Interfaith Sunday

Nurturing Faith, Hope and Healing



November 15th, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

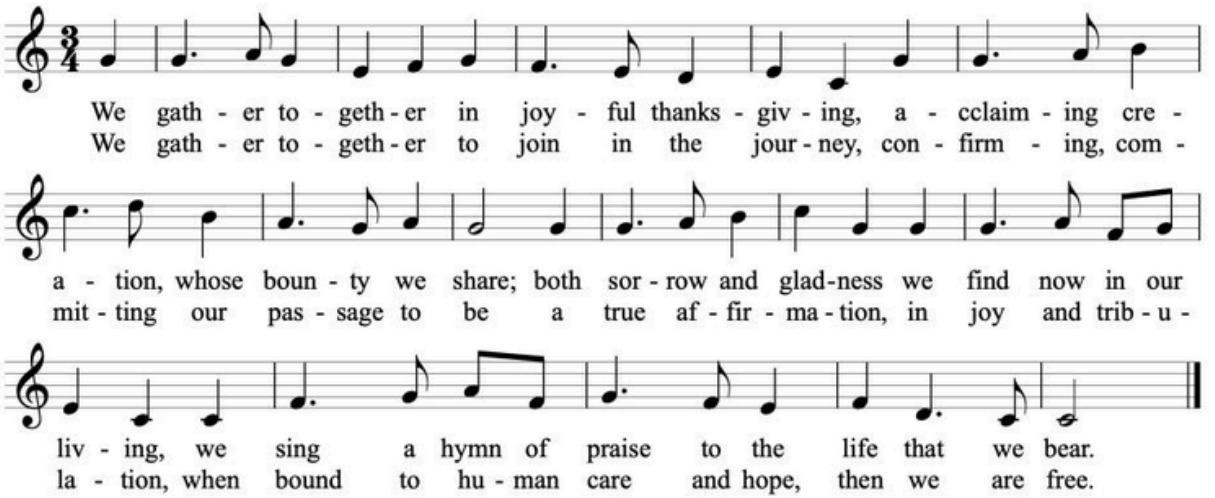
GATHERING MUSIC Annabel Hunter
Folk-song No. 5 of Six Sketches Cecil Armstrong Gibbs

WELCOME Pastor David Gray, Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

CALL TO WORSHIP Rabbi Eric Abbott, Bethesda Jewish Congregation
Khalid Usmani, Maqaam e Ibraham Islamic Center
Chancel Players, Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

***HYMN**

We Gather Together



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READINGS Pastor Denise Diaab, Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad, Maqaame Ibrahim Islamic Center

"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty… under God's wings you will find refuge; God's faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

- From Psalm 91

"Show (your) gratitude to God. Any who is (so) grateful does so to the profit of his own soul…God is free of all wants, Worthy of all praise…If any desire a reward in this life, We shall give it to him; and if any desire a reward in the Hereafter, We shall give it to him. And swiftly shall We reward those (with) gratitude."

- From Koran (31:12 and 3:145)

***INVITATION TO CHILDREN**

Children are invited, with the permission of their parents, to come forward and sit on the Chancel steps for the Children's Message.

The God of Abraham Praise vs. 1 LEONI

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed,
We bow and thank Your holy name, forever blest.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rosanna Howard, Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
Anika Manzoor, Maqaame Ibrahim Islamic Center
Becky Leavey, Bethesda Jewish Congregation

Children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to Church School following the Children's Message. Parents may pick up their children after the worship service in the following locations: Preschool and Kindergarten pick-up - downstairs | 1st - 5th grade pick-up - Covenant Hall.

REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN

The God of Abraham Praise vs. 2 LEONI

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old and You speak still.
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
All generations praise your name, your loving hand.

