



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 7:30 P.M.
SAINTS FAITH HOPE AND CHARITY CHURCH
180 RIDGE AVE, WINNETKA, IL 60093

SPONSORED BY THE NEW TRIER MULTIFAITH ALLIANCE

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 Mission/How Great Thou Art, arr. for cello and piano

Welcome

Father Marty O'Donovan

Call
to Worship

Sounding the Shofar

Rabbi Paul Cohen

Opening Hymn

Come Ye Thankful People Come

(TUNE: ST GEORGES WINDSOR)

Come, ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker does provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come, to God's own temple come; raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto God's praise to yield;
Wheat and weed together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear, then the ripened stalk appears:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring the final harvest home;
Gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, forever, purified, in your presence to abide;
Come, with all your angels come; raise the glorious harvest home.

Opening Prayer

UNITY Compilations, Baha'i Prayers, Bahá'u'lláh

Van Gilmer

O my God! O my God! Unite the hearts of Thy servants, and reveal to them Thy great purpose. May they follow Thy commandments and abide in Thy law. Help them, O God, in their endeavor, and grant them strength to serve Thee. O God! Leave them not to themselves, but guide their steps by the light of Thy knowledge, and cheer their hearts by Thy love. Verily, Thou art their Helper and their Lord.

A Reading from the Tanakh

Psalm 118: 1-5, 21-29

Rabbi Paul Cohen

Praise Adonai, for God is good, God's steadfast love is eternal.
Let Israel declare, "God's steadfast love is eternal."
Let the house of Aaron declare, "God's steadfast love is eternal."
Let those who fear Adonai declare, "God's steadfast love is eternal."
From a narrow place I called out to God;
God answered me through a great expanse.
I praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my deliverance.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is Adonai's doing; it is marvelous in our sight.
This is the day that Adonai has made— let us exult and rejoice on it.
Adonai, deliver us! Adonai, let us prosper!
May everyone who enters be blessed in the name of Adonai;
we bless you from the House of Adonai.
Adonai is God; God has given us light; bind the festal offering
to the horns of the altar with cords.
You are my God and I will praise You; You are my God and I will extol You.
Praise Adonai for God is good, God's steadfast love is eternal.

Choral Anthem

This Day (based on Jewish text), Bob Chilcott
Interfaith Choir

A Reading from the Christian Scripture

Matthew 5:1-16

Jerome Hoynes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds
of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets
who were before you.

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be
restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under
foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after
lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives
light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so
that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Children's Choir

One in a Million, Jan Pinborough

We Are Children of God, Monica Scott

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Hymn

Now with Thanksgiving

(TUNE: SLANE)

Now with thanksgiving we bring on this day
Our praise to the Father, who formed us of clay, Whose
breath of creation, our spirits to fill, Refashioned our
loving to live by His will.

Now with thanksgiving we bring in the place
Acclaim to the Spirit, who guides us in grace. Unto
the Redeemer, whose sacrifice shown Provides us a
pattern of love for our own.

May our hosanna returning above
Bring joy to the Blessed who brought us our love,
May we to each other in gratitude give
New psalms of thanksgiving in lives that we live.

Introduction of Speaker

Dilnaz Waraich

Thanksgiving Message

The Reverend Dr. Stephen G. Ray Jr.
President of Chicago Theological Seminary

Litany of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Jeffrey Braun

- One: Within the centering embrace of our shared worship,
Many: Gather us, O God.
- One: Over and above the cacophony of cleaving impulses, partisanship,
and parochialism into which humanity can all too easily sink,
Many: Attune us, O God, to the still-small yet tectonic power
of your unyielding call to justice, to mercy, to love.
- One: Within the deep well of every human heart—where joys and sorrows,
despair and hope, faith and fear inseparably embroil—
Many: Inspire a separate and soothing peace to rise and to calm us;
a peace not of this world, but of the heavenly realm beyond,
which forever seeks to enter in.
- One: In the teeming diversity of our religions, race, ethnicities, genders,
orientations, languages, and nationalities,
Many: Empower us, O God, to perceive cause for celebration, not division;
and a blended and beautiful tapestry, rather than disparate threads.
- One: Even when our prayers seem to go unanswered, or when personal
or global circumstances may warrant worry more reflexively than hope,
Many: Embolden us, O God, to rise and to give thanks for all that is good,
all that is right.
- One: Illuminate us with the abiding knowledge that you,
O God, are ever present, ever faithful;
Many: And that your love is forever beside and within us. Amen.

Prayers for Peace

20 Dhul Hijjah 791 /9 December 1389, Muhammad al-Jazri

Muslim Community Center Youth

O God/Allah, unite our hearts and set aright our mutual affairs,
guide us in the path of peace. Liberate us from darkness by Your
light, save us from enormities whether open or hidden.

Bless us in our ears, eyes, hearts, spouses, and children.

Turn to us; truly you are Oft-Returning, Most Merciful.

Make us grateful for Your bounty and full of praise for it,
so that we may continue to receive it and complete Your
blessings upon us.

O Allah, I beg of you pardon and safety.

O Allah, I beg of You useful knowledge and acceptable deeds.

O Allah, impart to our earth its blessings, its embellishment,
and its repose.

O Allah, Your forgiveness is vaster than my sins and Your
compassion is more promising than my actions.

O Allah, make me patient and grateful to You and make me look small
in my own eyes and great in the sight of others. I invoke the perfect
words of God from which neither a good person nor a bad one can
escape for protection against any evil that may come down from the
sky or rise up to it and any evil that may be planted in the earth or
spring forth from it against the evil of the tests of the night and the
tests of the day and the evil of the happenings of night and day save
only the happening that brings good O Most Beneficent One!

Amin, O Remover of Difficulties!

Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You, John Rutter

Interfaith Choir

Closing Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

(TUNE: NUN DANKET)

Now thank we all our God with heart and hand and voices,
Who wondrous things had done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
To Him let praise abound with choirs in highest heaven.
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Postlude

Nun Danket Alles Gott, Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. E. Power Briggs

Please gather in the Parish Center for a reception
immediately following the service .

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

The Rev. Dr. Stephen G. Ray Jr., the 13th President of Chicago Theological Seminary. A renowned theologian and scholar, Ray earned his MDiv and PhD from Yale. He has served on many faculties, including Garrett-Evangelical Theological and Lutheran Theological Seminary. A celebrated writer, Ray published one book, *Do No Harm: Social Sin and Christian Responsibility*, and co-authored another, *Black Church Studies: An Introduction*. He has received numerous awards, including Yale Divinity's Hooker Fellowship for Excellence in Theological Studies; and was named to Morehouse College's Martin Luther King Jr. International Collegium of Scholars in 2008.

Participants

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Acknowledgments

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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 16 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 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 Alliance representative or visit our website.

<http://ntmalliance.org/>

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