

Moving Forward Together

Sunday, November 20, 2016

University United Methodist Church

ASL Interpreter: Aimee Rae Kraus, Pagan

Pre-ceremony music: Rev Jim Mosher, Harp (Coven Ancora Imparo, Wicca)

Welcome: John Christensen, President of Interfaith of Topeka (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)

Invocation: Jay Henderson, University United Methodist Church

Congregational Song: "We Gather Together", Christian hymn of Dutch origin written in 1597 by Adrianus Valerius as "*Wilt heden nu treden*" to celebrate the Dutch victory over Spanish forces in the Battle of Turnhout. English translation by Theodore Baker, 1894.

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!*

*We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant, And
pray that Thou still our Defender will be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

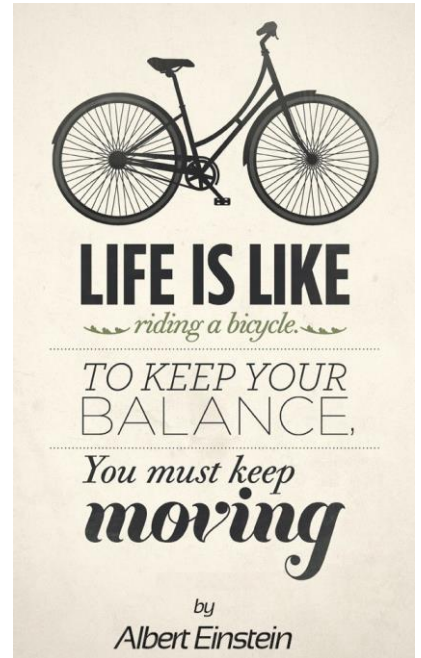


Speaker: Rev. Tobias Schlingensiepen, First Congregational Church

Music: Temple Beth Shalom Choir
"Oseh Shalom"

Oseh shalom bimromav, hu yaaseh shalom aleinu, v'al kol Yisrael, v'imru. Amein.

May the One who makes peace in the high heavens make peace for us, all Israel, and let us say Amen.



Meditation: Rebecca Otte, Prairyerth Zen Center
"What is Zen"

Speaker: Dona Booe
Kansas Children's Service League

Music: The Men's Ensemble of St. John A.M.E. Church
"UNITY"
(Psalm 133:1) Words and Music by Glorraine Moone,
Arranged by Rev. Freddie Washington.



Speaker: Justin Brokar
Helping Hands Humane Society

Music: Quartet from Church of
Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
"Where Can I Turn for Peace?"
by Emma Lou Thane

Where can I turn for peace?
Where is my solace
When other sources cease to make me whole?
When with a wounded heart, anger, or malice,
I draw myself apart,
Searching my soul?

Where, when my aching grows,
Where, when I languish,
Where, in my need to know, where can I run?
Where is the quiet hand to calm my anguish?
Who, who can understand? He, only One.

He answers privately,
Reaches my reaching
In my Gethsemane, Savior and Friend.
Gentle the peace he finds for my beseeching.
Constant he is and kind, Love without end.



Speaker: Jim McCullough
Topeka Center for Peace and Justice



Speaker: Sheriff Herman Jones
Shawnee County Sheriff's Dept.

Music: Unity Church of Christianity Choir
"This Land is Your Land"

Speaker: Chrissy Russell, Valeo Behavioral Health Care: Topeka Crisis Intervention Team's Mobile Response Unit



Free-will Offering

Musical Interlude: Rev Jim Mosher, Harp (Coven Ancora Imparo, Wicca)

Sending Forth: Drum Circle, Standing Bear Inter-tribal Brotherhood



Please join us for a reception following the service

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Our Mission

Our mission is to bring together people of all faiths who are willing to open their hearts and minds and work together to build an active community based on shared values of compassion, human dignity and mutual respect.

A Short History of Interfaith

Interfaith of Topeka had its roots in the old Topeka Council of Churches and grew into its own in the fall of 1978.

We strive to serve the *Creator* by bringing together people of various religious faiths and backgrounds in an effort to enrich communications and dialogue among people of faith and, in so doing, have a positive effect on the overall quality of life in Topeka.

All religious faiths, individuals, and organizations of the Greater Topeka area that agree with our stated purpose and goals, and are willing to make appropriate financial commitment to our work are invited to join.

Interfaith of Topeka is comprised of people from a variety of faiths and religious traditions. We bring together individuals who are willing to put aside their prejudices and open their minds and hearts to new possibilities. We are willing to engage in the process of working together to build an active community, strong in its shared values of faith, compassion, human dignity, and mutual respect where the expression of love and peace replaces hate and violence.

Interfaith Board Members:

President - John Christensen – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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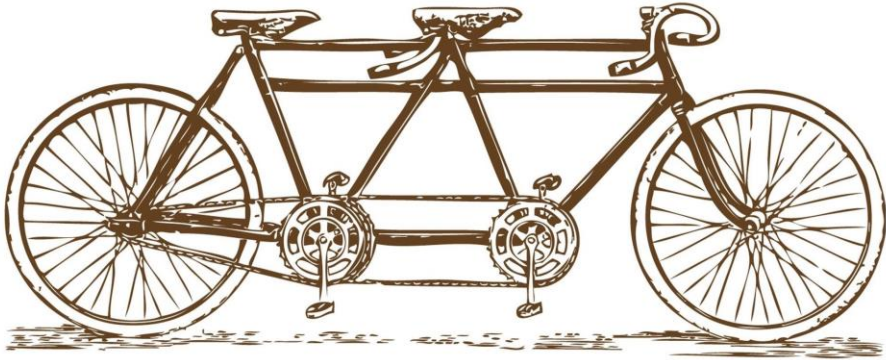
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