

Dubuque Area Congregations United
Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service

Wednesday, November 25, 2015

(If you brought food items for the Dubuque Food Pantry, please place them in the containers at the front of the sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity!)

PRELUDE Dr. Thomas Dickey

WELCOME Fr. Joseph Hauer, Pastor
Resurrection Catholic Church

MEDITATION Resurrection Youth Leadership Team
Michael Banwarth, Accompanist

CALL TO WORSHIP Sara McCaw, 2015 DACU President

*OPENING HYMN “Come Ye Thankful People, Come” Hymn # 606

FIRST READING A Prayer for Our Earth Intern Pastor Dave Raemisch

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Stretch my vision so that I do not forget those who hunger and search for shelter each day. Remind me when I am using and buying material things, to do so with care. Enable me to use the Earth’s resources responsibly so that there will be enough to go around for all who live on this green planet today and in the future.

SECOND READING Qur’an 2:30-34 *Surat Al-Baqarah* Dr. Adib Kassas
Translation: And when your Lord told the Angels: I am making a deputy for the earth. They said: Are you going to create one who will corrupt the earth and shed blood in it while we are glorifying your praise and exalting you? God said: I know what you do not know. And he taught Adam the names, all of them....And when we told the Angels to prostrate down to Adam so they prostrated...

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Compassionate Creator, stir in my soul. Call me again and again, to be a true child of the universe. May I be attentive and alert to how you would have me live my abundant life. Grant me the generosity to share it with others.

*HYMN “America the Beautiful” Hymn #845

*Please stand if you are able

THIRD READING The Human in Every Stranger Alex Silver

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Awaken me each day to gratitude for all that I so easily take for granted. Let my eyes do more than just read the stories in the daily paper or watch them on the evening news. Let my eyes take those stories to my heart where I am one with all who dwell on the Earth. Touch my compassion so that I know the pain of the hungry, the violated, the homeless, the burdened, and all those who yearn for some of my riches. AMEN

*HYMN “This is My Song” Hymn #846
(Led by Resurrection Youth Leadership Team)

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Patty Caraher, O. P.

REFLECTION Toni Harris, O.P.
“Audacious Compassion: Lamentations 3: 22-26”
God’s acts of mercy are not exhausted, God’s compassion is not spent;
They are renewed each morning—great is your faithfulness!
God is my portion, I tell myself, therefore I will hope in God.
God is good to those who trust in God, to the one that seeks God;
It is good to hope in silence for God’s deliverance.

OFFERING FOR PEOPLE IN NEED “Compassion in Action” Alan Garfield

OFFERTORY Dubuque Chorale Children’s Choir
“The Corn Song” Laura Chase, Accompanist
(by John Wittier / Gustav Holst, edited by Henry Clough-Leighter)

*OFFERING PRAYER *(Everyone)*
Eternal Source of good, we thank you for the numberless gifts and blessings that fill our days; for life itself and its endless variety; for all that sustains body and mind; for love and friendship; for the delights of the senses; and for the excellence of your Word, which deepens our life and enriches our days. Help us, O God, to work for a just and compassionate society, where all may share your gifts in the joy of freedom. AMEN.

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN “Let All Things Now Living” Hymn #608

SENDING BLESSING Rev. Dr. Kenneth Bickel

POSTLUDE Dr. Thomas Dickey

Participants

Michael Banwarth, Resurrection Catholic Church
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Bickel, First Congregational UCC
Patty Caraher, O.P.

Laura Chase, Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir
Dr. Thomas Dickey, First Congregational UCC Organist & Choir Master
Alan Garfield, Temple Beth El
Toni Harris, O.P.

Fr. Joseph Hauer, Resurrection Catholic Church
Dr. Adib Kassas, Tri State Islamic Center
Sara McCaw, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, DACU President
Father Jack Paisley, Resurrection Catholic Church
Intern Pastor Dave Raemisch, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Alex Silver, Temple BethEl

Members of the Resurrection Youth Leadership Team (Amy Dolan, Director)
Members of the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir (Karmella Sellers, Director)

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Dr. Adib Kassas, Dr. Donald Wood, Lynn Wagner, P.B.V.M.

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Audacious Compassion

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