

# Where Our Hope Is

## World AIDS Day Service



Sunday, December 4, 2016

4:00 p.m.



**Congregation Sha'ar Zahav**

AN INNOVATIVE, ENGAGED COMMUNITY

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### Gathering Music

Michael Conley  
*Calvary Presbyterian Church (USA)*

Slideshow & Memorabilia

Rev. Tita Valeriano, *St. Mark's Lutheran Church*  
Lynn Jordan, *Metropolitan Community Church-San Francisco*

"Esto les digo"

Lady Parts

*(Where two or three are gathered in God's name, there will God be also.)*

### Welcome

Rev. Maggi Henderson  
*SFIC Board, Old First Presbyterian Church (USA)*

"Hinei mah tov (Psalm 133)"

Cantor Sharon Bernstein  
*Congregation Sha'ar Zahav*

**Hinei mah tov u-mah na-im shevet achim gam yachad**  
**Hinei mah tov u-mah na-im shevet acha-yot gam yachad**  
**Hinei mah tov u-mah na-im shevet kulanu gam yachad**

*(How good and pleasant it is for brothers, sisters, and all of us to be together.)*

Islamic Call to Prayer

## **A Prayer for Hope** (responsive)

Spirit of the living God, you breathe on all that is fragile and strong, competent and inadequate, broken and whole. You lead us from the places of pain and difficulty to your cool living waters of health and wholeness. Through you every tear is wiped away and we are transformed by your wellsprings of life.

**We praise you, O God, and give you thanks for the gift of life and the life-giving power of your Spirit, which renews and refreshes us with hope.**

We thank you that by the life-giving power of your spirit you bestowed upon us, your people, such gifts as are needed to respond to the situation at hand. Pour on us all that we need to stop AIDS and reach out to everyone affected with compassion, healing and hope.

**May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle and employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given to respond to HIV and AIDS.**

We offer up names of those we have lost and those who are affected by HIV/AIDS. Please stand, and offer the names aloud or silently. *Names are spoken.*

We pray for the leadership of those living with or affected by HIV and give thanks for the courage you give us to share our stories. We thank you that our stories raise awareness, invite solidarity and challenge us to join with one another in the struggle.

**May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle and employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given to respond to HIV and AIDS.**

We pray for all your houses of worship and all our non nonprofits Be with us and guide us as we respond to the needs of persons living with or affected by HIV and AIDS. We pray especially for leaders and lay people and staff as they provide pastoral services. Inspire and empower them to provide the leadership and help that our community needs to respond effectively.

**May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle and employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given to respond to HIV and AIDS.**

We pray for our public officials. Be with them and guide them in their response to HIV and AIDS. Give them courage, wisdom and resources that they may create effective and just public policies so that everyone may receive the information they need to stop the spread of HIV and everyone may access the treatment and care required for their health and wholeness.

**May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle and employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given to respond to HIV and AIDS.**

We give you thanks, O God, that you have raised-up leaders throughout the ages - reluctant leaders, courageous leaders, surprising leaders, humble leaders, servant leaders—bestowing on each one gifts for service. Raise-up among us such leaders today who will create universal access to medical treatment and health care, effective education and prevention programs, advocacy for strong and just public policy, and the funds and other resources needed to stop AIDS.

**May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle and employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given to respond to HIV and AIDS. Amen.**

# Where Our Hope Is: Three Perspectives

## I. Hope in this Beloved Community

Rev. Israel Alvaran

*Reconciling Ministries Network, The United Methodist Church*

“Hope Is a Thing With Feathers”

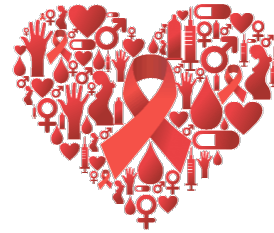
Words: Emily Dickinson

Music: Sharon Bernstein

*“Hope” is the thing with feathers -  
That perches in the soul -  
And sings the tune without the words -  
And never stops - at all -*

*And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -  
And sore must be the storm -  
That could abash the little Bird  
That kept so many warm -*

*I’ve heard it in the chilliest land -  
And on the strangest Sea -  
Yet - never - in Extremity,  
It asked a crumb - of me.*



## II. Hope in Our Relationships

Rev. Victor H. Floyd

*Calvary Presbyterian Church (USA)*

“Seasons of Love” from *Rent* by Jonathan Larson

Lady Parts

## III. Hope Around the World

**Dr. C. Bradley Hare**

*HIV/AIDS Medicine, Kaiser Permanente*

*Formerly of SF General’s Positive Health Program, Ward 86*



### Symbolic Ribbon Exchange

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” African-American Spiritual    Lady Parts

## Closing Words

A Buddhist Sending

Rev. Trent Thornley

*Metropolitan Community Church-San Francisco*

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### ***Reception—You're invited!***

A reception will follow this service, courtesy of **SF CARES**, an organization which hosts weekly **Friendship Banquets** for individuals with HIV, Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. at St. Paulus Lutheran Church, 1541 Polk Street *reservations requested*. Check out [www.sfcares.info](http://www.sfcares.info) or call (415) 673-8088 for more information about **SF CARES**.

### ***Upcoming SFIC Event***

**Memorial Service for the Homeless Dead**, Wednesday, December 21, 5:30 p.m., Civic Center Plaza, Polk Street Side, co-sponsored by the San Francisco Night Ministry and the SF Interfaith Council. More information at <http://www.sfinterfaithcouncil.org>.



— Harvey Milk