

THE HYDE PARK & KENWOOD INTERFAITH COUNCIL PRESENTS



Interfaith
Thanksgiving
Celebration
2017

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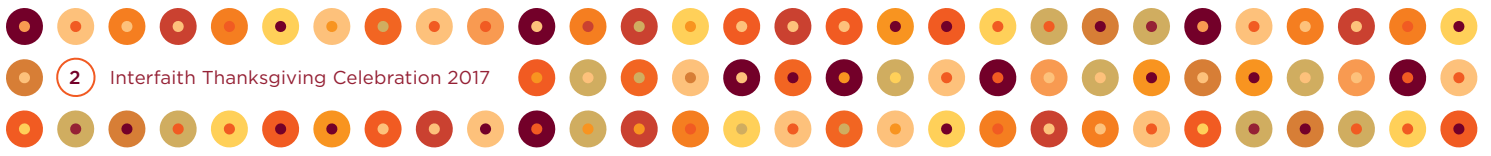
Featuring

CHICAGO CHILDREN'S CHOIR /

HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD CHOIR PRESTO ENSEMBLE

Rockefeller Chapel

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2017



HYDE PARK & KENWOOD INTERFAITH COUNCIL

Nearly every year since 1928, there has been a Thanksgiving Day service at Rockefeller Chapel. It is organized each year by the Interfaith Council as a way to share our diverse community's message of unity in difference and to raise money for our common work.

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rabbi Frederick Reeves, KAM Isaiah Israel

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Affan Arain, J.D., Hyde Park Muslim Family Circle

Reverend Julian DeShazier, University Church

Reverend Nancy Goede, Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park

Reverend Alice Harper Jones, Kenwood United Church of Christ

Mark Kutame, Ed.D., St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church

Barbara Marjean Maloof, Hyde Park Latter Day Saints Chapel

Contessa Miller, 57th Street Meeting of Friends

Rabbi David Minkus, Congregation Rodfei Zedek

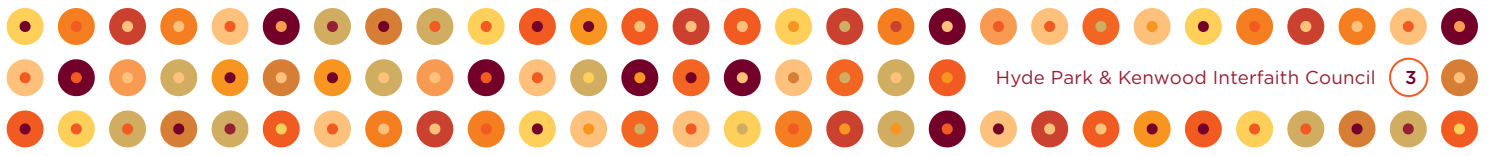
Sister Jamie T. Phelps, O.P., Ph.D., St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

Reverend Teresa Schwartz, First Unitarian Church

Reverend Ashley Whitaker, Hyde Park Union Church

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Eboo Patel, Founder and President, Interfaith Youth Corps,
Sacred Ground: Prejudice, Pluralism and the Promise of America



ORGAN PRELUDE

Processional

William Mathias (1934-92)

Thomas Weisflog UNIVERSITY ORGANIST

WELCOME

Rabbi Frederick Reeves PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

HYMN *Let All Things Now Living: A Song of Thanksgiving*

Unison

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing
 2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es,
 To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
 The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;
 Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,
 By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
 The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

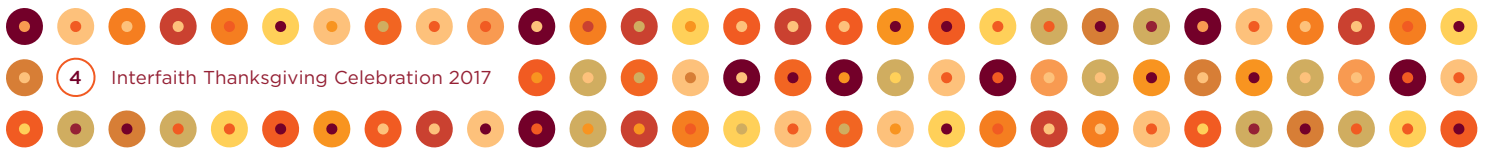
Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,
 We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing
 A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
 With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:

Unison

Till shad - ows have van - ished, All fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
 Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,
 As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
 To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt. Welsh folk melody Harm. Gerald H. Knight (1908-1979)



READINGS FROM FAITH TRADITIONS

Bishop Scott Shurtliff HYDE PARK LATTER DAY SAINTS CHAPEL

Shastri David Stone SHAMBHALA MEDITATION CENTER OF CHICAGO

Reverend Teresa Schwartz FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH

SONGS *Black Butterfly/Better is One Day* by Alencia Norris / Matt Redman
arr. Trey McLaughlin

We All Live Here

by W. Mitchell Owens, III

Chicago Children's Choir / Hyde Park Neighborhood Choir Presto Ensemble

Mollie Stone CONDUCTOR

Diane Lawrence ACCOMPANIST

READINGS FROM FAITH TRADITIONS

Malii Watts Carolyn BAHÁ'Í COMMUNITY OF HYDE PARK

Sister Jamie Phelps ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Doctor Amir Sufi MUSLIM FAMILY CIRCLE

