

Community Interfaith  
Thanksgiving Celebration



Mishkan Torah Congregation  
Wednesday, November 26, 2025  
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 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 how to love.**

**ONE:** You are the Giver of all good things.

**ALL:** **We thank you for your many blessings.**

**OPENING SONG: \*** ***“We Gather Together”***

**THANKSGIVING MEDITATION:** Pastor Gloria Cline-Smythe

**ANTHEM:** Greenbelt Combined Choir

**THANKSGIVING MEDITATION:** Imam Teslim Alghali

**SONG of THANKSGIVING: \*** ***“Come Ye Thankful People Come”***

**THANKSGIVING MEDITATION:** Joe Parks

**ANTHEM:** Greenbelt Combined Choir

**THANKSGIVING MEDITATION:** Pastor Aubra Love

**INVITATION for GIVING:** Susan Walker

**CREATION SPIRITUALITY MEDITATION:** Deacon Melissa Sites

**CLOSING PRAYER: \*** Farinaz Firouzi, Jim Fischer

**CLOSING SONG: \*** ***“America the Beautiful”***

( \* ) – Please stand as you are able in body or spirit

**Special thanks to:** Pianist and Choir Director Susan Breon  
and the Greenbelt Combined Choir

We are so glad for everyone who was able to join the Community Thanksgiving Celebration this evening. The Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA) 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 neighbors face eviction and homelessness. The Thanksgiving Gifts received tonight will benefit the **Greenbelt Emergency Assistance 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. Note on the check that it is for the **Greenbelt Emergency Assistance Fund**.

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### **Participating Congregations of GILA**

College Park Methodist Church	Pastor Evelyn Rivera
Good Samaritan Lutheran Church	Pastor Gloria Cline-Smythe
Greenbelt Bahá'í Community	Farinaz Firouzi, Jim Fischer
Greenbelt Catholic Community	Trudy Conrad
Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ	Pastor Aubra Love
Mowat Memorial Methodist Church	Pastor Evelyn Rivera
Mishkan Torah Congregation	Rabbi Saul Oresky
Piscataway Indian Nation	Adam Greene
St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church	Susan Walker
Sierra Leone Islamic Center	Imam Teslim Alghali
Soka Gakkai International – USA	Joe Parks
The RCCG Restoration Center	Nicholas Costen
The First Baptist Church of Highland Park	Reverend Ray Raysor
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church New Carrollton	Deacon Melissa Sites
Community	Peter May

# We Gather Together

C Dm7 G C

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask for God's bless - ing,  
 2. Be - side us to guide us, O God, we per - ceive you  
 3. May all sing your prais - es, Re - deem - er tri - um - phant,

G C D G Am D7 G

to turn to a wis - dom sur - pass - ing our own;  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing the pow - er of life.  
 de - fend us, be - friend us, what - ev - er may be.

G7 C Dm7 G7

the pow'rs that op - press us now cease to dis - tress us.  
 Yes, yours be the glo - ry; let all tell the sto - ry.  
 May your con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion.

F G C Dm7 G7 C

O God, be pres - ent with us, and make your will known.  
 Our God, be ev - er with us, in glad - ness and strife.  
 Your name be praised for - ev - er, O God, make us free!

## COMISSION

## 394 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Henry Alford, 1844

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

George Elvey, 1858

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1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to His praise to yield,  
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His har-vest home;  
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to Thy fi - nal har-vest home.

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from His field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give His an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in Thy pres - ence to a - bide:

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in His gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 come, with all Thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

# America, the Beautiful

Katherine Lee Bates

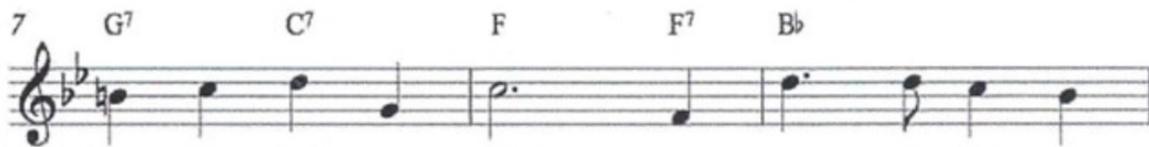
Samuel Ward



O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of  
 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern im - pas - sioned  
 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In li - ber - a - ting  
 O beau - ti - ful for pat - riot dream That sees be - yond the



grain, For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A -  
 stress, A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A -  
 strife, Who more than self their coun - try loved, And  
 years, Thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, Un -



bove the frui - ted plain! A - mer - i - ca! A -  
 cross the wil - der - ness! A - mer - i - ca! A -  
 mer - cy more than life! A - mer - i - ca! A -  
 dimmed by hu - man tears! A - mer - i - ca! A -



mer - i - ca! God Shed His grace on thee, And  
 mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw, Con -  
 mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine, Till  
 mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee, And



crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea!  
 firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy li - ber - ty in law!  
 all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - 'ry gain di - vine!  
 crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea - to shin - ing sea!