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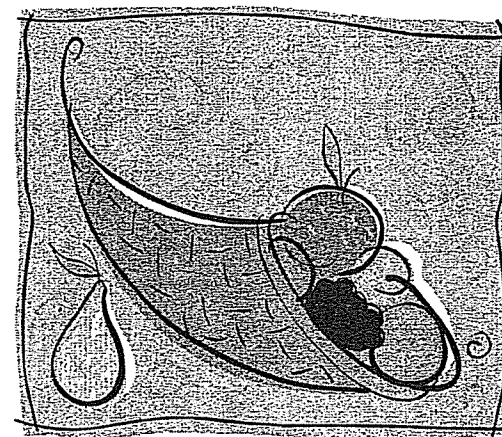
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Everyone is invited to a **reception** following the service in the Dining Room, Parlor and Gathering Place.

To help alleviate hunger, plates are available near the doors of church for **monetary offerings** and boxes are available in the narthex for **food donations**. Both will benefit the Downtown Food Pantry. Thank you for your support.

6th Annual COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Monday, November 21, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Prelude

All Things Bright and Beautiful
John Rutter

Westminster Sanctuary Choir & Kirk Singers
Ellen Pool, Director
Jim Borst, Accompanist

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Riley Jensen, Senior Pastor,
Westminster Presbyterian Church

Hymn

For the Fruits of this Creation
F. Pratt Green

For the fruits of this cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God;
In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done;
For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, Thanks be to God;

For the gifts of ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God;
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done;
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God;

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In the world - wide task of car - ing, For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that a - stound us, For the truths that will con - found us,

Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

"Aren't We All One Family?"

For Praying Out Loud, by Annie Foerster

Rev. Sacha (Sandra Bier)
Sacred Space/Lakeshore Interfaith Institute

Native American Spiritual Healing

Fred Chivas
Catholic Native American Community
Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi

Smudging is a way to purify the area so that the good medicine can flow; and that's an extra blessing from the earth that provides good results.

Hymn

We Are Grateful
Ray Repp

Verses

We are grate - ful for our bless - ings, for our bless - ings great and small.
We are grate - ful to re - mem - ber both the laugh - ter and the pain.
We are grate - ful for the ri - vers and the earth where flow - ers grow.

Sun and moon, the stars and heav - ens, we are grate - ful for them all.
Lone - ly days and times to - geth - er all the sun - shine and the rain.
We are grate - ful for each oth - er and the love we've come to know.

Refrain

Gifts of beau - ty we've been gi - ven so to bright - en up our days.

Take these gifts and treat them gent - ly, shar - ing them will be our praise.

Quote from Thomas Merton

Walt Marston
Grand Rapids Friends Meeting

Query

Are we good stewards of the abundant gifts bestowed upon us?

How do we express our gratitude for these gifts?

How do we share out of this abundance?

Silence

Quakers worship in silence, waiting and listening to the Spirit. Self-reflections and thanksgiving may also be experienced.

Prayer of the Children

Kurt Bestor

Whatever Four or More
Tom Macholon, Dan Male, Phil Hertel, Marv Ebbens, Joe Veenstra

“Lift our Thoughts”

By Rabbi Sidney Greenberg

Rabbi Michael Schadick
Temple Emanuel

- Leader Eternal God, in whose service we are enlisted and in whose name we have gathered, lift our thoughts that we may renew our minds; and lead us beside the still waters so that we may restore our souls.
- Right We thank You for our hallowed memories and our abiding hopes.
- Left Help us to show that we are your children by giving ourselves faithfully to Your tasks.
- Right Help us to convert our convictions into conduct and commitment.
- Left Clothe our lives with dignity, deepen our lives with integrity, enlarge our lives with charity.
- Right Keep us from blaming others for our own faults; and help us to heal the wounds we have thoughtlessly inflicted.
- Left Help us to face our defeats with courage and to carry our successes with humility.
- Right Keep us from the pride that blinds the mind and locks the heart.
- Left Make us loyal to our convictions in the face of falsehood, but help us to speak the truth in love.
- All Draw us closer to your teachings, to each other, and to You. Amen

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Riley Jensen, Senior Pastor
Westminster Presbyterian Church

MaNavu

How Blessed is the Messenger of Peace

Shir Shalom Choir
Bill Marfink, Director

Reading from Baha'u'llah

Prophet Founder of Baha'i Faith

Gloria Holmes
Baha'i Community

Buddhist Prayer

Michael Jackowski, Buddhist

The Buddha encouraged his disciples to develop the *brahmavihāra* or sublime states of *mettā* and *karuna*, or friendliness and compassion toward all sentient beings, to all who seek happiness and avoid suffering. These qualities are therefore non-restrictive and non-exclusive, not restricted or withheld from any being regardless of its actions. We begin, however, by wishing health and happiness to ourselves, so that we will be able to convey them to those around us. Then, we follow by radiating *mettā* and *karuna* outward to the ones we care for, and in the spirit of this gathering, especially those to whom we owe gratitude.

