SHARING TOGETHER IN FAITH

JULY 23RD AT 4:15 PM IN ROOM 147B OF THE CONVENTION CENTER

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The purpose of the Interfaith Worship is to share expressions of worship from a variety of faiths as we share together. The hope in sharing is to recognize the unique and the universal experiences in time together. We are United as Girl Scouts and in honoring faith. All Responses are in **bold.** Please join as is appropriate to your faith.

Litany of the Saints – A Catholic Prayer

As we begin, we ask our ancestors and mothers in faith to pray with us. The response is "**pray for us**"

St. Michael, **pray for us.**
St. Gabriel, **pray for us.**
St. Raphael, **pray for us.**
All you Holy Angels and Archangels, **pray for us.**
Mother Sarah, **pray for us.**
Mother Rachel, **pray for us.**
Mother Rebecca, **pray for us.**
Mother Ruth, **pray for us.**
Mary, mother of Jesus, **pray for us**
St. Mary Magdalene, **pray for us.**
St. Agnes, **pray for us.**
St. Cecilia, **pray for us.**
St. Catherine, **pray for us.**
St. Clare, **pray for us.**
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, **pray for us.**
St. Katharine Drexel, **pray for us.**
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, **pray for us.**
All you Holy Saints of God, **pray for us.**

Lord, let the effects of your blessing and grace remain with our Girl Scouts. Give them new life and strength of spirit so that the power of your love will enable them to accomplish what is right and Good. **Amen.**

Honoring the Founder - African Methodist Episcopal

We come together from many faiths, united by service, leadership, and community. Today, we honor Richard Allen, founder of the AME Church, whose courage and commitment to justice inspire us to lead with purpose and serve with compassion.
Richard Allen taught us to serve our communities.
All: We will serve others with kindness and respect.
The Girl Scout Promise calls us to help people at all times.
All: We will be helpful, caring, and responsible leaders.
Together, we build bridges of understanding and peace.
All: We will respect and welcome all people.

Richard Allen demonstrated that faith inspires action. Girl Scouts continue his legacy by being honest, fair, friendly, helpful, courageous, and strong, and by working to make the world a better place.
Thank you for Richard Allen's example and for the gift of gathering. Guide us to lead with courage, serve with compassion, and treat everyone with dignity and respect.
Amen.

All: We are Girl Scouts. We are leaders. We are called to serve.

A Prayer to the Holy Spirit - Eastern Orthodox

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth,
You who are in all places and fill all things.
Treasury of blessings and Giver of Life,
Come and dwell in us,
Cleanse us of every stain,
And save our souls, O Gracious Lord

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Glory to you, who have shown forth the light.
Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, good will to all people.
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
We glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory…
For in you is the source of life; in your light we shall see light…
Holy God, holy Mighty, holy Immortal, have mercy on us.
The Great Doxology (Excerpts)

The Inspirational Message is being shared by Girl Scouts, with Leah leading.

The Crayon Box

Narrator - while walking into a toy store the day before today, I overheard a crayon box with many things to say.

Reader one - "I don't like red."
Reader 2- "nor do I."
Reader 3- "and no one here likes orange, but no one knows just why."
Reader 4 - "We are a box of crayons that don't get along; something here is very wrong."

Narrator -Well, I bought that box of crayons and took it home with me and laid out all the colors so that the crayons all could see. They watched me as I colored with red, blue, and green, black, and white, and orange, and every color in between.

They watched as green became the grass and blue became the sky, and the yellow sun was shining bright on white clouds drifting by. And when I finally finished, I began to walk away, and as I did, the crayon box had something more to say.

Reader 1-“ I do like red.”
Reader 2- “so do I”
Reader 3- “and Blue, you were terrific”
Reader 4 – “so high up in the sky”

All readers – “we are a box of crayons, each one of us unique, but when we get together, the picture is more complete.”

Narrator - we are all different, like a box of crayons; we come from different schools, families, and groups of friends. Each of us is unique and brings something special, but we are also bound by what we have in common, and we are all Girl Scouts bound to our promise and law and committed to making the world a better place.

The Girl Scout Law - Through an Islamic Lens

When we look out at the world, it’s easy to focus on our differences. But one of the greatest gifts of gatherings like this is the opportunity to discover how much we have in common.

As Girl Scouts, we come from many backgrounds, cultures, and faith traditions. Yet we are united by one Promise and one Law—a commitment to be people of courage, kindness, integrity, and service. As a Lifetime Girl Scout and a Muslim, I've found that the values of the Girl Scout Law are deeply reflected in the teachings of Islam.

