



# Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

November 24 10am

511 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403

# We Gather to Give Thanks

You are invited to sing or read aloud the **bold** text.  
+ Please rise in spirit and/or body

PRELUDE

*The Lake*  
Zelda Younger, Soprano Sax

Paul Halley

*Cantilène*  
Patrick Henning, Organist

Josef Rheinberger

WELCOME

Rev. Judy Zabel  
Senior Pastor, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church

INTROIT

Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer, Temple Israel  
Michael Schmidt, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church

CALL TO WELCOME

*Funga alafia ashe ashe*  
(Nigerian welcome song, sung in Yoruba)

**Funga alafia ashe ashe.**

Hello, peace.

Let it be so, let it be so.

*\*The Yoruba believe “ashe” is a basic force emanating from the Creator that unites all living and non-living things.*

+OPENING HYMN

*The God of Abraham Praise*  
(Yigdal Elohim Chai)

LEONI

**The God of Abraham praise,  
All praises to God's name,  
Who was and is and is to be,  
For-e'er the same!  
The one eternal God,  
Before what now appears;  
The First, the Last: beyond all thought  
Through timeless years!**

**God has eternal life  
Implanted in the soul;  
God's love shall be our strength and stay,  
While ages roll.  
All praise the living God!  
Extol that hallowed name,  
Who was, and is, and ever shall  
Be still the same!**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET

**Now thank we all our God,  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our parents' arms,  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.**

**We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers;  
Through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us,  
You never will forsake us,  
And with your help, O God, in life's struggles we win.**

**We voices united our praises we offer,  
And gladly our song of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our faith now confessing, we pray for your blessing:  
To you, our great Creator, forever be praise!**

READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Exodus 15: 2, 8, 11, 18, 20  
Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer  
Temple Israel

*Adonai is my strength and song, and the Divine has become my salvation, the Eternal is my God, and I will praise the Divine Presence, my ancestor's God, and I will exalt the Eternal.*

*And with the blast of God's nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as a head, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.*

*Who is like You, Adonai, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, awesome in praises, doing wonders?*

*Adonai shall reign forever and ever.*

*And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines dancing.*

READING FROM ISLAMIC SCRIPTURE

Dr. Hamdy El-Sawaf  
Islamic Community Center of Minnesota, Masjid Al-Iman

*16:78 Annahl*

*"And Allah has extracted you from the wombs of your mothers while you knew nothing, and gave you hearing (ears) and vision (eyes) and intellect (hearts), that perhaps you would be grateful."*

27:15 Annaml

*“He (Prophet Sulaiman) said, “My Lord, enable me to be thankful for Your favour which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and so that I may act righteously in a manner that will please You, and include me (out free of need and Praiseworthy.”*

27:19 Annaml

*“[We said], ‘Work, O family of Dawood, in thankfulness.’ Few of my servants are truly thankful.*

31:12 Luqman

*“And We had certainly given Luqman wisdom, and said, ‘Be grateful to Allah.’ And whoever is grateful is grateful (for the benefit) of himself. And whoever is ungrateful, then surely Allah is free of need and Praiseworthy.”*

4:147 Annisaa’

*“Why would God cause you to suffer if you are grateful and believe? God is always responsive to gratitude, the All-Knowing”*

READING: 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

Rev. Elijah McDavid, III  
Senior Pastor, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

The One who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

ANTHEM

*Sing Praise to God*  
Sanctuary Choir

Johann Pachelbel

+SHARING THE WELCOME OF COMMUNITY

Rev. Judy Zabel

May peace be with you;  
**And also with you.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND & NATIVE PEOPLES

Rev. Dr. Laurie Pound-Feille  
Senior Pastor, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF LAMENT AND INTERCESSION

Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen  
Senior Minister of Westminster Presbyterian

Rev. Tim Kingsley  
Canon Pastor, Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral

Fr. Kevin Kenney  
Pastor, Saint Olaf Catholic Church

HYMN

*Forgive Us All*  
*For Shallow Thankfulness*

MORECAMBE

(Soloist) Forgive us all for shallow thankfulness  
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,  
For songs of praise for worldly wealthiness,  
While of your richer gifts we're unaware.

