

November 26, 2008



“From Every Tribe, Race and Nation:  
We, the People”  
AN INTERFAITH CELEBRATION

**The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

Westminster Church of Detroit  
17567 Hubbell St.  
Detroit, MI 48107

Organ Prelude: “Prelude” by Priere L. Boellmann

Dr. Sean M. Jackman

A Word of Welcome - Pastor Neeta R. Nichols

Comments on the Offering and an Introduction - Michael Hovey & Dr. Paula Drewek

The Jewish Call to Prayer: The Sounding of the Shofar – Nathalie M. Conrad

The Muslim Call to Prayer: Imam Abullah El-Amin

The Buddhist Call to Meditation: Bhante Maithree with bell and chant in Pali

Meaning- The Lord's call to the people is in so beautiful and sweet tone.

Nadanta Dance and Invocation of God's presence

A Reading from the Qur'an – Jad Hamood (7th Grade) Manal Makki (8th Grade)  
Muslim American Youth Academy (MAYA), Islamic Center of America

Prayers from the Baha'i Community– Dr. Paula Drewek

***Congregational Hymn: “Let There be Peace on Earth”***

***Let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on Earth,  
the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father,  
brothers all are we,  
Let me walk with my brother,  
in perfect harmony.***

***Let peace begin with me,  
let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take,  
let this be my solemn vow,  
To take each moment and live each moment  
in peace, eternally.  
Let there be Peace on Earth,  
and let it begin with me.***

*by Jill Jackson and Sy Miller, 1955*

Reading – A Christian Reflection on Thanksgiving,  
Roman Catholic, Maureen O'Reilly

Prayers – Christian, Protestant, The Rev. Dr. Marsha Foster Boyd  
President, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit.

*“For the Wonder of Your Love: Inspired by Ephesians 1:3-18”  
from An African Prayer Book by Archbishop Desmond Tutu.*

Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit, Mosaic Singers

***Selections from Woodward Wonderland, A Detroit Holiday Celebration***

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for professional performing arts training and the creation of first-rate theatrical and musical art.*

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Organ Offertory Music - "Prelude in F Sharp Minor" D. Buxtehude  
Dr. Sean M. Jackman, Music Director,  
Christ Episcopal Church, Dearborn.

A Reading from Guru Granth Sahib (.Sikh) - Raman Singh  
a prayer of thankfulness, by the fifth Guru of the Sikhs, Guru Arjan,  
and a prayer of oneness by the 10th Guru, Guru Gobind Singh

A Buddhist Metta (Loving Kindness) Meditation – Led by Mark Lipson

A Jewish Litany - led Ray Kach from Temple Kol Ami

Leader: Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise.  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.

***People: Thank you Creator, thank you for this world.***

Leader: God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished  
As forward we travel from light into light.

***People: Thank you Creator, thank you for this world.***

Leader: The law is enforced, the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim the divine.

***People: Thank you Creator, thank you for this world.***

Leader: We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a Song let us raise  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

***People: Thank you Creator, thank you for this world.***

(adapted from "Let All Things Now Living" by Katherine K. Davis, 1892—1980)

Native American Four Directional Thanksgiving - Mona Stonefish

## Congregational Hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*Introduction*

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea-ven ring, ring with the  
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the  
3 God of our wea-ry years, God of our si-lent tears, thou who hast

har-mon-ies of lib-er-ty. Let our re-joic-ing rise  
days when hope un-born had died; yet, with a stead-y beat,  
brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might

high as the lis-tening skies; let it re-sound loud as the  
have not our wea-ry feet come to the place for which our  
led us in-to the light; keep us for ev-er in the

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Closing Prayer and Dismissal - Pastor Neeta R. Nichols