THANKSGIVING ADDRESS

Sacred Ground: Prejudice, Pluralism and the Promise of America

Eboo Patel

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Reverend Alice Harper Jones KENWOOD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SONGS

Oseh Shalom

by Debbie Friedman

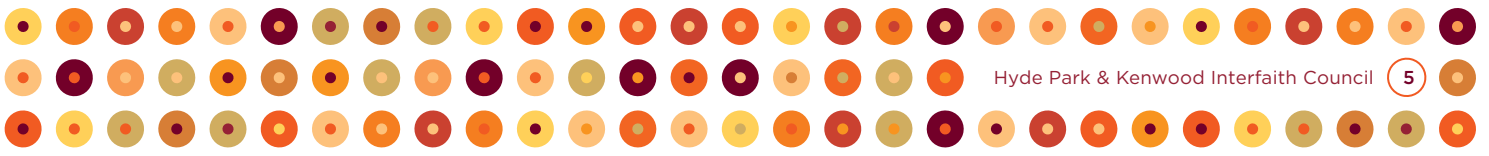
Thuma Mina

as taught by Bongani Magatyana

Chicago Children's Choir / Hyde Park Neighborhood Choir Presto Ensemble

SENDING FORTH

Reverend Nancy Goede AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HYDE PARK



HYMN

Ode to Joy

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
3. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav - en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flower - y mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

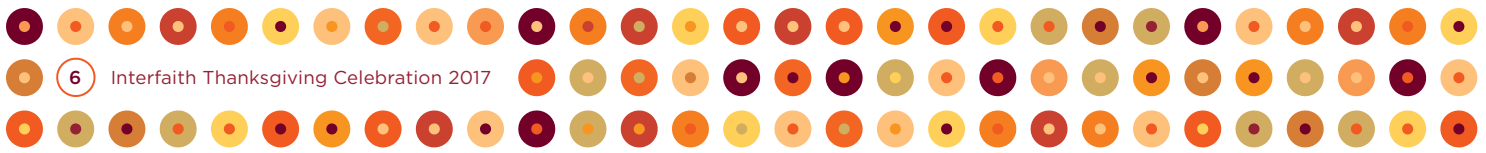
Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt. Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata in F

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Thomas Weisflog ORGAN



ABOUT EBOO PATEL

Eboo Patel is a leading voice in the movement for interfaith cooperation and the Founder and President of Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), a national nonprofit working to make interfaith cooperation a social norm. He is the author of *Acts of Faith, Sacred Ground and Interfaith Leadership*. Named by *US News & World Report* as one of America’s Best Leaders of 2009, Eboo served on President Obama’s Inaugural Faith Council. He is a regular contributor to the public conversation around religion in America and a frequent speaker on the topic of religious pluralism. He holds a doctorate in the sociology of religion from Oxford University, where he studied on a Rhodes scholarship. For over fifteen years, Eboo has worked with governments, social sector organizations, and college and university campuses to help realize a future where religion is a bridge of cooperation rather than a barrier of division.

Eboo will be available after the service in the narthex to sign his latest book, *Sacred Ground: Prejudice, Pluralism and the Promise of America*

ABOUT CHICAGO CHILDREN’S CHOIR



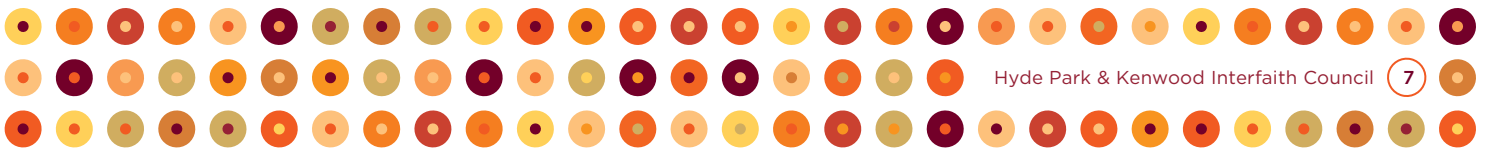
Chicago Children’s Choir’s mission is to inspire and change lives through music.

Founded as a single choir in Hyde Park at the height of the Civil Rights Movement in 1956, today Chicago Children’s Choir serves more than 4,600 youth who represent all 57 Chicago zip codes. The Choir’s founder, Reverend Christopher Moore, believed in using music to unite youth from diverse backgrounds. That simple yet powerful mission has grown exponentially, with programs in 85 city schools, 10 neighborhoods, a choir for boys with changing voices and the world-renowned Voice of Chicago. Under the leadership of President and Artistic Director Josephine Lee, Chicago Children’s Choir’s mission has been elevated to a world stage, using music to create global citizens and revolutionizing the youth choral arts.

