

Prelude: Patti Franklin, Organist, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Pres. David A. Thomason, Topeka Stake Presidency, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Greetings from Interfaith: John Christensen, President of Interfaith of Topeka, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Call to Prayer: Recited by Muslim youth from the Islamic Center.

Congregational Song: “Because I Have Been Given Much”, Hymn #92, all stanzas

Poetry Reading: “In Gratitude...”, Annette Billings, Metropolitan Community Church

Offering Recipient: Shawnee County Department of Corrections Volunteer Services, Chaplain Marvin Lawton

Music: “Sing for Joy” by George F. Handel, edited/arranged by Linda Steen Spevacek, Unity Choir, Unity Church of Christianity

Litany of Thanksgiving: Rev. Janet Crowl, Chaplain, Midland Care Connection, First Baptist Church

After Leader, Group Response: **“We give you thanks, O Lord.”**

Video Meditation: Prepared by Khalil Green, Islamic Center of Topeka

Reading: Dr. Sanford Pomerantz, Atheist Community

Offering Recipient: Center of Safety and Empowerment, Marilyn Ault, Interim Director

Music: “Where Love Is” arr. by Mandy Reid, Women’s Ensemble, Young Single Adults, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Peace Mantras: Rajini Dasaraju, Hindu Community

Poetry Reading: Written and read by Raylene Hinz-Penner, Southern Hills Mennonite

Music: “Les fenetres de Paris” by William Mahan, Rev. Jim Mosher, Harp, Coven Ancora Imparo, Wicca

Offering Recipient: NAMI, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in Topeka, Eric Harkness

Congregational Song: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”, Hymn #94, stanzas 1 & 2

Reflection Moment: Rev. Junie Ewing, Westminster Presbyterian Church

Offering Recipient:: The Bridge of Topeka, Chris Stewart, Director

Reading: From Primo Levi, Rabbi Debbie Stiel, Temple Beth Sholom

Music: “Prayer for America”, revealed by Abdu’l Baha 1912, written into song by Red Grammer, Baha’i Community

“The American nation is equipped and empowered to accomplish that which will adorn the pages of history, to become the envy of the world, and be blest in both the East and the West for the triumph of its people.”

SING CHORUS: “America, America let the Light shine down upon you”.

“The American continent gives signs and evidences of very great advancement. Its future is even more promising, for its influence and illumination are far-reaching. It will lead all nations spiritually.” **SING CHORUS**

“May it be the first nation to establish the foundation of international agreement, be the first to proclaim the unity of humankind, and to unfurl the Standard of the Most Great Peace.” **SING CHORUS**

Closing Remarks: John Christensen

Sending Forth: Drum Circle, Standing Bear Inter-tribal Brotherhood

Free-Will Offering: When the Drum Circle is finished, please move toward the reception area and place your offerings for this year's recipients in the baskets placed at the doorways. Please make your checks to Interfaith of Topeka and the offerings will be equally divided among our four recipients. Thank you for your gifts for the ministry of these organizations in reaching the forgotten in our community.

Chorister: Elizabeth Davis, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Sign Language Interpreter: Toni Kroll

Please join us for a reception following the service.

At the reception there are displays for learning more about various faith communities in Topeka.

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015 at 7:00pm
to be held this year at
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
2401 SW Kingsrow Road, Topeka
FREE WILL OFFERING TO BENEFIT SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS
WHO REACH OUT TO THE FORGOTTEN IN OUR COMMUNITY

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the Forgotten**

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Our Mission

Our mission is to bring together people of all faiths who are willing to open their hearts and minds and work together to build an active community based on shared values of compassion, human dignity, and mutual respect.

A Short History of Interfaith

Interfaith of Topeka had its roots in the old Topeka Council of Churches and grew into its own in the fall of 1978.

We strive to serve the Creator by bringing together people of various religious faiths and backgrounds in an effort to enrich communications and dialogue among people of faith and, in so doing, have a positive effect on the overall quality of life in Topeka.

All religious faiths, individuals, and organizations of the Greater Topeka area that agree with our stated purpose and goals and are willing to make appropriate financial commitment to our work are invited to join.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Committee was chaired by Rev. Janet Crawl, Chaplain at Midland Care Connection, member First Baptist Church.

Interfaith Board Members

President: John Christensen, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Vice President: Susan Zuber-Chall, Temple Beth Sholom

Secretary: Ellen Caster, Unity Church of Christianity

Treasurer: Roger Neufeld Smith, Southern Hills Mennonite Church

Members: Janet Crawl, First Baptist Church; Rajini Dasaraju, Hindu; Ted Heim, Westminster Presbyterian Church; Linda Maxwell, Ad Astra Grove, ADF; David Ozaki, Topeka Friends Meeting; Sanford Pomerantz and Sharon Kailey, Atheist Community of Topeka; Don Anderson, United Methodist; Khalil Green, Islamic Center of Topeka; Dennis Bosley, Prairie Earth Zen Center; Chris Hamilton, Baha'i Community; Kris Bethea, Pagan Community; Christian Kramer, Native American; Janice Levering, Metropolitan Community Church; and Jay Henderson, University United Methodist Church.

Translation for Hindu Peace Mantras

1. Auspiciousness (swasti) be unto all; peace (shanti) be unto all; fullness (poornam) be unto all; prosperity (mangalam) be unto all.

May all be happy! (sukhinah) May all be free from disabilities! (niraamayaah) May all look (pashyantu) to the good of others! May none suffer from sorrow! (duhkha)

2. Lead us from the unreal to the Real...From darkness to Light... From death to Immortality.

3. That (pure consciousness) is full (perfect); this (the manifest universe of matter; of names and forms being maya) is full. This fullness has been projected from that fullness. When this fullness merges in that fullness, all that remains is fullness. - Peace invocation -Isa Upanishad

4. May Mitra, Varuna and Aryama be good to us! May Indra and Brihaspati and Vishnu of great strides be good to us! Prostrations unto Brahman! (Supreme Reality). Prostrations to Thee, O Vayu! Thou art the visible Brahman. I shall proclaim Thee as the visible Brahman. I shall call Thee the just and the True. May He protect the teacher and me! May he protect the teacher! Om peace, peace, peace!

5. May He protect us both (teacher and the taught)! May He cause us both to enjoy the bliss of Mukti (liberation)! May we both exert to discover the true meaning of the sacred scriptures! May our studies be fruitful! May we never quarrel with each other! Let there be threefold peace.

6. O Supreme Lord, Thy celestial regions are full of peace and harmony; peace reigns on Thy earth and Thy waters. Thy herbs and trees are full of peace. All Thy forces of nature are full of peace and harmony. There is peace and perfection in Thy eternal knowledge; everything in the universe is peaceful, and peace pervades everywhere. O Lord, may that peace come to me!

May peace radiate there in the whole sky as well as in the vast ethereal space everywhere. May peace reign all over this earth, in water and in all herbs, trees and creepers. May peace flow over the whole universe. May peace be in the Supreme Being Brahman. And may there always exist in all peace and peace alone.—Swami Abhedananda, Ramakrishna Vedanta Math, India)

Om peace, peace and peace to us and all beings!