

Welcome

Meg Martin (Executive Director, Interfaith Works)

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Acknowledgment of Land

We recognize these lands as the ancestral land of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Squaxin Island tribe as well as the Nisqually, Chehalis, and Cowlitz Tribes. We honor and respect the Elders past, present, and emerging. We extend that respect to the diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancient relationships with the land and waterways continue to this day.

Greeting from Host Congregation

Barnett Kalikow (Temple Beth Hatfiloh member and former Interfaith Works Board President)

Musical Offering: The Olympia Peace Singers

“Shalom Aleichem” (Traditional)

“Blessed Be!” (by Melanie DeMore)

“America, I Sing You Back”, by Allison Adelle Hedge Coke

Read by Katie Guertin-Anderson, who is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church and works as a hospice chaplain. She is a member of the Community for Interfaith Celebration.

Musical Offering: Billy Harris, Dena Harris, and Layli Harris

The Harris family are members of the Baha'is of Thurston County and will perform “Unite”, words by Abdul Bahai and music composed by Ali Youssefi, and “Kodi Palinso Wina” words by the Bab translated to Chichewa

"Healing Injustice: A Christian Science Perspective" by Lance Matteson

Mr. Matteson serves as the Washington State Christian Science Committee on Publication, helping with legislative and media matters and as a resource for accurate information about Christian Science.

Musical Offering: Alleluia! Handbell Ensemble

Brent Chapman, Rachel Crum, Paul Helling, Marcy Laviollette, Dianne Polivka, Louise Suko, Leah Wilson and accompanist, Leland Brungardt

“Balm in Gilead” (Traditional)

“Be Still, My Soul” (by Katharina von Schlegel)

Faith Reflection by Ibrahim Afzal

Ibrahim is in the 8th grade at Aspire Middle School. He and his family attend Masjid Al Nur, the Islamic Center of Olympia.

Musical Offering: The Bridge Music Project

Amanda Ransom performing an original song, “Rain on Me”, Micheal Jones performing an original poem, “The Bridge”, and Victoria Standoak performing an original song, “Home Away From Home”

Keynote Presentation: Jerad Koepf

Mr. Koepf is the Native Student Program Specialist for North Thurston Public Schools and the 2022 Washington State Teacher of the Year.

Benediction & Closing

Temple Beth Hatfiloh choir performing, “*T’filat Haderech* - The Traveller’s Prayer”, based on traditional text with words and lyrics by Debbie Friedman, arranged by Sheldon M. Levin



Following the celebration, all are invited to a time of fellowship downstairs in the Social Hall.



Interfaith Works would like to thank the staff, congregation, and leadership of Temple Beth Hatfiloh for their generosity in hosting this event and our monthly Program Council meetings. In addition, we would like to extend thanks to everyone who helped support the creation of this event. You are appreciated!!!