

Interfaith Service of Lament, Healing and Hope

7:00 pm, Thursday, December 29, 2022

Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church

Prelude

Music on the Handpan

Lisa Davila

Welcome

Rev. Anne Richter, St. Ambrose Episcopal Church

A Time of Lament for the Losses

Song of Lament

Performed by Heatherlyn

How Long

Words and Music by HeatherlynMusic.com

How long must we wait for justice? How long must we wait for peace?
How long till scales fall from our eyes and we can truly see?
When will waters of forgiveness flow, restoring life to this wilderness.
Wash away injustice, let prisoners go free

Chorus: How long? How long? How long? How Long? How long?

Bring comfort to the brokenhearted, Bring relief to the distressed
Beauty in the place of ashes, a lightness for this heaviness
When will come the year of Jubilee, when all our debts will be released?
When will factions dissipate, and enemies make peace?

Chorus: How long? How long? How long? How Long? How long?

Litany of Lament

Natalie Devine, Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

Adapted from a litany by Trina Kleist. Please join in speaking the words in bold.

Holy One, when we cry out in fear and desperation,
Raise us up from the ashes and hear us.

When fire swallows up our hopes and dreams,
Raise us up from the ashes and hear us.

When our lives and livelihoods are consumed by flame,
Raise us up from the ashes and hear us.

When smoke clouds our hope and shrouds our joy,
Raise us up from the ashes and hear us.

Holy One, when fires rage and consume the land,
Stir up in us the fire of your love.

When homes are reduced to embers and ashes,
Stir up in us the fire of your love.

When families are displaced and tomorrow is uncertain.
Stir up in us the fire of your love.

Calm the anxiety that turns us in on ourselves.
For in you, Lord, is new life.

Grant us faith to trust that even the dust will live by your breath.
For in you, Lord, is new life.

Extend our lives in service, that we might plant the seeds of hope.
For in you, Lord, is new life.

Holy One, in the wake of fires that devour and consume,
Refresh us with the water of life.

In the barren places of ash and dust,
Refresh us with the water of life.

When all we can see is devastation and despair,
Refresh us with the water of life.

When we drink from the wellspring of hope,
We are restored.

When we dance in the fountain of life
We are renewed. Amen.

Announcement

Natalie Devine, Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

Song

Be Still and Know

Performed by the Saint Ambrose Episcopal Choir

Prayer During Distress

Hadi Abdulmatin
Outreach Director, Islamic Center of Boulder

A Time of Healing

Song of Healing

Performed by Heatherlyn

A Song for New Beginnings

Words and Music by HeatherlynMusic.com

Chorus: For all we say goodbye to, for all we say hello to
For all that's gone away, all that remains, whatever comes
For all we have been through, strength and wonder for the new year
Hand in hand, my friends, we'll learn, live and love into all we become.

It's a simple turn of time, it could be any other day
Yet reminds us where the rhythm starts,
not any source but the beat of your heart
Let me say, my friend, just as you are, you're more than enough
However you're drawn to grow I'll be here, I will lift you up.

New beginnings every day, every moment of your life
Though light of day grows longer now
New life of spring remains in the ground
Seasons have their times, effortless presence in the flow
Wherever roots go down deep, dark a while, soon awakening.

Words of Healing

Tim Hillmer, St. Ambrose Episcopal Church

Prayers for Healing

Sung by Cantor Devorah Avery,
Congregation Har HaShem

Mi Shebeirach

Music and Lyrics, Debbie Friedman and
Drorah Setel

Mi shebeirach avoteinu

M'kor hab'racha l'imoteinu

May the source of strength

Who blessed the ones before us

Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing

And let us say Amen

Mi shebeirach imoteinu

M'kor habrachah l'avoteinu

Bless those in need of healing with *r'fuah sh'leimah*

The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit

And let us say Amen

A Time of Hope in Community

Chant and Words of Hope and Peace

Venerable JianMin, Executive Director
and Venerable JianQi, Docent Director
Great Dharma Chan Monastery

Words of Hope

Ben Brodsky, Congregation Har HaShem

Psalm 121

Rabbi Marc Soloway, Congregation Bonai
Shalom

Words of Hope

Rev. Stephanie Kopsch, St. John's Episcopal

Closing Song

Performed by Heatherlyn

Ever

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Being Breathed EP

Peace ever
Joy ever
Following you
Light ever
Love ever
Radiating through

Hope ever
Faith ever
Strengthening you
Life ever
Breath ever
Nourishing you

And everywhere you go, may you always be home.
And everyone you meet, be messengers of peace.