Today’s performance will feature the Hyde Park Neighborhood Choir Presto ensemble, conducted by Mollie Stone. The Hyde Park Neighborhood Choir performs at community functions in Hyde Park and beyond, and has collaborated over the past year with the Hyde Park Youth Orchestra, Chicago Men’s A Cappella, Artemisia Trio and the University of Chicago’s Middle Eastern Music Ensemble. Recently, select singers performed in *Carmen* at the Lyric Opera of Chicago, *Ivan the Terrible* with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and *Lord of the Rings* at Ravinia Festival. Members of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Choir have participated in a number of performance tours across the country, including to Arizona, New Mexico, Massachusetts, Florida and West Virginia.

PRESTO ENSEMBLE:

Khalilah Abdullah	Leila Garfinkle	Jayla McKinney	Amber O’Sullivan
Ruth Andrews	Clara Grosse	Maya Mims	Jori Pilcher
Kathryn Arnold	Yeva Guthrie	Victoria Moreno	Nadia Pilcher
Allison Bridges	Naina Jolly	Tarini Mutreja	Sophia Samra
Camille Bryant	Livia Karlström	Isha Nayak	Kira Sekhar
Avery Burkholder	Kayla King	Roma Nayak	Amelia Sharma
Ella de Castro	Hanna Knowles	Hien An Ngo	Demia Simon
Zion Contreras	Lucia Kouri	Andrada Nicolae	Elena Stern
Lydia Corbey	Madison McCarter	Makayla Oscar	Fatima White



THE WORK OF THE INTERFAITH COUNCIL

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The Interfaith Council supports two hunger programs: a community food pantry and a soup kitchen. The food pantry, located at Hyde Park Union Church, provides nonperishable groceries and limited refrigerated and frozen foods to 500 to 800 people every month (Saturdays, 10 am to 1 pm). The soup kitchen, located at Kenwood United Church of Christ, offers a hot noon meal five days a week to anyone in need, as well as access to the Sanders Free Clinic. At both locations, as well as the monthly community breakfast at Augustana Lutheran Church, case manager Lynda Jones offers a listening ear and practical help to clients, addressing issues related to housing and health care, job opportunities, and life skills. The Interfaith Council provides funding for her case management services.

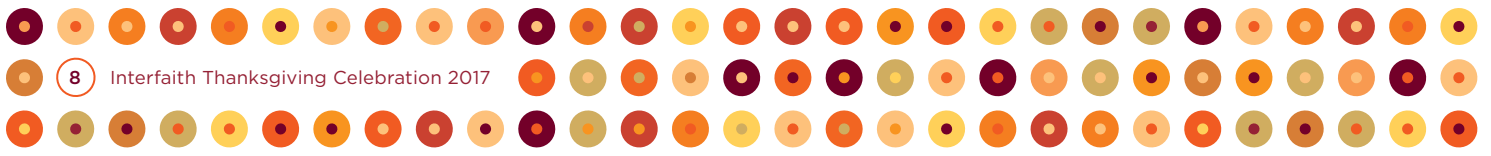
Both programs are largely staffed by volunteers. At the community food pantry, volunteers order food, unload deliveries, pre-pack bags and distribute food. Soup kitchen volunteers prepare and serve meals. The hunger programs are administered by the staff of Hyde Park Union Church under the umbrella of its 501(c)(3) status. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Hyde Park Union Church at 773-363-6063, office@hpuc.org

The Interfaith Council serves as the fiscal agent for the Hyde Park Refugee Project. Since its inception in October of 2016, the volunteer-run Refugee Project has recruited more than 70 community members, partnered with more than 25 organizations, raised more than \$40,000 in donations, and secured and fully furnished two apartments and clothing as well as arranged tutoring and mentoring for two refugee families. Learn more and get involved at hydeparkrefugeeproject.org

The Interfaith Council welcomes all individuals to participate in its work regardless of religious affiliation. Many who work in our programs are citizens concerned about social justice issues but without any faith affiliation. In the coming year, the Interfaith Council is exploring a partnership with the University Community Service Center at the University of Chicago. In order to take advantage of this opportunity, we are looking for individuals with expertise in human resource management, especially with payroll administration. If this is one of your gifts and you are interested, please contact the president of the Interfaith Council, Fred Reeves at freeves@kamii.org.

We hope you might consider the Interfaith Council in your end-of-year financial giving. Checks may be mailed to the Hyde Park & Kenwood Interfaith Council, 1448 E. 52nd St. #117, Chicago, IL 60615. With your partnership in the form of financial support and volunteerism, the Interfaith Council looks forward to being able to make a more significant impact in the lives of vulnerable populations such as refugees, homeless individuals and families impacted by economic hardship.

We wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!



HYDE PARK & KENWOOD INTERFAITH COUNCIL MEMBERS

57th Street Meeting of Friends

Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park

Ancient Dragon Zen Gate

Baha'i Community of Hyde Park

Catholic Theological Union

Congregation Rodfei Zedek

First Unitarian Church

Hyde Park Latter Day Saints Chapel

Hyde Park Muslim Family Circle

Hyde Park Union Church

KAM Isaiah Israel

Kenwood United Church of Christ

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

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St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

University Church

SAVE THE DATE! Thursday February 22, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Joe Levin, co-founder of the **Southern Poverty Law Center** speaks at Augustana Lutheran Church, 5500 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL 60637