

23rd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast

35th Anniversary Observance of Interfaith Winter Shelter

Program



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Tuesday, November 21, 2023

7:00 am – 9:00 am

Hotel Kabuki, San Francisco

Program

Opening Musical Selection: "Morning Has Broken"

(all are invited to join in)

Lyrics by Eleanor Farjeon and Music "Bunessan" (traditional Scottish song)

Led by *Rev. Victor H. Floyd*, Minister of Spiritual Care, Calvary Presbyterian Church (USA)

Accompanied by *Rick Harrell*, Director, Heroes' Voices

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's re-Creation of the new day!

Welcome

Rev. Vanessa Southern, Chair, San Francisco Interfaith Council
Senior Minister, First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco

Reading of Recognition Statement That We Gather on Indigenous Lands

The Rev. Canon Debra Low-Skinner, Vice Chair, San Francisco Interfaith Council
Canon to the Ordinary, Episcopal Diocese of California

"We acknowledge that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As Guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders and Relatives of the Ramaytush Community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples."

Ohlone Indian Prayer in the Four Directions

Andrew Galvan of the Ohlone Nation, SFIC Board Member and
Curator of Old Mission Dolores

Reading of the SFIC Interfaith Statement

Wilma Batiste, SFIC Board Member
Neighborhood Baptist Church

"This is an interfaith community. Whatever our individual belief, it can be freely expressed here with no apologies. If we are invited to offer a prayer in this setting, it should be offered according to the tradition with which we identify. If we are invited to speak on a subject from the perspective of our tradition, we are free to do so without fear of offending those who come from another tradition. We come together as people of faith to learn from each other that we might better understand the multiplicity of faith traditions in our city and in our world."

Buddhist Ceremonial In Kin Bell

Rev. Trent Thornley, SFIC Board Member
Executive Director, San Francisco Night Ministry

Prayer of Thanks for the Meal

*Kashif Abdullah, SFIC Board Member
Teacher, San Francisco Islamic School
Rev. Staci Current, Pastor, Temple United Methodist Church
Rabbi Amanda Russell, Congregation Beth Sholom*

~ Breakfast is served at your table ~

Introduction of Special Guests

*Derick Brown, SFIC Board Member
Senior Director, Leo T. McCarthy Center at University of San Francisco*

Wishing a Happy 102nd Birthday to Rita Semel!

Musical Selection: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

(all are invited to join in)

Original Lyrics and Music by Jill Jackson Miller and Sy Miller
Led by *Rev. Victor H. Floyd, Minister of Spiritual Care, Calvary Presbyterian Church (USA)*
Accompanied by *Rick Harrell, Director, Heroes' Voices*

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 our creator, family all are we;
Let us walk with each other 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!

Introduction of Mayor London N. Breed

*Michael G. Pappas, Executive Director
San Francisco Interfaith Council*

Remarks

*The Honorable London N. Breed
Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco*

Support for the San Francisco Interfaith Council

*Rev. Fred Harrell, Treasurer, San Francisco Interfaith Council
Founding Pastor, City Church San Francisco*



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Remarks

*Michael G. Pappas, Executive Director
San Francisco Interfaith Council*

Prayers for the Homeless
Special Recognition of Interfaith Winter Shelter Partners

Shireen McSpadden, Executive Director
Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus
Eighth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California

Rev. Lyle Beckman, Interim Pastor
St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Paige Hosking, SFIC Board Member
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Rev. Kevin Kennedy, Pastor and Rector
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

Rev. Vanessa Southern, Senior Minister
First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco

Special Recognition

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus
Eighth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California

Rabbi Beth Singer and Rabbi Jonathan Singer
Senior Rabbis, Congregation Emanu-El

"The Prayer of St. Francis"

(read by all)

Led by *Col. (Ret) Deborah Dacumos*, Secretary, San Francisco Interfaith Council
St. Dominic's Catholic Church
Commissioner - San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Closing Remarks

Closing Musical Selection: "Blessings Upon Blessings"
Sister Elizabeth Padilla and Sister Kyoko Kimura on Harp
Brahma Kumaris Meditation Center

Closing Prayer

Rev. Dr. Amos C. Brown
Pastor of the historic Third Baptist Church and
President of the San Francisco Chapter of the NAACP