READING OF SACRED TEXTS

Rabbi Eric Abbott, BJC
Pastor Denise Diaab, BHPC
Khalid Usmani, MIIC

A CONVERSATION

What We Learn from Other Faith Traditions and
How Our Faith Traditions Can Help us in a Divided World

Pastor Denise Diaab (BHPC), Khalid Usmani (MIIC),
Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad (MIIC), Rabbi Eric Abbott (BJC),
Pastor David Gray (BHPC), Sheik Jalil Nawvie (IDARA)

SPECIAL MUSIC Rabbi Eric Abbott, BJC

"Let There Be Love" (Hashkiveinu)

Hebrew: Jewish Liturgy
English: Chaim Stern, based on BT B'rachot 16b
Music: Noah Aronson

Let there be love and understanding among us.
Let peace and friendship be our shelter from life's storms.

Hashkiveinu, Adonai Eloheinu,
Hashkiveinu l'shalom.

הַשְׁכִּיבֵנוּ, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ,
הַשְׁכִּיבֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם.

[Grant, O God, that we lie down in peace.]

CALL FOR OFFERING Shaheen Khan, MIIC
Evelyn Ganzglass, BJC
Brigitte Burgett, BHPC

Scan the QR code to make an offering, place your check in the offering plate with "interfaith offering" written in the memo, or place your offering in the ***Special Offering*** *envelope and write "interfaith offering" on the envelope. As in past years, loose offering will go to church expenses. As we make our offerings, we encourage you to fill out the fellowship pads in the pews; fellowship pads can be passed to the end of your row and back so that we might greet each other in our rows by name following the service.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Interfaith Choir
O Love Elaine Hagenberg

O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow,
May richer, fuller be.

O joy that seeks me through pain,
O I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O love that will not let me go,
O love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
I give Thee back the life I owe,
And in Thy ocean depths its flow.

RESPONSE IN PRAYER Pastor David Gray, BHPC

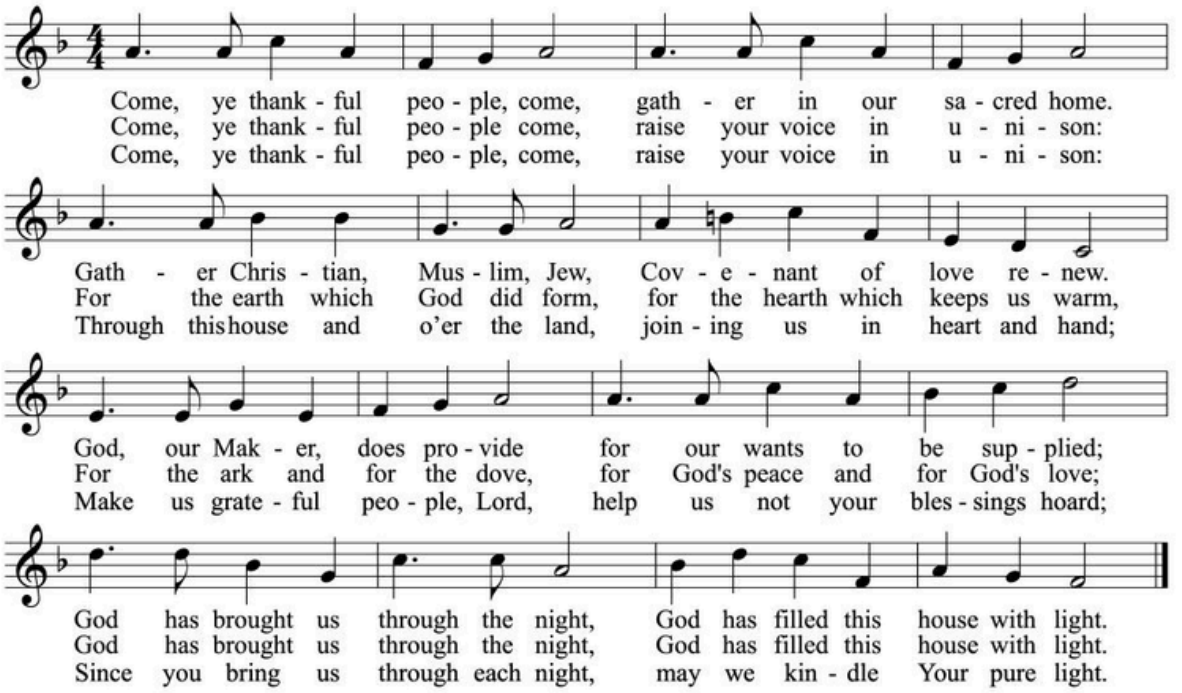
PRAYER FOR DAY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

In unison

Loving God, we thank you for your gifts to us. We praise you for the opportunity to worship you this day. Use these gifts which we return to you for your work in the world and help us to be agents of your peace and reconciliation. Amen.

