be made payable to the New Trier Multifaith Alliance.

Ushers are positioned in the narthex to receive your contribution after the service.

Keynote Speaker



Dr. Rami Nashashibi

Rami Nashashibi is the Executive Director of the Inner-city Muslim Action Network (IMAN) and a 2017 MacArthur “Genius Grant” Fellow. He received a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago and has taught courses at multiple universities since, recently completing a three-year teaching appointment at the Chicago Theological Seminary. In 2016, he was appointed by President Obama to serve on the President’s Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Rami Nashashibi serves as an advisor to a number of strategic initiatives and boards across the country. His work with IMAN continues to feature in many national and international media outlets.

Participants

Rev. Peter Hawkinson, *Winnetka Covenant Church*

Cantor Adam Kahan, *Temple Jeremiah*

Dr. Jena Khodadad, *Bahá'í Faith*

Mohsin Waraich, *Muslim Community Center*

Greg Richards, *Temple Jeremiah*

Rev. Sarah Walker Cleaveland, *Winnetka Congregational Church*

Virginia Hoynes, *Saints Faith Hope & Charity Catholic Church*

Rev. Kathy Dale McNair, *Winnetka Presbyterian Church*

Mitchell Slotnick, *Ph.D., Temple Jeremiah*

Chris Wood, *Winnetka Covenant Church*

Salweh Waiarch, *Muslim Community Center*

Acknowledgments

Benefit Brass: Thomas Martin, *trumpet*; Sam Barnhar, *trumpet*;

Rennie Cotner, *French horn*; Connor Thummel, *trombone*; Matt Kowalski, *trombone*

Dimitri German, *Interfaith Choir Director*; *Winnetka Covenant Church*

Joshua Smith, *Organist*; *Winnetka Covenant Church*

Donna Kuhel, *Accompanist*; *Winnetka Covenant Church*

Nancy Magill, *Accompanist*; *Winnetka Covenant Church*

Sheila Duran, *Director*; *Church of the Latter Day Saints Children's Choir*

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New Trier Multifaith Alliance

The New Trier Multifaith Alliance, with a history dating to the founding of an interchurch (ecumenical) organization in 1967, brings together 15 faith communities to encourage wider interfaith communication for the enlightenment of all, shares programs and other activities of common interests, encourages on-going conversations and relationships among clergy, leaders, and laity, and works together in service to the wider communities that surround us.

The Alliance meets regularly throughout the year to learn about, honor and respect

one another's spiritual beliefs and practices, while engaging together in constructive dialogue and community action.

This annual Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving is offered as a gift to the community, so that each and all can gather in the spirit of harmony and fellowship in rendering thanks for our many blessings.

Should you wish to learn more about and become involved in the work of the New Trier Multifaith Alliance, please contact your faith community's clergy leaders or Council representative.

New Trier Multifaith Alliance Members

Bahá'í House of Worship
Christ Episcopal Church
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Church of the Holy Comforter
Congregation Hakafa
Congregation Sukkat Shalom
Lake Shore Unitarian Society
Muslim Community Center
Saints Faith, Hope and Charity
St. Philip the Apostle
Temple Jeremiah
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