Let your light shine through
And your heart ever be true
Move in grace and gratitude
And walk in wisdom, sharin' all that's good.

Peace ever
Joy ever
Following you
Light ever
Love ever
Radiating through

And everywhere you go, may you always be home.
And everyone you meet, be messengers of peace.

May we choose courageously
May we hope defiantly
May we love outrageously
And walk on lightly in humility.

May we choose courageously
May we hope defiantly
May we love outrageously
And walk on lightly in humility.

Beauty and Laughter
Ever filling you
Friendship, Affection
Surrounding you

Closing

Rev. Anne Richter, Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church



Many Thanks To

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church * The Islamic Center of Boulder
Congregation Har HaShem * The Great Dharma Chan Monastery
Congregation Bonai Shalom * Saint John's Episcopal Church
Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church * HeatherlynMusic * Centura Avista Adventist Hospital
And the many volunteers who have helped with the service

Providers from Mental Health Partners will be available to counsel anyone during or after the service. Please see their table in the narthex (entry) of the church.

Join us in Barcelona House for refreshments and a time for conversation after the service. Barcelona House is the separate building at the back of the sanctuary.

Thanks to a generous donation from Centura-Avista Adventist Hospital, free Christmas ornaments and a small selection of plants are available on the back tables in Barcelona House. Please take one.

Therapist Maren Benevento LCSW (<https://maren-beneventolcsw.clientsecure.me>) is offering three free sessions of brief grief work to fire survivors in January and February 2023 in her new office on the Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church campus. She has room for two clients. Please contact Maren through her website, or ask Rev. Anne Richter (revanne.stambrose@gmail.com) for more information.

Additional Events in Commemoration of the Marshall Fire and Wind Event

Marshall Fire Solidarity Breakfast – Friday, Dec. 30 *(open to all)*

Superior Community Center, 1500 Coalton Road from 7-11 a.m.

Join us for an open house style breakfast featuring hot and cold foods and beverages from Serendipity Catering. All those impacted by the Marshall Fire including our first responders and volunteers are welcome to attend.

Community Storytelling – Friday, Dec. 30 *(for those impacted by the fire and wind event)*

Superior Community Center, 1500 Coalton Road from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Superior Rising presents Community Storytelling, with the support of Colorado Public Radio. Listen in as residents affected by the fire share their story. Superior Rising is seeking storytellers.

A Service of Remembrance, Reflection, and Resilience – Friday, Dec. 30 *(open to all)*

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 506 Via Appia Way, Louisville at 11 a.m.

Gather in community as we commemorate the first anniversary of the Marshall Fire. The worship service will be streamed live, and available to watch on demand after the event.

WOW! Children’s Museum hosting Community Playtime – Friday, Dec. 30

110 N. Harrison Ave., Lafayette, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

WOW! will be open exclusively to families impacted by the Marshall Fire, including first-responder families. Free with registration.

Marshall Renews Art Exhibition – Dec. 30-Feb. 4

375 S. McCaslin Blvd, Suite B, Louisville

Opening event: Friday, Dec. 30, from 7-10 p.m.

Exhibition hours: Wednesdays-Sundays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The juried exhibition explores the Marshall Fire’s impact on Colorado’s communities of Louisville, Superior, portions of Unincorporated Boulder County, and portions of Boulder by giving voice to victims as well as local artists.

For a complete list and access to registration for these events please see:

<https://bouldercounty.gov/marshall-fire-commemoration/>

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See our website for information about our Community Cairn of Remembrance for the Marshall Fire.