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 is 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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November 24, 2015

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

Order of Gathering, con’t.

“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

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
Sandy Windley, Associated Ministries
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

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!
**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.

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**Now Thank We All Our God**

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649  
Music: Johann Crüger, 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.