

**Petaluma Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service
Monday, November 20, 2023,
at 7:00 p.m.**

“ *To speak gratitude
is courteous and pleasant,
to enact gratitude
is generous and noble, but*

***to live gratitude
is the key to peace.”***



***Elim Lutheran Church
504 Baker St.
Petaluma***

“Gratitude: The Key To Peace”

WELCOME

Elim Lutheran Church *The Rev. Kathryn Gulbranson*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

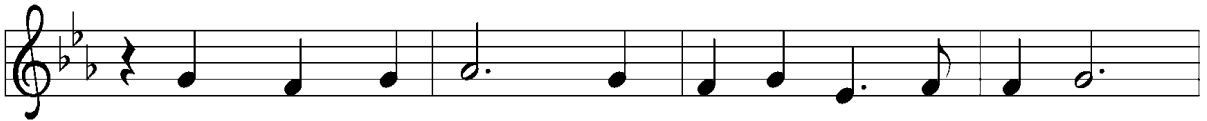
First Presbyterian Church *The Rev. John Chase*

YUAN GONG PEACE MEDITATION

St. John’s Episcopal Church *Jonathan Hiller*

SONG

“This is My Song”



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,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth’s king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



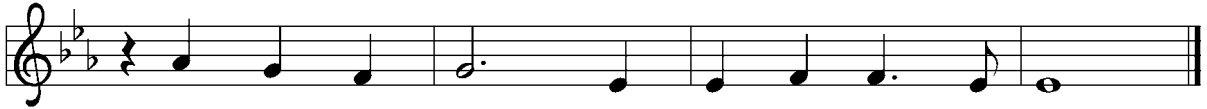
This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ’ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, 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.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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REFLECTION

Elim Lutheran Church The Rev. Kathryn Gulbranson

PRAYER ON PEACE

North Bay Hindu Center *Radhika Sitaraman*

OFFERING

World Central Kitchen

(WCK is first to the frontlines,

providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises.)

CHOIR SONG

"I Believe" Interfaith Choir

Lyrics

I believe in the sun
Even when it's not shining

I believe in love
Even when I don't feel it

I believe in God
Even when God is silent

PRAYERS

Deacon: Dear Friends, let us give thanks and praise for the many Blessings given to us by God and the Spirit:

Deacon: 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

Deacon: 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

Deacon: 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

Deacon: For children: for the ways they challenge us to be whole-hearted, and enliven us with surprise and delight. For all those who guide, protect, and nurture them as they learn and grow. For educators and parents/ caregivers of children and students. For families of all kinds; for their commitments to one another- and for their resilience.

All: We give thanks

Deacon: For those who visit and care for people who are lonely, ill or dying. For all who remember and care for those who are oppressed: prisoners, refugees and people marginalized from society. For volunteers, chaplains, clergy, family- and all who care for those in need or are suffering. For abundant energy in their service and prayer, offers of hope and healing.

All: We give thanks

Deacon: For those who work for peace and social justice in our world: acting and speaking on behalf of those who are discriminated against, those who are vulnerable. For their perseverance in defending human rights so that all people may be treated with dignity and respect; especially for the courage and forbearance of those who strive to resolve conflict by nonviolent means- working for just and sustainable peace.

All: We give thanks

Deacon: You are invited to offer your own reflections and prayers of thanksgiving: silently or aloud. Silence will be held briefly for our reflection.

All: We give thanks

Deacon: Let us offer our deep thanks for the richness given to us by the weaving of our lives together with those of our neighbors this Thanksgiving. For our many faith communities, individuals and souls committed to cooperation and peace. For our continued Blessing as we walk on Earth together: with reverence and humility. For our acts of kindness and compassion towards one another: our friends, and hopefully, new friends, we will come to know.

All: We give thanks

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

PEACE SONG

B'Nai Israel Jewish Center Adam Kinsey and Judith Hellman

SONG

"Give Peace" - Taize #44

Give peace to every heart
Give peace to every heart

Give peace, Lord
Give peace, Lord

CLOSING BLESSING

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



Food is a Universal Human Right

Our Offering will be collected for the work of World Central Kitchen, feeding people displaced by crisis in Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Haiti and elsewhere.

Special Thanks to Our Sponsoring Communities:

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Elim Lutheran Church
St. John's Episcopal Church
The North Bay Hindu Temple
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