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- Music:** Dr. Timothy Zerlang, Organ and Piano, Director of Music,
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Members of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus
Oboes: Gregory Jahnke and Barbara McCormick, St. Mark's
Lutheran Church
- Liturgists:** Rev. Rebekah Davis, Associate Pastor, St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Rev. Maggi Henderson, Pastor, Old First Presbyterian Church;
Board Chair, the San Francisco Interfaith Council
Rev. John A. Buehrens, Senior Minister, First Unitarian Universalist
Rabbi Camille Shira Angel, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
Richard Boyle, RN-AIDS Hospice Nurse, St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Thomas Robert Simpson, Executive and Artistic Director, AfroSolo
Theater Company
Rev. Holly Johnson, Director of Admissions, Pacific Lutheran
Theological Seminary
Cindy Pincus, Intern Minister, First Unitarian Universalist
Kaushik Roy, Executive Director, the Shanti Project
- Reflection:** Steven Gibson, Director, Magnet
- Music and Dance:** Organ and Piano, Dr. Timothy Zerlang, Director of Music,
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Singers, Members of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus
Oboes, Gregory Jahnke and Barbara McCormick, St. Mark's
Lutheran Church
Sacred Dance, Judith Lavender Dancer
- Sacristans:** Richard Boyle and Edward Chitty, St. Mark's Lutheran Church
- Ushers:** Jeremy McClain and Kurt Putnam, St. Mark's Lutheran Church



A San Francisco Interfaith Service

November 30, 2014—6:00 PM

“From Darkness Into Light”



Organized by the San Francisco Interfaith Council

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Welcome! The theme for this service is "From Darkness Into Light." The 'darkness' of ignorance, fear, hatred, and confusion were prevalent in the early days of the HIV/AIDS crisis. Although we are more 'enlightened' now, we still have a way to go before we can call these issues a thing of the past. We hope that this service will remind us that, while it is right to take time to remember and mourn, there is also a time to reflect on what we have learned and what still needs to be done to eradicate the darkness completely. In our diversity of faiths, may we act together to be beacons of the light the Divine has given us; the light of life, of compassion, of love and of hope.

Pre-Service Gathering Music: Timothy Zerlang

Please use this time to enter into the music, and respect others who have gathered here together.
Please turn off all electronic devices.

Dona Nobis Pacem

Singers from the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus

(Please extinguish your candles.)

Welcome: Rev. Bekah Davis
Rev. Maggi Henderson

Opening Prayer: Rev. John Buehrens

A TIME TO MOURN

The Kaddish: Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

A Time to Remember the Names: Richard Boyle

Let us remember how the community came together during the AIDS epidemic. With gratitude we lift up the community-based and faith-based organizations that responded. Let us remember the work of medical and mental health personnel, researchers, hospitals, institutions and others who worked to provide needed services, develop understandings of the virus and the opportunistic infections, develop medications and treatments, and collaborate in establishing systems of care. Let us remember partners, friends, family members, and members of the community who gave care, time, resources and compassion as volunteers to those who were suffering and often stigmatized and isolated.

But first, let us remember the individuals who struggled and lived with HIV/AIDS and have died. Please use this time to mention the names silently or out loud.

(Names may be remembered silently or aloud.)

Gabriel's Oboe, by Ennio Morricone: Oboes, Piano and Sacred Dance

A TIME TO SEEK

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Thomas Robert Simpson

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

- ² a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- ³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- ⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- ⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- ⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- ⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- ⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;
- a time for war, and a time for peace.

(A time for meditation and reflection)

A TIME TO BUILD UP

"Light the First Light" Rev. Holly Johnson

Reflection: Steven Gibson

Closing Prayer: Cindy Pincus

Blessing and Sending: Kaushik Roy

This Little Light of Mine Singers from the SF Gay Men's Chorus

(Everyone please join in from verse 3 on; repeat verses until all have recessed)

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine . . .
2. My God gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine . . .
3. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine . . .
4. All around the town, I'm gonna let it shine . . .
5. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine . . .

Recession:

Candles will be carried up the center aisle as the music starts. The person at the end of each row may dip their candle into the flame and then each person down the row may light their candle in turn. The person holding the unlit candle should dip their candle into the flame of the candle already lit, to avoid spilling the wax. Please file out behind the singers, from the front of the sanctuary to the back, as we symbolically carry the Divine light into the darkness.