The Girl Scout Law begins by calling us to be **Honest and Fair**. The Qur'an teaches: "O you who believe! Stand firmly for justice, as witnesses for God, even if it is against yourselves or your parents and relatives." [Qur'an 4:135]

We promise to be **Friendly and Helpful**, Considerate and Caring.

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said:
"None of you truly believes until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself." [Sahih al-Bukhari 13]. In Islam, this extends to our sisters, our neighbors, and all of humanity.

We strive to be **Courageous and Strong**.

The Prophet (pbuh) reminded us: "The strong person is not the one who overcomes others by strength, but the one who controls himself when angry." [Sahih al-Bukhari 6114]

The Girl Scout Law encourages us to use resources wisely.

The Qur'an reminds us:
"Eat and drink, but do not waste. Indeed, God does not love those who are wasteful." [Qur'an 7:31]

Finally, we promise to **Make the World a Better Place**. In Islam, every act of service - no matter how small - is considered a form of worship. Serving others is one of the most honored ways to draw closer to God.

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) taught that even the simplest acts of service matter: "Removing something harmful from the road is an act of charity." [Sahih al-Bukhari 2827]

Faith is not simply about what we believe—it's about how we live. It's about choosing honesty over convenience, compassion over indifference, courage over fear, and service over self.

As we gather here from many faith traditions, may we celebrate not only what makes each of us unique, but also the values that bring us together. And when we live these values together, we don't just strengthen our troops - we strengthen our communities and our world.

Metta Meditation (Respect for myself and others /Make the world a better place) - Buddhist

-May I be happy and well, may no harm or difficulties come to me. May I live in peace and with ease.

-May my family be happy and well, may no harm or difficulties come to them. May they live in peace and with ease.

-May my friends be happy and well, may no harm or difficulties come to them. May they live in peace and with ease.

-May my teachers be happy and well, may no harm or difficulties come to them. May they live in peace and with ease.

-May strangers be happy and well, may no harm or difficulties come to them. May they live in peace and with ease.

-May my enemies be happy and well, may no harm or difficulties come to them. May they live in peace and with ease.

-May all beings be happy and well, may no harm or difficulties come to them. May they live in peace and with ease.

Take a moment to think about the feelings of love and compassion that you have cultivated during this meditation.

The Heart of our Faith in a Scripture- Lutheran

Romans 1:17 "For in it [the Gospel] the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'"

A Three-Mile Walk - United Methodist

A young woman once asked an older Methodist pastor, "What does it really mean to be a Christian in the Wesleyan way?"

The pastor didn't answer. Instead, she pointed down the road and said, "Walk with me."

They walked one mile in silence. Finally, the young woman said, "Are we going somewhere?"
"Yes," the pastor replied, "to the place where grace found you before you ever thought to look for God.

That's the first mile—prevenient grace. God walked it long before you did."

They walked a second mile. The pastor said, "This is the mile where you learn to trust Christ, where grace becomes personal and saving. But Wesleyans never stop here. Salvation is a doorway, not a finish line."

They walked a third mile. The pastor stopped and looked her in the eye. "This mile is the Wesleyan mile. It's where grace becomes holiness of heart and life—where faith becomes love, where Scripture becomes a way of living, where you discover that God's grace doesn't just forgive you; it forms you."

The young woman asked, "So the Wesleyan tradition is a three-mile walk?"

"No," the pastor said. "It's the decision to keep walking. Grace goes first, grace saves, and grace makes us like Christ. Our job is simply to keep saying yes."

Miracles by Rabbi Sidney Goldberg (about Modim- the prayer of thankfulness) - Jewish

We look for miracles in the extraordinary, while too often we remain oblivious to the miracles which abound in the ordinary moments of our lives.

Our lives are drenched in miracles. Miracles are all around us - and within us. We are each walking miracles.

When we are bruised, what miracle heals us? When we sleep, what miracle restores us? When we see beauty, what miracle elevates us? When we hear music, what miracle moves us?

When we are suffering, what miracle saddens us? When we give and receive love, what miracle warms us? When we pray what miracle renews us?

Every springtime is a miracle, every snowflake is a miracle, every newborn is a miracle. The thoughts we think, the words we utter, the hopes we cherish - each is a miracle.

We live from miracle to miracle. That is why the Modim reminds us to be thankful for God's miracles which are daily with us.

Thank you for coming today.

When we all stand together, like the crayons in a box or lights of respect and compassion for the world, we become a miracle, United by Girl Scouts and a shared respect for faith. Come see the Faith Booths in the hall.

Thank you for being here and more so for being who you are.

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