

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Bill Roberts

Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them. **Heal us.**

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them. **Forgive us.**

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them. **Inspire us.**

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, Though we have often hidden from its light. **Enlighten us.**

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again. **Renew us.**

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. **Amen.**

Almighty and gracious God, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

“Oseh Shalom” composed by Michael Ochs

Cantor Lynda Drescher
B’nai Torah Congregation

Verse

Oseh Shalom Bim’romav Hu Yaseh Shalom, Aleinu (3x)

Chorus

Yaseh Shalom (2x) Shalom Aleinu v’al kol Yisrael
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One who makes peace in the high heavens, May he make peace for us and for all Israel.

CLOSING BLESSING

The Rev. Roger Dart
UCC Congregation, Deerfield

POSTLUDE

Deerfield High School Chamber Orchestra
Ron Velleuer, Conductor

The Highland Park – Deerfield
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
November 25, 2009 • 7:30 PM

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PRELUDE

Deerfield High School Chamber Orchestra
Ron Velleuer, Conductor

WELCOME

The Rev. Bill Roberts
St. Gregory’s Church, Deerfield

HYMN 389

Let us with a gladsome mind
Mr. James R. Collins
Director of Music, St. Gregory’s Church

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rabbi Isaac Serotta
Lakeside Congregation, Highland Park

SACRED READINGS

Psalm 116 *Jewish Publication Society Version 1917*

Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch
B’nai Torah, Highland Park

1 I love that the LORD should hear my voice and my supplications.
2 Because He hath inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him all my days.
3 The cords of death compassed me, and the straits of the nether-world got hold upon me; I found trouble and sorrow.

4 But I called upon the name of the LORD: 'I beseech thee, O LORD, deliver my soul.'
5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is compassionate.
6 The LORD preserveth the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.
7 Return, O my soul, unto thy rest; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.
8 For Thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
9 I shall walk before the LORD in the lands of the living.
10 I trusted even when I spoke: 'I am greatly afflicted.'
11 I said in my haste: 'All men are liars.'
12 How can I repay unto the LORD all His bountiful dealings toward me?
13 I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.
14 My vows will I pay unto the LORD, yea, in the presence of all His people.
15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.
16 I beseech Thee, O LORD, for I am Thy servant; I am Thy servant, the son of Thy handmaid; Thou hast loosed my bands.
17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.
18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD, yea, in the presence of all His people;
19 In the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah.

Baha'i Reading, Abdu'l-Baha

Ruth Jackson
Deerfield Baha'i Community

"When love is realized and the ideal spiritual bonds unite the hearts of men, the whole human race will be uplifted, the world will continually grow more spiritual and radiant and the happiness and tranquility of mankind be immeasurably increased. Warfare and strife will be uprooted; disagreement and dissension pass away and Universal Peace unite the nations and peoples of the world. All mankind will dwell together as one family, blend as the waves of one sea, shine as stars of one firmament and appear as fruits of the same tree. This is the happiness and felicity of humankind. This is the illumination of man, the glory eternal and life everlasting; this is the divine bestowal." "I desire this station for you and I pray God that the people of America may achieve this great end in order that the virtue of this democracy may be insured and their names be glorified eternally. May the confirmations of God uphold them in all things and their memories become revered throughout the east and the west. May they become the servants of the Most High God, near and dear to Him in the oneness of the heavenly Kingdom. "The gift of God to this enlightened age is the knowledge of the oneness of mankind and the fundamental oneness of religion."

"Thanks be to God" composed by Stanley Dickson

Ms. Susan Nelson
St. Gregory's Church Chancel Choir

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

Ms. Mary Ann Spina
Holy Cross Church, Deerfield

Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God, for the administration of this public service is not only supplying the needs of the holy ones but is also overflowing in many acts of thanksgiving to God.

MESSAGE

Thanksgiving 2009: Of Course and Nevertheless
The Rev. Kent Organ
First Presbyterian Church, Deerfield

Hymn 398

I sing the almighty power of God
Mr. James R. Collins

GREETINGS FROM HIGHLAND PARK

Mayor Michael Belsky

GREETINGS FROM DEERFIELD

Mayor Harriet Rosenthal

DEERFIELD HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

Mr. Gil Antokal
Deerfield Community Relations Commission

Nuala Kurokawa, Deerfield
Eleanor Singleton, Highland Park
Sue Vani, Deerfield

OFFERING FOR THE DEERFIELD EMERGENCY FUND

AND THE MORAINÉ TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Dr. Gerald Zachar
Director of Social Services
Village of Deerfield

Movement I from "Suite for Strings"
by John Rutter

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