



Interfaith Worship Service

10 a.m. Sunday, June 23, 2024, in Andrews Park, Vacaville



OPENING MUSIC

“For Everyone Born”

by Shirley Erena Murray, Brain R. Mann, UMC

1. For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread;
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain:

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes God will delight when we are creators of justice.... justice and joy.

2. For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share;
with wisdom and grace dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair. *(Refrain)*

3. For gay and for straight, a place at the table, transgender and queer in one family tree,
engaging each gift and blessing each covenant, for gay and for straight, a new way to be. *(Refrain)*

“Olam Chesed Yibaneh”

by Rabbi Menachem Creditor

Olam che-sed yib-ba-neh – yai dai dai, dai dai, dai dai dai dai. *(repeat four times)*

I will build this world from love... yai dai dai...
And you must build this world from love... yai dai dai...
And if we build this world from love... yai dai dai...
The God will build this world from love... yai dai dai...

“Singing for Our Lives”

by Holly Near

(Sing each line twice)

1. We are a gentle, angry people.... and we are singing, singing for our lives.
2. We are peace and justice siblings.... and we are singing, singing for our lives.
3. We are women and men together.... and we are singing, singing for our lives.
4. We are gay and straight together.... and we are singing, singing for our lives.
5. We are a gentle, loving people.... and we are singing, singing for our lives.

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Rev. Will McGarvey, Solano Pride Center

CALL TO WORSHIP *by Rev. Ann B. Day, UCC*

Karen Nolan, Epiphany Church

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

All: **Day to day and night to night,
unending is their silent speech of beauty and wonder.**

One: How shall we join their joyful witness?

All: **With words that proclaim God's inclusive love,
with works that bring forth God's powerful justice,
with worship that rejoices in God's wondrous presence,
now and always. Amen!**

UNISON PRAYER by Rev. Dr. Sally Harris, United Church of Canada

Karen Nolan

Gathered in this sacred space, O Creator, in the multicolored company of Your people on earth and in heaven, We celebrate Your creation and invite Your presence into our midst. We know, Creator Spirit, that eternity cannot hold You, Nor can our little words describe the breadth of Your faithfulness to us. Yet in the space of our small heart and in silence, Come close and repair us.

(Silence)

MUSIC

"O For a World"

by Miriam Therese Winter, the tune of Azmon

1. O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
3. We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.
5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more and all but love will cease.

STATEMENTS OF FAITH

Representatives of various faith traditions and life philosophies will share statements about their tradition's perspective on 2S/LGBTQIA+ participation.

Rev. Colin Amato: Swedenborgian

Rev. David Deerfeeder: Old Catholic

Rev. John Heidel: Episcopalian

Will McGarvey: Presbyterian USA and Celtic Pagan

Rev. Micah Murdock: Unity

Open for others to share, regardless of your tradition....

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*The Peace of the Universe be with you.... **And also with you...***

MUSIC

"Peace I Am; Peace I Give; Peace I Will Be" by the Revs. David Deerfeeder & Micah Murdock

Peace I am; peace I give; peace I shall be; peace unto you; peace unto me.

MESSAGE OF HOPE

Wanda Cook and David Deerfeeder

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & FOR THE WORLD

The Revs. John Heidel and Colin Amato

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for spiritual people throughout the world; for our faith leaders; for this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for our faith communities.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who are attacked in this and every country because of their true gender as it has been revealed to them.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who are attacked in this and every country because of who they love.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the family members and loved ones of those who are attacked because of their sexual orientation or gender identity; may they be comforted and strengthened in their resolve for justice.

Silence

I ask for your strength and comfort for children who suffer prejudice from their parents.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who have died.

Silence

Are there other prayers? (Members of the gathering may ask prayers or offer thanksgivings, aloud or silently.)

UNISON PRAYER

Wondrous God, lover of lion and lizard, cedar and cactus, raindrop and river, we praise You for the splendor of the world! We thank You, that woven throughout the tapestry of earth are the varied threads of human diversity. Created in Your image, we are of many colors and cultures, ages and classes, gender and sexual identities. Different and alike, we are Your beloved people. Free us, we pray, from fears of difference that divide and wound us. Move us to dismantle our attitudes and systems of prejudice. Renew our commitment to make this a household of faith for all people – gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgender, and straight – that all who worship and minister here may know the grace and challenge of faith. In our life together, grant us minds and hearts eager to learn, reluctant to judge, and responsive to the leading of Your loving Spirit. We ask in your many names, Amen.

MUSIC

“The Dove Will Fly on Mended Wing”

by Tim Reaburn, to the tune of O Waly Waly

1 & 5. Religion, culture, creed and race, each human spirit and each face
We celebrate, we dance and sing the talents here each one might bring.

2. And take away a new found song, a new found voice to act on wrongs.
To trust, to heal, to help us cope, to stand as one, renewing hope.

3. A people stand, a people call: Come gather here and welcome all.
Diversify and celebrate that hopelessness is not our fate.

4. And chains will fall, the shackles break, the earth will rise, and powers quake, Justice will roll,
and freedom sing, the dove will fly on mended wing.

CLOSING BLESSINGS AND BENEDICTIONS

(Please move into a circle so we can hear each other)

Those who shared statements of faith will offer a blessing/benediction from their faith traditions.

As we go around the circle, others in the circle may share a word or phrase in response to our time together as their turn comes, or they may pass.

CLOSING MUSIC

“O Spirit Sing in Me”

by the Revs. David Deerfeeder & Micah Murdock

O Spirit, sing in me. Breath of God, dance in me. Let me be your song of love.
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O Spirit, sing in me. Breath of God, dance in me. Let me be your song of joy.
O Spirit, sing in me.

O Spirit, sing in me. Breath of God, dance in me. Let me be your song of peace.
O Spirit, sing in me.

O Spirit, sing in me. Breath of God, dance in me. Let me be your song of faith.
O Spirit, sing in me.

O Spirit, sing in me. Breath of God, dance in me. Let me be your song of hope.
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