(All Singing) **Forgive us all for selfish thanks and praise;  
For words that speak at variance with deeds;  
Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways  
Unmindful of a broken sibling's needs.**

**Forgive us all for feast that knows not fast  
For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,  
For walls and wars that hide your mercies vast  
And blur our vision to your loving goal.**

MESSAGE

*Gratitude in the Face of Obstacles* Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman  
Senior Rabbi, Temple Israel

INVITATION TO GIVE

Rev. Melissa Pohlman  
Pastor for Community Ministry, Central Lutheran Church



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OFFERTORY

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND GRATITUDE

Zelda Younger, Soprano Sax

Rev. Dr. Dewayne L. Davis  
Senior Minister, Plymouth Congregational Church

Iman Makram Nu'man El-Amin  
Masjid An-Nur Minneapolis

Fr. Daniel Griffith  
Pastor and Rector, The Basilica of St. Mary

+CLOSING HYMN

*Interfaith Thanksgiving Hymn*

HYMN TO JOY

**Bringing grateful lives and customs,  
Rich beliefs, with truths to share,  
Varied faiths here come together,  
Each a voice raised up in prayer;  
Sharing one another's journeys  
In our stories, joys, or tears,  
Thankful for the grace and blessing,  
Wisdom gained throughout the years.**

**Lifting grateful hearts and voices  
We unite in joyful sound,  
Giving thanks for nature's wonder,  
For the splendor all around;  
Seeking to be prudent stewards  
Of the bounty from the land,  
Tending hungry, thirsting bodies  
With an open, generous hand.**

**Joining grateful hands in action,  
This community is sent  
To a world in need of healing;  
This, the work for which we're meant:  
Offering gifts of each tradition,  
Lifting high our hope-filled praise,  
Giving freely to serve others,  
Singing thanks through all our days.**

+BENEDICTION AND SENDING

Rev. Judy Zabel

POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Old Hundredth"*  
Patrick Henning, Organist

Fred Bock



## Worship Leaders Today

Rev. Dr. Dewayne L. Davis, Senior Minister, Plymouth Congregational Church

Father Daniel Griffith, Pastor and Rector, The Basilica of Saint Mary

Rev. Dr. Tim Hart-Andersen, Senior Minister of Westminster Presbyterian

Imam Makram Nu'man El-Amin, Masjid An-Nur Minneapolis

Dr. Hamdy El-Sawaf, Islamic Community Center of Minnesota, Masjid Al-Iman

Father Kevin Kenney, Pastor, Saint Olaf Catholic Church

Rev. Tim Kingsley, Canon Pastor, Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral

Rev. Elijah McDavid, III, Senior Pastor, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Melissa Pohlman, Pastor for Community Ministry, Central Lutheran Church

Rev. Dr. Laurie Pound-Feille, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Rev. Judy Zabel, Senior Pastor, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church

Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman, Senior Rabbi, Temple Israel

Sanctuary Choir

Shari Speer, Mary Monson, Jim Ahrens, Mike Schmidt, Section Leaders/Soloists

Zelda Younger, Saxophone

Will Kemperman, Percussion

Patrick Henning, Principal Organist

Jonathan Orwig, Worship Production Assistant

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Mark Squire, Director of Worship and Fine Arts

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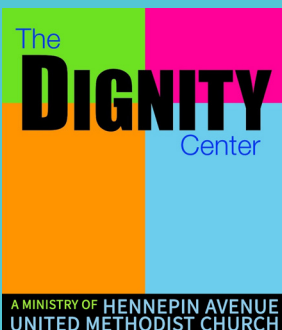


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