



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 23, 2021
7:00 P.M.

NEW TRIER MULTIFAITH ALLIANCE EVENT

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Order of Service

MUSICAL SELECTION:
Reflections on Gratitude

Cantor Susan Lewis Friedman
Temple Jeremiah, Northfield

HOLIDAY GREETINGS AND WELCOME

Vic Doucette
President
New Trier Multifaith Alliance

READING FROM ISLAMIC SCRIPTURE

Madinah Javed
Qur'an Reciter
Muslim Community Center, Chicago / Morton Grove

Selection from Qur'an: Surah Ar-Rahman: v.1-30

I seek refuge in God from Satan the accursed.
In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

I seek refuge in God from Satan the accursed.
It is the Lord of Mercy
who taught the Qur'an.

He created man
and taught him to communicate.

The sun and the moon follow their calculated courses;
the plants and the trees submit to His designs;
He has raised up the sky. He has set the balance
so that you may not exceed in the balance
weigh with justice and do not fall short in the balance.

He set down the Earth for His creatures,
with its fruits, its palm trees with sheathed clusters,
its husked grain, its fragrant plants.
Which, then, of your Lord's blessings do you both deny?

He created mankind out of dried clay, like pottery,
the jinn out of smokeless fire.
Which, then, of your Lord's blessings do you both deny?

He is Lord of the two risings and Lord of the two settings.
Which, then, of your Lord's blessings do you both deny?

He released the two bodies of [fresh and salt] water. They meet,
yet there is a barrier between them they do not cross.
Which, then, of your Lord's blessings do you both deny?

Pearls come forth from them large ones, and small, brilliant ones.
Which, then, of your Lord's blessings do you both deny?

His are the moving ships that float, high as mountains, on the sea.
Which, then, of your Lord's blessings do you both deny?

Everyone on earth perishes;
all that remains is the Face of your Lord, full of majesty, bestowing honor.
Which, then, of your Lord's blessings do you both deny?

Everyone in heaven and earth entreats Him; every day He is at work.
Which, then, of your Lord's blessings do you both deny?

MUSICAL SELECTION:

Partita on "Now Thank We All Our God"
Composer: Craig Phillips

Jill Hunt

Interim Music Director and Organist
Winnetka Congregational Church

RECITATION:

A Jewish Prayer of Thanks

Rabbi Nate Crane

Rabbi
Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah, Wilmette

MUSICAL SELECTION:

Oseh Shalom
Composer: Laurie Akers

**Cantor Pavel Roytman; Laurie Akers;
Community Youth Choir**

Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah, Wilmette

READING FROM CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

Fr. Marty O'Donovan

Pastor
Saints Faith, Hope, and Charity Catholic Parish, Winnetka

Selection from New Testament: Luke 17: 11-18

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"

MUSICAL SELECTION:

Thank you, Allah

Sema Bawamia

Member

Muslim Community Center, Chicago / Morton Grove

READING FROM BAHÁ'Í SCRIPTURE

Helen Butler

Vice Chair

Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Evanston

Revealed by 'Abdu'l-Bahá in 1912 at All-Souls Church, Chicago

O Thou kind Lord! Thou hast created all humanity from the same stock. Thou hast decreed that all shall belong to the same household. In Thy Holy Presence they are all Thy servants, and all mankind are sheltered beneath Thy Tabernacle; all have gathered together at Thy Table of Bounty; all are illumined through the light of Thy Providence.

O God! Thou art kind to all, Thou hast provided for all, dost shelter all, conferrest life upon all. Thou hast endowed each and all with talents and faculties, and all are submerged in the Ocean of Thy Mercy.

O Thou kind Lord! Unite all. Let the religions agree and make the nations one, so that they may see each other as one family and the whole earth as one home. May they all live together in perfect harmony.

O God! Raise aloft the banner of the oneness of mankind.

O God! Establish the Most Great Peace.

Cement Thou, O God, the hearts together.

O Thou kind Father, God! Gladden our hearts through the fragrance of Thy love. Brighten our eyes through the Light of Thy Guidance. Delight our ears with the melody of Thy Word, and shelter us all in the Stronghold of Thy Providence.

Thou art the Mighty and Powerful, Thou art the Forgiving and Thou art the One Who overlooketh the shortcomings of all mankind.

MUSICAL SELECTION:

Thankful

Composer: Joanne LeDoux

Dr. Christian Stirling

Organist and Choirmaster

Fourth Grade Choir

School of Saints Faith, Hope, and Charity Catholic Parish, Winnetka

REFLECTION & BLESSING:
Buddhist Thinking on Gratitude

Asayo Koyo Horibe
President
Buddhist Council of the Midwest

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:
Becoming a Grateful Planter

Dr. Harriet Lewis
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MUSICAL SELECTION:
Pirkei Avot (Teachings of Our Fathers)
Composers: Dan Freeland, Jeff Klepper

Kenneth Lyonswright
Cantorial Soloist
Congregation Sukkat Shalom

CLOSING REMARKS & THANKS

Vic Doucette
President
New Trier Multifaith Alliance

MUSICAL SELECTION:
Total Praise
Composer: Richard Smallwood

Van Gilmer
Director of Music
Bahá'í House of Worship, Wilmette
Adult Choirs
Bahá'í House of Worship, Wilmette
Temple Jeremiah, Northfield

CLOSING PRAYER:
Go In Peace

Students
Muslim Community Center, Chicago / Morton Grove

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Fellowship

We warmly invite you to remain after the service to exchange greetings and join in informal conversation during our 10-minute Virtual Fellowship Time.

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On the New Trier Multifaith Alliance

Originally the Winnetka Interfaith Council—with a history dating back to the founding of an interchurch (ecumenical) organization in 1967—the New Trier Multifaith Alliance brings together 16 Faith communities in a continuing endeavor to encourage interfaith communication for the enlightenment of all; to jointly participate in programs and other activities of common interest; to encourage meaningful conversations and relationships among clergy, leaders, and laity; and to work together in service to the wider community.

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