***HYMN OF PARTNERSHIP**

Come Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR



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***BENEDICTION** Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad, MIIC
Rabbi Eric Abbott, BJC
Pastor David Gray, BHPC

***PASSING PEACE**

Interfaith Brunch

Following the service, you are invited to join us in Memorial Hall for brunch and conversation.

All are welcome!

What is the Inter-Congregational Partnership Committee?

The What | The Inter-Congregational Partnership Committee, ICPC, is a decades-old partnership originally between the Bethesda Jewish Congregation (BJC) and Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church (BHPC). In 2019, the Maqaame Ibrahim Islamic Center (MIIC) joined the partnership when it began sharing sacred space at 6601 Bradley Blvd. in Bethesda, Maryland.

The Why | The ICPC works to nurture connections among the three faith communities throughout the year through shared service projects, social and topical events, an annual interfaith Thanksgiving service, and an annual interfaith spring picnic. We believe that engaging one another face-to-face, having conversations over food, learning about each other's experiences, and sharing our faith traditions helps us to see one another more fully and build enduring relationships.



Interfaith Picnic



Authors Among Us



New Story Leadership



Pulpit Exchange

Look for more info on upcoming ICPC events from your congregation's communications or reach out to icpc6601@gmail.com.

The 2026 Interfaith Service Offering will be shared between two organizations that provide essential services to residents of our area and communities throughout Maryland: **We Are CASA and MobileMed**.

We Are CASA provides advocacy, leadership, and direct services to immigrant and working-class communities across Maryland. CASA also supports campaigns that advance police reform, tenants' rights, and protections for immigrants and workers. CASA offers a wide range of direct services, including English as a Second Language (ESL) and citizenship classes, community organizing training, and tax preparation services—all of which help individuals and families thrive.

MobileMed provides high-quality, culturally and linguistically appropriate healthcare to Montgomery County's most vulnerable low-income, uninsured, and underinsured residents, regardless of immigration status. In 2025, MobileMed provided 17,000 patient visits. This year, MobileMed launched a mobile clinic to expand access to care. Demand for affordable healthcare is rising as immigration-related fears discourage patients from seeking care at other facilities and changes restricting Medicaid eligibility take effect.

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS: PLEASE PRAY WITH US

We hold in God's healing presence those who are experiencing grief and loss.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations:

- We are truly grateful for our covenant community and look forward to our annual Interfaith Worship Service and Brunch.

We hold in God's healing presence those who are suffer pain, ill health or other concerns including:

- Those hospitalized, injured, facing/recovering from surgery, being treated for chronic illness, ALS, or Parkinson's, recovering from Covid, awaiting medical results, receiving hospice care, and/or isolated from the community.
- Those facing challenging issues and/or difficult decisions.

We hold in God's healing presence the suffering people of our world, and all the places where people are experiencing hurt and division:

- Prayers for our government leaders and for healing and unity for our country.
- The people hurting throughout the world.
- Those who live in hope for an end to gun violence.
- Those affected by hate, discrimination, and intolerance in all its forms.
- Those suffering from mental illness and/or addiction.
- Those who are caregivers.

Interfaith Service Project - Thanksgiving Baskets
After the 10:30 a.m. service | Covenant Hall



Stop by Covenant Hall on your way to the Interfaith Brunch to help assemble Thanksgiving baskets. These baskets will provide Thanksgiving dinner to families in need in Montgomery County.



Help Out with Smart Sacks
After the 10:30 a.m. service | Lounge

All are welcome to help pack Smart Sacks in the Lounge! This is a family-friendly mission opportunity that provides supplemental food to families in Montgomery County who are food deficient over the weekends. Help out by filling a Smart Sack with the provided items.

The Inter-Congregational Partnership
6601 Bradley Blvd.