

GLENVIEW CLERGY ASSOCIATION
INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

7:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Eun-Hye Choi
Rev. Mark Pendleton

CALL TO GATHERING

Leader: The world belongs to God,

People: the earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful

People: to live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together.

People: Justice and peace join hands.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

People: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*OPENING SONG

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

- v. 1 *Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.*
- v. 2 *All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.*
- v. 3 *For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.*

GATHERING PRAYER

Rabbi Nancy Landsman

We gratefully acknowledge that You are Adonai, our God and the God of our ancestors for all eternity. You are the Rock of our lives and the Shield of our salvation from generation to generation. We shall thank You and declare Your praise--for our lives which are in Your hand, for our souls which are in Your care, for Your miracles that are with us every day and for Your wondrous

deeds and favors at all times: evening, morning and noon. O Good One, whose mercies never fail, O Compassionate One, whose kindnesses never cease: forever do we put our hope in You. For all these things, O King, may Your Name be forever blessed and exalted. O God our Redeemer and our Helper, may all who live gratefully acknowledge You and praise Your Name in Truth.

Blessed are You, Adonai, Whose Name is Goodness, and to Whom it is fitting to give thanks.

Amen!

MUSIC

The Journey

arr. Martin

QUR'ANIC RECITATION AND TRANSLATION

Qasim Gillani

O Allah, O our Lord, Thou art the peace, and from Thee is the peace, and to Thee returneth the peace, O our Lord, give us life of peace, and usher us into the abode of peace. Blessed Thou are, our Lord, the Most High, O the Lord of Majesty and Reverence.

Excerpt from the Holy Quran (Chapter 4 verse 1)

"O mankind!

Be careful of your duty to your Lord

Who created you from a single soul

And from it created its mate

And from them twain hath spread abroad

A multitude of men and women"

READING FROM PSALM 100

Rev. Abigail Lutz

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with celebration!

Come before him with shouts of joy!

Know that the Lord is God--

He made us; we belong to him.

We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture.

Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise!

Thank him! Bless his name!

Because the Lord is good, his loyal love last forever;

His faithfulness lasts generation after generation.

READING FROM PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

Rev. Elmo Acton (in English); Fr. Dannis Callan (in Chinese)

Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. From now on, brothers and

sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

Eun-Hye Choi Rabbi Nancy Landsman Qasim Gillani

*SONG

In Unity We Lift Our Song

v. 1 In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration, for brothers brave and sisters strong. What cause for celebration! For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress, who've shared with us our plight, who've held us in the night, the blessed congregation.

v. 2 For stories told and told again to every generation, to give us strength in times of pain, to give us consolation. Our spirits to revive to keep our dreams alive, when we are far from home and evil seasons come; how firm is our foundation.

v. 3 For sacred scriptures handed down, a blessed trust and treasure, which give us hope when hope is gone and make us weep with pleasure. And when our eyes grow blind and death is close behind, we shall recite them still whose words our hearts can fill with hope beyond all measure.

v. 4 For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giver. Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast whose hand will yet deliver. Who keeps us till the day when night shall pass away, when hate and fear are gone and all our work is done, and we shall sing forever.

PRAYERS OF THE GATHERED COMMUNITY Timothy Lankford, Rev. James Matarazzo, Jr.

Leader: 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.

People: We give thanks.

Leader: 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.

People: We give thanks.

Leader: 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.

People: We give thanks.

Leader: For those who serve in social, human, and medical services. For all public health professionals, caregivers, and volunteers. 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.

People: We give thanks.

Leader: For educators and parents/caregivers of children and students. For their resolve in overcoming many obstacles in this time. 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.

People: We give thanks.

Leader: 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.

People: We give thanks.

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

People: We give thanks.

Leader: 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 prayers, offers of hope and healing.

People: We give thanks.

Leader: 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.

People: We give thanks.

Leader: You are invited to offer your own prayers of thanksgiving silently in your hearts. A brief silence is kept. For our heartfelt prayers of gratitude.

People: We give thanks.

Leader: Let us give deep thanks to our Creator 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.

People: We give thanks.

SHARING OF PEACE

Leader: In the name of God, Adonai, Allah, Holy Trinity, we pass peace to each other.

People: **May the peace of the universe be with you.**

RECEIVING OF AN OFFERING

The offering received this evening will go to assist Wesley Child Care Center, Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook and the Northfield Township Food Pantry

CHOIR ANTHEM *All Things Bright and Beautiful* arr. Rutter

WORDS FROM RECIPIENTS:

Katie Laidlaw	Wesley Child Care Center
Amy O'Leary	Glenview Youth Services
Shiva Mohsenzadeh, JD	Northfield Township Food Pantry

OFFERING PRAYER (unison)

Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the drink we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to those who have gone before us in a holy and boundless union. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG

Now Thank We All Our God

- v. 1 *Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*
- v. 2 *O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

POSTLUDE

*congregation is invited to stand if it is comfortable to do so

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USHERS: Curtis Corbige, Steve Ellis

*We give special thanks for our organist/choir director Cindy Applebee and our combined choir for our wonderful music this evening.*

*Special thanks to the Glenview Clergy Association who present this service.*

***Please join us in our parlor for refreshments and fellowship.***

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