

2019 EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE!

**Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Service—
Redeeming the Prophetic Vision**
Sunday, January 20, 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Urban Grace Church

Project Homeless Connect
Friday, January 25, 10:00-2:00
Oasis of Hope Center

Volunteer today to serve those experiencing homelessness in our community. Contact wendym@associatedministries.org for more information.

Interfaith Women's Conference
Saturday, March 9
Curtis Jr. High School, University Place
Register at www.associatedministries.org/iwc
(sandyw@associatedministries.org for more info!)

Interfaith Iftar Dinner
Date TBD (during Ramadan May 5—June 4)
University of Puget Sound

See You Next Year!
Interfaith Celebration of Gratitude
Tuesday, November 26, 2019
St. Patrick Catholic Parish

Interfaith

Celebration of Gratitude

AT THANKSGIVING



First Christian Church of Tacoma
602 North Orchard Street
Tacoma, WA 98406

November 20, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Order of Gathering

Welcome Rev. Barbara Blaisdell, First Christian Church
Mike Yoder, Executive Director, Associated Ministries

Gathering Song (All) - **Hymn #526** "The Gift of Love"

*****Procession of Light*****

The Y'varech'cha Prayer Cantor Geoffrey Fine
Temple Beth El

"For Simple Things" First Christian Chancel Choir

Sambujo Chant Rev. Takashi Miyaji
Tacoma Buddhist Temple

"Blessed is the Spot" La Voz de Paz Interfaith Choir

Offering Rev. Dr. Eric Jackson
Bethlehem Baptist Church
AM Board President

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
Karen Evans, Karen Hemming, David Timme
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Spiritual Reflection on Gratitude Rev. Linda Hart
Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Doa'a (Arabic and English) Rowayda Sarakibi
Islamic Center of Tacoma

"Nasheed—Thank You Allah" Andalusian Center Students

Musical Talent

"For Simple Things"

Lyrics and music by Douglas Wagner
First Christian Church Chancel Choir

"Blessed is the Spot"

Words by Baha'u'llah, arrangement by Russell Garcia
La Voz de Paz Interfaith Choir

Led by Karla Jo Tupper, Baha'i's of Pierce County-Peninsula

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Written by Isaac Watts, arrangement by Howard Helvey
Performed Karen Evans (vocals), Karen Hemming (cello),
David Timme (piano)

"Nasheed—Thank You Allah"

Lyrics and music by Maher Zain and Bara Kherigi
Performed by Salah, Adel, Yazan, Dia and Moatasem

"We Are Marching/Siyahamba/Caminando"

South African folk song
Interfaith Choir
Led by Ben Smith & Karla Jo Tupper

Thank you to the Planning Committee!

Rev. Barbara Blaisdell, First Christian Church
Ben Smith, First Christian Church
Cassie Tripp, First Christian Church
Karla Jo Tupper, Baha'i's of Pierce County-Peninsula
Mike Yoder Associated Ministries
Sandy Windley, Associated Ministries

Congregational Closing Song

“We Are Marching” (“Siyahamba/Caminando”)

African spiritual

Led by Thanksgiving Interfaith Choir
Directed by Ben Smith & Karla Jo Tupper

The Interfaith Choir will sing the first few verses of this song and then choir director will invite the congregation to join in!

We are marching in the light of God
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.

*Alternate text: praying, singing

Order of Gathering, con't.

Prayer

Karen Oleson
Baha'i Faith

Song

Tacoma Vocal Standard

Prayer: "Grateful for the Navigator within Us"

Rev. Frances Lorenz
Center for Spiritual Living

Closing Song
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“We are Marching/Siyahamba”
Thanksgiving Interfaith Choir

Closing Benediction

The Congolese Choir of
First Christian Church

Join us for a reception immediately following in
FCC's Multipurpose Room.



As a courtesy to one another, please POWER OFF all cell phones. Thank you!

Congregational Gathering Song

“The Gift of Love”, Hymn #526

The Y’varech’cha Prayer (The Three-Fold Benediction)

יְבָרַךְ יְהוָה וְיִשְׂמְרֵךְ
יְאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וְיַחַךְךָ
יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וְיִשֶּׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם

Y’varech’cha Adonai v’yishm’recha.

Ya’eir Adonai panav eilecha vichunecha.

Yisa Adonai panav eilecha v’yaseim l’cha shalom.

May God bless you and keep you;

May God’s face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

May God’s face be lifted up to you, and give you peace.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

Sambujo Chant shared by Rev. Miyaji is a chant that welcomes all Buddhas and bodhisattvas to gather at this event.

Procession of Light

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

Bearers of Light

Joel Hencken, Jewish, Temple Beth El

Rahmat Dannells Baha’i Faith

Norma Carolyn, Protestant Faith Tradition

Buddhist Faith Tradition

Unitarian Universalist, Faith Tradition

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Faith Tradition

Islamic Faith Tradition

Center for Spiritual Living Faith Tradition

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 Women’s Conference, Iftar dinner, community dialogues and other opportunities that help build bridges of interfaith unity.

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