Anyway You Bless Me

New Spiritual Reflections
Kim Houston, Sandy Willis, Latonya Watson, Kimberley Morgan, Donna King

Prayer of Thanksgiving from Siddur Sim Shalom

verses from Psalms, Isaiah and Ben Sira

Rabbi David Krishef
Congregation Ahavas Israel

- Leader Worship Adonai in gladness; come before God with joy. Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; with gratitude sing out God's praise.
- Right Adonai, Creator of the heavens and the earth, provides food for the hungry with mercy, and brings justice to the oppressed.
- Left Praise the Creator who works great wonders, who ennobles us from birth, who treats us with compassion.
- Right God covers the sky with clouds, sending rain, bringing forth bread from the earth to sustain us, providing wind to gladden the human heart.
- Left God has brought peace to our borders and has satisfied us with choice wheat. God has blessed us with liberty, with noble dreams, and with the pursuit of happiness.
- Right Give thanks to Adonai, for God is good. God's love endures forever.
- Left God crowns the year with goodness, and the fields yield a rich harvest.
- Right The hills are covered with happiness, and the meadows are clothed with sheep; the valleys, adorned with corn.
- Left How shall we thank God for our blessings?
- Right Let us share our bread with the hungry; let us not turn away from the needs.
- Left Clothe the naked and shelter the homeless, help those who have no help.
- Right Let us not take our blessings for granted. Let us share them with others, with thanks.
- Left Sing a new song for Adonai. Where the faithful gather, let God be praised.
- All God's love endures forever. Let us share in that love with our life.

Traditional Vedic Prayer of Gratitude

The Bal Vihar
West Michigan Hindu Temple Society
Yamuna Iyer, Instructor

Freethinkers Thanksgiving

Jeremy Beahan
Freethought Association of West Michigan

Simple Gifts

American Folk Melody

Kinsfolk
Deborah Eid, Joshua Eid-Ries, Rachael Eid-Ries
Alan Exoo, Ethan Exoo, Dr. Lawrence Probes

Reflection

Rev. Mark Anthony Lord, Pastor
Church of Religious Science, Chicago, Illinois

Reverend Mark Anthony Lord is the spiritual leader of the Center for Spiritual Living in the heart of Chicago. Their mission is to Reveal Love, Honor All Paths, and Celebrate Life. Through the teachings of the Science of Mind and Spirit, the wisdom of all sacred paths, and the guiding power of unconditional Love, they are committed to creating a peace-filled, loving world that works for everyone. Rev. Lord's training is based in New Thought/Ancient Wisdom philosophies.

Thanking Verses from the Holy Koran

Ahmed Eissa
Islamic Mosque and Religious Institute

12/43,44: Glory to Him! He is high above all that they say! Exalted and Great (beyond measure)! The seven heavens and the earth, and all beings therein, declare His glory: there is not a thing but celebrates His praise, and yet ye understand not how they declare His glory! Verily He's Oft-Forbearing, Most Forgiving!

1/121: The life of this world is alluring to those who reject faith, and they scoff at those who believe. But the righteous will be above them on the Day of Resurrection, for Allah bestows His abundance without measure on whom He will.

27/73-75: But verily thy Lord is full of grace to mankind: yet most of them are ungrateful. And verily thy Lord knoweth all that their heart do hide, as well as all that they reveal. Nor is there aught of the Unseen, in heaven or earth, but is (recorded) in a clear record.

31/20-22: Do ye not see that Allah has subjected to your (use) all things in the heavens and on earth, and has made His bounties flow to you in exceeding measure, (both) seen and unseen? Yet there are among men those who dispute about Allah, without knowledge and without guidance, and without a Book, to enlighten them! When they are told to follow the (Revelation) that Allah has sent down, they say: "Nay, we shall follow the ways that we found our Fathers (following)." What! Even if it is Satan beckoning them to the Penalty of the (Blazing) Fire? Whoever submits his whole self to Allah, and is a doer of good, has grasped indeed the most trustworthy hand-hold: and with Allah rests the End and Decision of (all) affairs.

"Prayer of Thanksgiving"

Adapted from The United Methodist Book of Worship

Rachael Foe
Trinity United Methodist Church

Leader Most gracious God, you crown the year with your goodness.

People We praise you that you have ever fulfilled your promise that, while earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease.

Leader We bless you for the order and constancy of nature,

People For the beauty of earth and sky and sea, and for the providence that year by year supplies our need.

Leader We thank you for your blessing on the work of those who plowed the soil and sowed the seed, and have now gathered in the fruits of the earth.

People With our thanksgiving for these blessings, accept our praise, O God, for the eternal riches of your grace.

All To You be glory and honor and worship, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Will of Your Love/Tu Voluntad

Suzanne Toolan, RSM

Larry Barton, Director of Music Ministries
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Roberta Barton, Accompanist

The will of your love, the will of your love be done on
 Tu vo-lun-tad, tu com-pa-sión se-a en la

earth as it is in heav-en.
 tie-rra co-mo en el cie-lo.