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RECITATION OF THE QURAN

Imam Sheikh Elsayed Ashour
Islamic Center of Reading

Al-Fatiha (The Opening)

Surah 1

Bismillaah ar-Rahman ar-Raheem

Al hamdu lillaahi rabbil 'alameen

Ar-Rahman ar-Raheem Maaliki yaumid Deen

Iyyaaka na'abudu wa iyyaaka nasta'een

Ihdinas siraatal mustaqeem

Siraatal ladheena an 'amta' alaihim

Ghairil maghduubi' alaihim waladaaleen

Aameen

In the name of God, the infinitely Compassionate and Merciful.

Praise be to God, Lord of all the worlds.

The Compassionate, The Merciful. Ruler on the Day of Reckoning.

You alone do we worship, and You alone do we ask for help.

Guide us on the straight path,

The path of those who have received your grace;

Not the path of those who have brought down wrath,

Nor of those who wander astray.

Amen.

How shall we awaken to gratitude?

In kinship, knowing we of many faiths are bound together in love for each other.

In wonder, celebrating the extraordinary harvest of this prolific earth.

In appreciation, respecting the individual gifts we each bring to our communal gathering.

How shall we embody gratitude?

By sharing abundance, where there are those who hunger in body and spirit.

By strengthening resolve, where there are those who are oppressed.

By widening our welcome, where there are those whose gifts are denied.

How shall we declare gratitude?

With hearts outstretched to nurture empathy and fruitful service.

With renewed vigor to enlarge the circles of fairness and truth.

With a spirit of hope to magnify human worth and call us forth.

Together may we awaken to gratitude and be called to justice, love and service.

- Rev. Dr. S. Fees

Message *Is humility the key to gratitude?*

Rev. Dr. Nancy Omaha Boy

Rev Dr Nancy Omaha Boy became an interfaith minister after a progressive career in academic administration and teaching including as VP at RACC and academic dean at Rutgers University.

Her spiritual growth was fostered by her decades of family interaction on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota.

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All of Life is Filled With Wonder

HYMN OF JOY

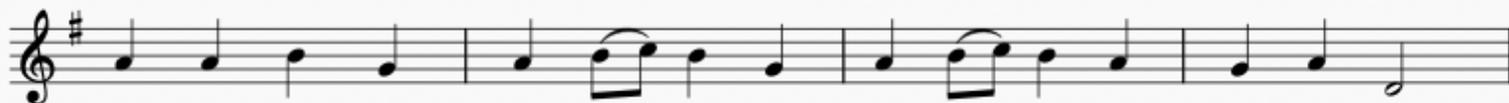
Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette



All of life is filled with won-der, so we thank you, God of love.
For the joy of dai - ly wak-ing, for the gift of each new day,
For the ways we're blessed with plen-ty: love and laugh - ter, neigh-bors, friends,
For your love in times of trou-ble, for your peace when things are tough,



For the crash of eve - ning thun - der, clear - ing clouds, then stars a - bove;
For the smell of fresh bread bak - ing, for the sound of child - ren's play.
Nat - ure's won - ders, sea - sons' boun - ty, life in you that nev - er ends,
For your help when hard-ships doub - le, for your grace that is en - ough.



For the night that turns to glow - ing as we feel the morn - ing mist,
For the ways we seek to serve you as we work and vol - un - teer,
For the ones who've gone be - fore us, giv - ing wit - ness to your way,
For a stran - ger's gen - tle kind - ness, for a doc - tor's heal - ing skill,



God, we praise and thank you, know - ing eve - ry day we're tru - ly blessed.
God, we hum - bly praise and thank you for your pres - ence with us here.
We re - joice in all you give us ev - ery mom - ent, ev - ery day.
God we thank you that you bless us and you bless your world as well.

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Prayer

Rev. Jan King
Wyomissing Church of the Brethren

Offering

Joanna Groebel
Reading Zen Sangha member

This evening's offering will support Helping Harvest

Offertory

God Has Work For Us To Do
Community Singers

Mark Miller

From Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation *(adapted)*

Amanda Hornberger
Interim CEO, Jewish Federation Reading/Berks

I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

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Communal Sending

Neil Hoffman, Judith Kraines
Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom

In this moment, mindful of our many blessings, may we form an intent to carry gratitude with us continually.

May we leave fear and jealousy by the wayside, making room in our hearts for contentment, satisfaction, and compassion.

May we start each day counting our blessings:

The blessings of being alive,

The many miracles of the living world we are one with,

The ability we possess to love and to be loved,

The many gifts and talents we have been graced with,

The support we receive and the support we are able to extend.

May our gratitude lead to action:

May we express our gratitude.

May we smile when we encounter each other on the path,

May we seek opportunities to share our talents with others,

May we express our love to one another,

May we give with no expectation of receiving.

May we seek to repair what is broken.

May we end each day counting the day's blessings,

Those we have received and those we have bestowed.

May we be a blessing. Amen. – Rabbi Maralee Gorden

Sending Song

Oseh Shalom

Nurit Hirsch
Cantor Ted Prosnitz
Keshar Zion Synagogue

Gracefully (♩ = 88)

A *capo 2:* Am Bm E7 (Em) F#7 (F#m) Am Bm A7 B7 Dm Em G A

O - seh sha-lom bim-ro - mav hu ya - a - seh sha-lom a -

C D Am Bm Dm Em G A Am (C Bm/D Am) Dm Em

lei - nu v' - al kol Yis - ra - eil, v' - im - ru, im -

Am Bm E7 F#7 Am Bm **B** A7 B7 *slightly faster* Dm Em G(7) A(7) C D

ru: a - mein. Ya - a - seh sha-lom, ya - a - seh sha-lom,

Am Bm E7 (B7 C#7) 1. E7 (F#7) Am Bm 2. (E7 F#7) Am Bm *Fine*

sha - lom a - lei - nu v' - al kol Yis - ra - eil. al kol Yis - ra - eil.

C Am Bm Em F#m Am Bm

Ya - a - seh sha - lom, ya - a - seh sha-lom, sha - lom a - lei - nu v' -

B7 C#7 E7 F#7 *D.S. al Fine*

al kol Yis - ra - eil.

עֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם
עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

May the One who causes peace to reign in the high
heavens let peace descend on us and on all Israel,
and let us say: Amen.

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Benediction

Rev. Megan Huesgen
Immanuel United Church of Christ

Postlude

Refreshments available in the parlor along with material of upcoming events among our community. Please feel free to visit with one another in the parlor and sanctuary. Table covering was created in 2019 as part of the Interfaith Story Walk event sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Reading/Berks.

Tonight's donations go to support the work of Helping Harvest. For more information on how their efforts serve our community, visit <https://helpingharvest.org>

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Proclamation of Thanksgiving *(full version)*

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln
William H. Seward, Secretary of State