

Greenbelt Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration
Mishkan Torah
Wednesday, November 22, 2023
7:30 pm

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Celebration: Rabbi Saul Oresky

One: As a community we come together in the Spirit of love and unity to praise and to pray together.

ALL: Abba, Allah, Father, Mother, Elohim, Divine Wisdom, we are called to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves as you have shown us to love.

One: You are the giver of all good things,

All: We thank you for your many blessings.

Let us sing songs of Thanksgiving: Pianist, Susan Breon, Greenbelt Community Church UCC

Opening Song: "We Gather Together"

Thanksgiving Meditation: Pastor Gloria Cline-Smythe

Thanksgiving Meditation: Imam Teslim Alghali

Song of Thanksgiving: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Thanksgiving Meditation: Joe Parks

Thanksgiving Meditation: Psalm 136 Pastor Richard Adejumo

Invitation for Giving: Susan Walker

Blessing of the Land: Pastor Clara Young

Leader: Eternally Present God, God of all creation, we aspire to be like those who fully felt the movement of the earth as wonderful and treated it as a gift from you.

All: Our ways of speed and progress and development are not always the route to true wisdom which embraces all of life, the quiet forest and the windswept plains and prairies.

Leader: It is with respect that we remember the many tribes and countless indigenous Americans that inhabited the continent.

ALL: Yet it is also with sense of shame and of accountability that we ask to right that which was taken unethically, immorally, and illegally.

Leader: In the name of justice and of love for our neighbor, may we seek the one true Spirit at work in different ways with different people.

ALL: Let us embrace with friendship all of God's creation and listen and learn from the variety of ways that God chooses to touch and embraces us. Amen

Thanksgiving Message: Reverend Ray Raysor

Closing Prayer: Farinaz Firouzi

Closing Song: "America the Beautiful"

We are so glad for everyone who was able to join the Community Thanksgiving Celebration this evening. The Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association sponsors this service.

Please join us for a reception after the service.

As we prepare to gather for Thanksgiving meals, some of our neighbors are hungry. As we return to our homes, some of our neighbor's face eviction and homelessness. The Thanksgiving Gifts received tonight will benefit the Greenbelt Emergency Relief Fund. Please be generous. Checks may be made out to "City of Greenbelt". Checks can also be mailed to City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. 20770.

Participating Congregations in GILA

College Park United Methodist Church	Reverend Evelyn Rivera
Good Samaritan Lutheran Church	Pastor Gloria Cline-Smythe
Greenbelt Baha'i Community.	Farinaz Firouzi & Jim Fischer
Greenbelt Catholic Community	Trudy Conrad
Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ	Reverend Clara Young
Mowatt United Methodist Church.	Reverend Evelyn Rivera
Mishkan Torah Congregation.	Rabbi Saul Oresky
St Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church.	Susan Walker
Sierra Leone Islamic Center	Imam Teslim Alghaii
Soka Gakkai International- USA	Joe Parks
The RCCG Restoration Church	Pastors Abby Daramola, Richard Adejumo Elder Banks Akinbinu