

THANKS GIVING

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Thursday November 25, 2021

Online Live-Streamed Program Portion

Rev. Dr. Maurice Charles, Dean of Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

Dr. Saba Ayman-Nolley, President of the Hyde Park & Kenwood Interfaith Council
Baha'i Community of Hyde Park

Hyde Park Neighborhood Choir - Presto ensemble of the Chicago Children's Choir
Conducted by Magdalena Delgado

Shenandoah - American Folk Song, arr. Mary Goetze

Oh, Shenandoah, I long to see you
And hear your rolling river
Oh, Shenandoah, I long to see you
way, we're bound away
'Cross the wide Missouri.

I long to see your smiling valley
And hear your rolling river
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'Tis seven long years since last I've seen you
And hear your rolling river
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Father Philip Maikkula, St. Makarios the Great Orthodox Mission

Hal Weitzman, Congregation Rodfei Zedak

Reverend Veronica Johnson, Hyde Park Union Church and Food Pantry

Nicole Yan, Buddhist Community

Father Michael Trail, St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Iṣé Olúwa - Traditional Nigerian Yoruba Church Song,
arr. Lonnie Norwood, Jr.

(Yoruba)
Iṣé Olúwa kò lè bàjé o

(English Translation)
God's work/the work of The Creator can never be spoiled/destroyed/bad.

Reverend Alice Harper-Jones- Kenwood United Church of Christ Soup Kitchen,
Shower project, Case manager, Free clinic

Reverend Nancy Goede- Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park

Online *Pre-Recorded* Program Portion

Thomas Weisflog, University Organist Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, *Thanksgiving*
by Richard Purvis

Keynote Panel Presentation with Rev. Dr. Shanta Premawardhana and
International Peacemaker Team Members

"A Thanksgiving Commitment: Dismantling Our Supremacy Over the Earth"

Congregation Rodfei Zedek

United Church of Hyde Park

Resilience by Abbie Betinis from the Justice Choir Songbook by the Hyde Park
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Chicago Baha'I Community of Hyde Park

Hyde Park Refugee Project in coordination with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Hyde Park

Organ Symphony No. 1 by Louis Vierne played by Thomas Weisflog, University Organist, Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

KAM Isaiah Israel

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Sirat Chicago

Joey Brink, University Carillonneur, Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

Air & Dance (1998), by Alice Gomez (b. 1960); *A Sacred Suite* (2018), by Geert D'hollander (b. 1965); *Da Pacem Domine – Sancti Spiritus*

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Our Speakers and Performers

About Our Speakers:

Rev. Dr. Shanta Premawardhana is president of OMNIA Institute for Contextual Leadership, a global peacemaking network based in Chicago. He is a former pastor of Ellis Avenue Church and former president of the Hyde Park and Kenwood Interfaith Council. Previously, he directed the programs of Interfaith dialogue and cooperation at the World Council of Churches, in Geneva, Switzerland, and at the National Council of Churches, USA in New York.

OMNIA has built 166 Interfaith Peacemaker Teams in Bangladesh, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Uganda. Each team comprises 20 religious leaders who collaborate across differences, build power and act strategically on issues that arise from the ground in their communities. As soon as Covid restrictions are lifted, OMNIA has been invited to India, DRC (Congo), Rwanda, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates. At the Thanksgiving Service, leaders from UAE, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh will be featured. For more information visit: www.omnialeadership.org

Interfaith Peacemaker Team Member Panel: *A Thanksgiving Commitment- Dismantling Our Supremacy Over the Earth* led by Rev. Dr. Shanta Premawardhana

About Our Singers

Hyde Park Neighborhood Choir Presto Ensemble Singers Conducted by Magdalena Delgado, Chicago Children's Choir

Bolade Christabel Abiola-Fagba
Janelle Acheampong
Isis Austin
Imani Bragg
Shelby Dixon
Arianna Fernando
Tarielle Hampton
Alethia Ikem

Derricka Matthews
Sophia Memon
Khushi Pusnur
Sophia Rademacher-Wedd
Kyra Rosen
Hannah Ruby
Anaya Scott
Tamsen Witczak

Music Selections

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Resilience - Abbie Betinis from the Justice Choir Songbook

Resilience, we are strong;
shoulder to shoulder
keep moving on.
Resilience, make a new plan;
stand up again
and say yes we can.
Resilience.

Oh! Oh! We are strong;
Hold on!
I wanna wake it
and I know we will,
yes it's hard to keep goin'
but it's worse to stand still.
Resilience.

Thanksgiving Blessings to You and Yours
from the



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Interfaith Council