Special thanks to Immanuel Presbyterian Church for hosting this year’s Interfaith Celebration of Gratitude and to all the volunteers who have made this evening possible!

Tonight’s Offering…
Benefits Associated Ministries’ Interfaith Programs

Interfaith events like tonight’s gathering are so very important to our community and to the vulnerable people that we all serve. Associated Ministries’ mission of “uniting people of faith to build stronger communities” is only accomplished when we bring people of all faiths together to learn more about one another, create kinships amongst each other and begin to work together to serve those in the margins within our community. Your contribution tonight helps to fund gatherings like this, as well as our interfaith National Day of Prayer service, interfaith Iftar dinner, community dialogues and other opportunities that help build bridges of interfaith unity.

SAVE THE DATE!

Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Service—Redeeming the Prophetic Vision
Sunday, January 14, 2018, 2:30-4 p.m. | Urban Grace Church

National Day of Prayer Interfaith Service
Thursday, May 3, 2018, 7:00 p.m. | Location TBD

Interfaith Women’s Conference
Saturday, March 19, 2019

NOW SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PLAN THIS IMPORTANT INTERFAITH GATHERING FOR WOMEN!
(sandyw@associatedministries.org for more info!)

Immanuel Presbyterian Church
901 North “J” Street
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November 21, 2017

‘Standing United with Compassion’
Annual Interfaith Celebration of Gratitude at Thanksgiving
**Order of Gathering**

Welcome  
Rev. Dave Brown, Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
Mike Yoder, Executive Director, Associated Ministries

Expression of Gratitude  
Rev. Dave Brown  
Mayor Marilyn Strickland

Gathering Song (All) - page 3  
“God Welcomes All”

**Procession of Light**

Prayer  
Cantor Geoffrey Fine  
Temple Beth El

“Heal Us Now”  
Temple Beth El Shir Simcha Choir

Reading  
Anne Tropeano, Pastoral Associate  
Compassion—Henri J.M. Nouwen*  
St. Leo Catholic Parish

Chant—Ishq Allah Mahbood Lillah  
Majid Worthen  
Sufi Ruhaniat International

“Look at the World”  
Immanuel Presbyterian Choir

Reading/Chant  
Rev. Kojo Kakihara  
Tacoma Buddhist Temple

Offering  
Mike Yoder

“A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief”  
The Pogue Family  
Lincoln Ward, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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**Musical Talent**

“Heal Us Now” by Leon Sher  
Temple Beth El Shir Simcha Choir  
Led by Cantor Geoffrey Fine

“Look at the World”  
Immanuel Presbyterian Choir  
Led by Jeff Orr

“A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief” by George Coles & James Montgomery  
The Pogue Family  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

“This is Our Song”  
La Voz de Paz Interfaith Choir  
Led by Karla Jo Tupper

“In This House” by Beth Schafer  
Thanksgiving Interfaith Choir  
Led by Cantor Geoffrey Fine

Thank you to the Planning Committee!  
Rev. Dave Brown, Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
Carole Breitenbach, Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
Jeff Orr, Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Frances Lorenz, Center for Spiritual Living  
Cantor Geoffrey Fine, Temple Beth El  
Karla Jo Tupper, Baha’i’s of Pierce County-Peninsula  
Rev. Linda Hart, Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
Jerry Waterhouse, St. Leo’s Catholic Parish  
Mike Yoder Associated Ministries  
Sandy Windley, Associated Ministries

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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!

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**Order of Gathering, con’t.**

Prayer “The Kinship of Gratitude”          Rev. Frances Lorenz  
Center for Spiritual Living

Prayer/Supplication                  Huda Al Gazali & Alaa Al Shaibani  
Islamic Center of Tacoma

“This is Our Song”                La Voz de Paz Interfaith Choir

Closing Prayer & Benediction       Rev. Linda Hart  
Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Closing Song                                      “In This House”  
Thanksgiving Interfaith Choir

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Join us for a reception immediately following in Immanuel’s Fellowship Hall downstairs!

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**Congregational Closing Song**  
Led by Thanksgiving Interfaith Choir  
Directed by Cantor Geoffrey Fine

“**In This House**”  
Lyrics by Beth Schafer

**CHORUS**

In this house, in this house, it all comes together in this house
In this house, in this house, it all comes together in this house of God.

In this house beats the heart of a family  
In this house is the center of a community  
We study and we pray, find meaning in each day  
In this house, in this house, in this house

In this house we can shelter, we can clothe and feed  
In this house there is always help for those in need  
A stranger makes a friend, becomes inspired again  
In this house, in this house, in this house

**CHORUS**

A house of study (in this house), a house of prayer (in this house)  
A house of gathering (in this house), from everywhere (in this house)  
How lovely (in this house) when our voices join together (in this house)  
Blessing upon blessing built these walls (in this house)

**CHORUS**
The 13 Middot or Attributes of G-d

וְזָאֵר חֶסֶד לֵעָלֶית לִבְּרָעָם סְגָל עִנָּה וּפְשָׁע וּחֵטָאָה נְשָׁא עֹנוֹת אֲבֵהֶם עַל־בֵּיתֶן עַל־בֵּנֵי בֵּיתֶן עַל־שִׁלָּשָׁם עַל־רַעֲבִים.

From the Torah: Exodus Chapter 34 Verses 6-7
Chanted in Hebrew by Cantor Geoffrey Fine

Translation from Hebrew to English:
The Eternal One passed before him (Moses), and proclaimed, “The Eternal!, The Eternal! a G-d compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and faithfulness, extending kindness to the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin – yet not remitting all punishment, but visiting the iniquity of parents upon children and children’s children, upon the third and fourth generations.

Sufi Chant—Ishq Allah Mahbood Lillah
Chanted by Majid Worthen

In Ecstatic Sufi Poetry, the terms “The Friend” and “The Beloved” are used for the Divine Being, and the words “lovers of God” for ourselves. Therefore this phrase translates as:

Love is. Lover and Beloved are one in that love. /Or/
God is Love, Lover, and Beloved.

*Compassion reading from St. Leo’s Catholic Parish: