

PETALUMA INTERFAITH COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING



NOVEMBER 23, 2021 7:00 PM

Welcome

Rev. Jason Hubbard, United Church of Christ

Land Acknowledgement

Rev. Dara Olandt, Unitarian Universalists

Meditation

Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson, Elim Lutheran Church

Hymn: Praise to God, immortal praise

St. John's Episcopal Church Choir, directed by
Doug Richardson

1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
 2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;
 3 As thy pros - per - ing hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;

boun - teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:
 flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel - low sheaves of ri - pened grain:
 and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;

all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.
 Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
 sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

Words: Anna Laetitia Barbauld (1743-1825) Music: *Dix*, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889);
harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Hymn: *This is My Song*

Paul and Lauren Haile, Elim Lutheran Church

1 This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,
 2 My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o-cean,
 a song of peace for lands a-far and mine.
 and sun-light beams on clo-ver-leaf and pine.
 This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;
 But oth-er lands have sun-light too, and clo-ver,
 here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho-ly shrine;
 and skies are ev-'ry-where as blue as mine.
 but oth-er hearts in oth-er lands are beat-ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na-tions,
 with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912-1993, sts. 1-2; Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974, st. 3
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Teaching on Gratitude

Rabbi Ted Feldman, B'nai Israel Jewish Center

Offering

Rev. Daniel Green, St. John's Episcopal Church

*We invite your generous contributions to refugee relief to the International Rescue Committee,
<https://www.rescue.org>.*

Litany of Thanksgiving

Rev. Laurie Warren, Deacon, St. John's Episcopal Church

Deacon Laurie reads the prayer, in italics. All are invited to respond "We give thanks."

Let us give thanks and praise for the many Blessings given to us by God and the Spirit:

For the beauty of the Earth, sky, and sea. For rivers, mountains, and the land upon which we humbly stand. For the animals, birds, fish, and creatures who inhabit the Earth- our shared home. For all who work to preserve and protect the Earth: the future of the planet for our children and generations yet to come.

All: We give thanks

For the abundant food grown from our earth. For the rain, rich soil, and sun. For the people who work to grow, harvest, and prepare our food. For the safer, more sustainable farming practices that protect the earth and its inhabitants. For those who work to ensure the equitable distribution and access to food.

All: We give thanks

For those who work to protect the health and safety of others: firefighters, rescue workers, police, first responders, social workers, ground support, and aid workers. For the strength and courage of those who work and volunteer in times of emergency, calamity, fire, and natural disasters. For their faithful service, patience in suffering, and perseverance in adverse conditions.

All: We give thanks

For those who serve in social, human, and medical services. For all public health professionals, caregivers, and volunteers, especially during the pandemic. For their skills, knowledge, compassionate and steadfast service to those in need of medical and emotional care. For their fortitude through the hardships, risks, and adversities. For their families, friends, and loved ones, who uphold and care for them.

All: We give thanks

For educators and parents/caregivers of children and students. For their resolve in overcoming many obstacles during the pandemic. For families of children and

adult-children of individuals with disabilities. For their persistence, flexibility, creativity, and patience- going beyond what has ever been previously imagined. For everyone involved in upholding and sustaining our educational programs and services.

All: We give thanks

For families of all kinds: for the resilience of love and commitment in the face of all that strains our relationships; and for the courage to reach out with understanding, and forgiveness- to begin again. For listening ears, open hearts, respect, and kindness towards one another, even in the face of our differences.

All: We give thanks

For the first nations of this continent, for their spiritual, cultural, and other gifts, and for their survival in spite of relentless oppression.

All: We give thanks

For those who visit and care for people who are lonely, sick, have disabilities, or are frail; those who remember and care for people who are oppressed-prisoners, refugees, and people marginalized from society. For volunteers, chaplains, clergy, family- all who care for and pray for those in need or suffering. For their deep listening, understanding, and empathy. For abundant energy in their service and prayer, offers of hope and healing.

All: We give thanks

For those who strive for peace and social justice in our world: acting and speaking on behalf of those in our community and country who are discriminated against, those who are vulnerable, oppressed, treated unfairly and unjustly. For their perseverance in upholding human rights: that all are treated with dignity and respect.

All: We give thanks

You are invited to offer your own prayers of thanksgiving: either silently in your hearts or aloud. Silence will be held briefly for this reflection.

All: We give thanks

Let us give deep thanks for the richness of our lives given to us by the weaving of our lives with our neighbors: from many cultures, religions, and languages as we join together in prayer at Thanksgiving. For the many faith communities, individuals and souls committed to peace and cooperation. For our continued Blessing as we walk on Earth together: with reverence and humility. For our acts of kindness and compassion towards one another...and towards those we are yet to know.

All: We give thanks

Song: *Od Yavo Shalom (Peace will yet Come)*

Fredi Bloom, B'nai Israel Jewish Center

**Od yavo shalom aleinu
Od yavo shalom aleinu, ye'al kulam (2x)**

**Peace will yet come upon us
Peace will yet come upon us,
and upon everyone**

Salaam, aleinu ye'al kol ha'olam,

**Salaam, upon us and upon the
whole world,
salaam, salaam.***

Salaam, salaam (2x)

*Salaam = peace in Arabic

Benediction

Rev. Robert Herrmann, Petaluma United Methodist Church

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