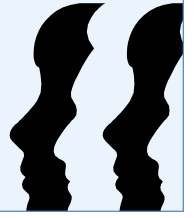




Interfaith Unity Feast

1556 Bell Road - Nashville, TN

We are drops of one ocean, leaves of one tree.



Progressive Revelation

- **Welcome - Carol Mansour**
- **Opening Prayers**

Bahá'í Prayer

Magnified be Thy name, O Lord my God! Thou art He Whom all things worship and Who worshipeth no one. Who is the Lord of all things and is the vassal of none, Who knoweth all things and is known of none. Thou didst wish to make Thyself known unto men; therefore, Thou didst, through a word of Thy mouth, bring creation into being and fashion the universe. There is none other God except Thee, the Fashioner, the Creator, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

I implore thee by this very work that hath shone forth above the horizon of Thy will, to enable me to drink deep of the living waters through which Thou hast vivified the hearts of Thy chosen ones and quickened the souls of them that love Thee, that I may, at all times and under all conditions, turn my face wholly towards Thee.

Thou art the God of power, of glory and bounty. No God is thee beside Thee, the Supreme Ruler, the All-Glorious, the Omniscient.— **Bahá'u'lláh**

Hindu Prayer

Supreme God, your light is brighter than the sun, your purity whiter than mountain snow, you are present wherever I go. All people of wisdom praise you.

So I too put faith in all your words, knowing that everything you teach is true. Neither the angels in heaven nor the demons in hell, can know the perfection of your wisdom, for it is beyond all understanding. Only your Spirit knows you; only you can know your true self.

You are the source of all being, the power of all power, the ruler of all creatures. So you alone understand what you are. In your mercy reveal to me all that I need to know, in order to find peace and joy.

Tell me the truths that are necessary for the world in which I live. Show me how I can meditate upon you, learning from you the wisdom that I need. I am never tired of hearing you, because your words bring life. —**Bhagavad Gita**

Christian Prayer (the words of Jesus Christ)

I do not pray for these only [his Disciples] but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. The glory which Thou hast given Me, I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one, I in them and Thou in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me and hast loved them even as Thou hast loved Me.— **John 17: 20-23**

- **Guest Speaker - Dr. Faryab Lohrasbi**
- **Music - Dan Brayall**
- **Holy Writings**

From the Hindu Holy Writings

When righteousness is weak and faint and unrighteousness exalts in pride then my spirit arises on earth for the salvation of those who are good. For the destruction of evil in men. For the fulfillment of righteousness, I come to this World, from age to age. — **Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 4: 6-7**

From the Buddhist Holy Writings

And the Blessed One replied:

“I am not the first Buddha who came upon earth, nor shall I be the last. In due time another Buddha will arise in the world, a Holy One, a supremely enlightened One, endowed with wisdom in conduct, auspicious, knowing the universe, an incomparable leader of men, a master of angels and mortals. He will reveal to you the same eternal truths which I have taught you. He will preach his religion, glorious in its origin, glorious at the climax, and glorious at the goal, in the spirit and in the letter. He will proclaim a religious life, wholly perfect and pure; such as I now proclaim.” — **Metteyya, Chapter 96 of 100**

From the Zoroastrian Holy Writings

When a thousand two hundred years and some have past from the inception of the religion of the Arabian [Muhammad] and the overthrow of the kingdom of Iran and the degregation of the followers of My religion a descendent of the Iranian kings shall be raised up as a prophet.
— **Zoroaster**

From the Muslim Holy Writings

Say: We believe in God and that which is revealed to us; in what was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and the tribes; to Moses and Jesus and the other prophets by their Lord. We make no distinction among any of them, and to God we have surrendered ourselves.
— **Qur'an 2:136**

We have not sent Thee but as a universal (Messenger) to men, giving them glad tidings, and warning them (against sin), but most men understood not. They say: “When will this Promise come to pass if ye are telling the truth?”

Say: “The appointment to you is for a Day which ye cannot put back for an hour nor put forward.” — **Qur'an 34:28-30**

From the Jewish Holy Writings

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Of the increase of his government there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. — **Isaiah 9: 6-7**

- **Music — Dan Brayall**
- **Holy Writings**

From the Christian Holy Writings

[Jesus said to the Jews:] Your father Abraham rejoiced that he was to see My day; He saw it and was glad.” The Jews then said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”
— **John 8:56-58**

and then Jesus said to his Disciples:

I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you unto all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. — **John 16:12-14**

From the Bahá'í Holy Writings

The All-Knowing Physician hath His finger on the pulse of mankind. He perceiveth the disease, and prescribeth, in His unerring wisdom, the remedy. Every age hath its own problem, and every soul its particular aspiration. The remedy the world needeth in its present-day afflictions can never be the same as that which a subsequent age may require. Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in, and centre your deliberations on its exigencies and requirements.— **'Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings, pg. 116**

The door of the knowledge of the Ancient Being hath ever been, and will continue for ever to be, closed in the face of men. No man's understanding shall ever gain access unto His holy court. As a token of His mercy, however, and as a proof of His loving-kindness, He hath manifested unto men the Day Stars of His divine guidance, the Symbols of His divine unity, and hath ordained the knowledge of these sanctified Beings to be identical with the knowledge of His own Self. Whoso recognizeth them hath recognized God. Whoso hearkeneth to their call, hath hearkened to the Voice of God. — *'Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings, Ch. 21.*

If thou wilt observe with discriminating eyes, thou wilt behold them all [the Manifestations of God] abiding in the same tabernacle, soaring in the same heaven, seated upon the same throne, uttering the same speech, and proclaiming the same Faith. . . . Wherefore, should one of these Manifestations of Holiness proclaim saying: "I am the return of all the Prophets," He, verily, speaketh the truth. In like manner, in every subsequent Revelation, the return of the former Revelation is a fact, the truth of which is firmly established . . . — *'Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings, Ch. 34*

There can be no doubt whatever that the peoples of the world, of whatever race or religion, derive their inspiration from one heavenly Source, and are the subjects of one God. The difference between the ordinances under which they abide should be attributed to the varying requirements and exigencies of the age in which they were revealed Arise and, armed with the power of faith, shatter to pieces the gods of your vain imaginings, the sowers of dissension amongst you. — *'Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings, Ch. 111*

- **Powerpoint - One God**
- **Closing Prayer**

From the Jewish and Christian Faiths

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

— *Numbers 6:24-27*

- **Closing Remarks**
- **Refreshments**



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