

Special thanks to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for hosting the Thanksgiving Interfaith Gathering this year and to all the volunteers who have made this evening possible!

Tonight's Offering...

Benefits Associated Ministries' **Family Emergency Fund** and Catholic Community Services' **Family Housing Network**

The **Family Emergency Fund** helps at-risk families with unique needs when other agencies cannot. To help families keep their homes and jobs, this fund enables Associated Ministries to respond to emergency needs such as offering safety from family violence; screening fees to obtain housing; assistance with obtaining proper identification; uniforms, certification classes and/or supplies for employment or school; medical supplies and occasional prescription assistance; and other unique needs in the community. To many of us, these expenditures are small or at least not substantial enough to put in debt. Yet to individuals and families living in poverty, these expenses are impossible to meet without assistance and can put families at risk of becoming homeless or unemployed.

CCS' Family Housing Network serves low-income families with children in Pierce County and military veteran households in King, Kitsap, Pierce, Thurston & Snohomish counties. We provide a place to live for families experiencing or at risk of homelessness, while helping to build skills that maximize family stability and self-sufficiency, in order to prevent future homelessness. Homelessness may be caused by domestic violence, loss of a wage earner, catastrophic loss, substance abuse, unemployment, disability, mental health challenges, or poor resource management.

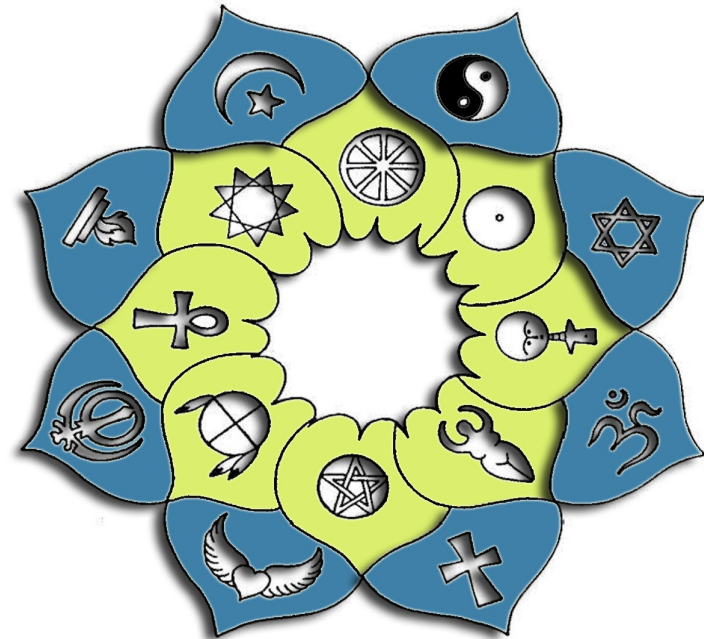
SAVE THE DATE: National Day of Prayer Interfaith Service
Thursday, May 5, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Location TBD

The image on the front is a mandala of symbols of 16 of the world's faith traditions, designed for honoring all paths to truth. Beginning at bottom left: Winged Sufi Heart, Sikh symbol, Zoroastrian Flame, Islamic Moon and Star, Taoist Ying Yang, Jewish Star of David, Hindu Om, Christian Cross, Inner Wiccan Pentangle, Native American Medicine Wheel, Egyptian Ankh, Nine-Pointed Baha'i Star, Buddhist Wheel of Dharma, Confucian Circle and Dot, African Goddess, Great Goddess.

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Uniting in Thanksgiving ~ Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering



**The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints
1102 South Pearl St.
Tacoma, WA 98465**

November 24, 2015

Order of Gathering

Prelude
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Scott Peterson

Welcome
B. Lamont Betteridge
LDS Tacoma Stake Presidency

Opening Song (All)
Hymn #92 *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

Invocation
B. Lamont Betteridge

Moment of Silence and Reflection for our Global Community
Dr. Chris Gilbert, Associated Ministries’ Board President

Procession of Light

Prayer

“O Messenger Peace Be Upon You”
Muslim Children’s Choir

Gratitude in Service: Supporting Family Housing Network
Pastor Jan Ruud—St. Mark’s Lutheran Church by the Narrows
Inez Bruce - Eastside Baptist Church
Matthew Erlich - Temple Beth El
Kelly Gemin - St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Mark Perry - The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints

“Gratitude”
Center for Spiritual Living
CSL Ensemble

Reading/Prayer
Rev. Kojo Kakihara
Buddhist Sutra Chant

Gratitude Song (All)
Rev. Farishta Lindsey
Sufi Ruhaniat International

Procession of Light:

Each faith tradition present is represented by a member of their faith tradition being a bearer of light, representing harmony, hope and thanksgiving.

A Prayer of Thanks

(offered by St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish)

Almighty God, You are the giver of every good gift.
We thank You for the gift of Your holy word.
May Your word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our way.
We thank You for all You have given us.
Let us use our possessions, our abilities, and our lives to glorify You.
Take us and use us to love and serve all Your people in the name of Your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Musical Talent

Prelude:& Postlude

Performed by Scott Peterson, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

“O Messenger Peace Be Upon You”

Muslim Youth Choir

“Gratitude” by Karen Drucker

Center for Spiritual Living Ensemble

Led by Kevin Griffin

“Brightly Beams Our Father’s Mercy ”, Philip Paul Bliss, 1838-1876

Allenmore Ward – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

“Blessed is the Spot” & “O God, My God”

La Voz de Poz Interfaith Choir

(singing songs from the Baha'i faith tradition))

“We Are Walking (Siyahamba/Caminando)”

Thanksgiving Interfaith Choir

Led by Karla Jo Tupper

Thank you to the Planning Committee!

Gaylerd Masters, Dr. Bill Parker, Scott Peterson: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Mike Yoder Associated Ministries

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Chris Gilbert, Baha'i Faith

Rev. Kojo Kakihara, Tacoma Buddhist Temple

Rev. Frances Lorenz, Center for Spiritual Living

Pastor Jan Ruud, St. Mark's by the Narrows Lutheran Church

Fr. Martin Yabroff, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Rev. Farishta Lindsay, Sufi Ruhaniat International

Rabbi Bruce Kadden, Temple Beth El

Karla Jo Tupper

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“Brightly Beams Our Father’s Mercy ”

Allenmore Ward – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Tacoma's Heritage of Gratitude

Bill Baarsma

City of Tacoma Mayor, 2002-2009

Prayer: “A Prayer of Thanks”

Rudy Navarro

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish

“Blessed is the Spot” & “O God, My God”

Interfaith

(singing songs from the Baha'i faith tradition)

La Voz de Poz Interfaith Choir

Closing Words

Mike Yoder

Executive Director, Associated Ministries

“We Are Marching (Siyahamba/Caminando)”

Thanksgiving Interfaith Choir

Closing Prayer

Rev. Linda Hart

Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Closing Song (All)

Hymn #95 “*Now Thank We All Our God*”

Reception

As a courtesy to one another, please **POWER OFF** all cell phones
Additionally, to hold the sacred space we share, we ask that there
be no applause during the service.

Thank you!

Congregational Opening Song—Hymn #92

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917

Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow’r,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

Congregational Closing Song—Hymn #95

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649

Music: Johann Criuger, 1598-1662

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his earth rejoices;
Who, from our mother’s arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

Oh, may our bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheers us,
And keep us in his love,
And guide us day and night,
And free us from all ills,
Protect us by his might.