“Honoring the Guest”
First Sunday
Interfaith Worship Series
Exploring Diverse Faith & Spiritual Traditions

Each year, since April 1998, Interfaith Community Church has welcomed guests into our Sanctuary to share the beauty, love, prayer, scripture, spiritual practices and teachings of their traditions. Through this collective experience we benefit deeply through being in one another’s presence and over time we develop lasting friendships as individuals and community to community. Together we find our intersection of agreement, respect our differences and share an appreciation of the Divine Mystery that infuses all our lives. Join us in this exploration and discover more about yourself, others, and about diverse ways of worshiping.

Morning Worship begins at 10:00am
Welcome 2011 Presenters

Sunday, January 2nd
INTERFAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH
“Our Annual Intention Setting Worship Celebration”

On the first Sunday of the year, Interfaith Community Church members gather together to set our collective intention for the new year. We will be introducing our spiritual focus “A Compassionate Life in 12 Steps,” a continuation of the work we accomplished the previous year through deepening in the values within the Charter for Compassion. This year we will also enjoy an abundance of meditation along with prayers from officers and ministers with music, song and merriment. Join us in co-creating sacred community!

Visit our website: www.interfaithcommunitychurch.org to discover more or contact Rev. Karen Lindquist; interfaithcommunitychurch@yahoo.com.

Sunday, February 6th
REV. LILA RAPCEWICZ
“Awakening the Flame Within ~ My Journey Into the Goddess Tradition through Wicca”

Rev. Lila will share the story of how she came to the Wicca tradition, guide us in creating sacred space, lead a Ritual in dedication to the Goddess/God and together we will chant and share from our hearts.

Lila is an Eclectic witch and began her studies into Goddess tradition in her teens. She joined her first coven in 1990 where she was initiated as a High Priestess in the Celtic tradition. She became a Non-Denominational Minister in 1998 and performs all rights of passage. As an active member of the Interfaith Community church, she helps bring Wicca to a wider audience through community service and rituals.
You can contact Lila at lilarapcewicz@yahoo.com or call, 206-941-3365.

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March 6
REVEREND CHEEN
“Know Yourself”
Who am I? If I can be a witness to myself, am I myself? How does a Buddhist deconstruction of the "I", an identity held on to tight and long, help us to know our true self? What are the means and the results of such an inquiry along the path of compassion?


April 3
ANDREW HIMES “Living the Fundamentals in the Age of the Spirit”
Fundamentalism is nurtured both by love and fear. What are the historical and cultural roots of fundamentalism? What can we learn from fundamentalists about the need to connect with the essence of faith? How do we rediscover Jesus as the prophet of compassion and justice? How can we travel from the Age of Belief into the Age of the Spirit?

Andrew Himes is the author of the just-published book, “The Sword of the Lord: the Roots of Fundamentalism in an American Family.” His granddad was John R. Rice, founder of the Sword of the Lord newspaper, evangelist, author of scores of books, and mentor to thousands of younger preachers from Billy Graham to Jerry Falwell. Himes was the founder of the Voices Education Project and produced the documentary film “Voices in Wartime.” His web site is at www.andrewhimes.net.

May 1
TRUDY JAMES "Listening as an Act of Love"
Trudy James believes and teaches that listening is a tool for healing available to all of us. As a hospital chaplain and a trainer for volunteers supporting persons living with AIDS, Trudy will share meaningful stories derived from her experiences and work.

Trudy James is a retired hospital chaplain with twenty years experience creating congregation-based volunteer careteams to support people living and dying with AIDS; work that began in the days when everyone died. She has also been a chaplain at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. She has learned first hand about the importance of community where people listen, and can talk freely about death. Visit her website to learn more: http://trudyjames-heartwork.com/abouttrudy.html.

June 5
TIM MALONE “Contemplative Practice Leads to Healing Compassion”
One Fruit of a Contemplative Practice emerges as Healing Compassion. Today we will invite Spirit as Healing Energy to open our hearts and minds to becoming more and more conduits of Compassion in our daily encounters.

Through silent meditation, song, prayer and chant we will access the Contemplative core in each one of us. Gathered together in this space we can share the same power which flowed through Jesus to heal and Buddha to make peace between nations.

Tim Malone, M.Div will facilitate with heart and skill honed as a spiritual director, World Religions teacher, Meditation mentor, Group facilitator & passionate Ritual Presider/ musician/Poet with the Spiritual Exercises (SEEL). For more info Visit: www.timmalone.org

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July 3
UNITED RELIGIONS INITIATIVE “Be The Change.”
Interfaith Community Church founding members were directly involved in the launch of the United Religions Initiative Charter in June 2000. This Sunday morning worship service will recall the URI Call for 72 hours of Peacebuilding at the turn of the millennium that established our interfaith music and prayer gathering offered annually on New Year’s Eve. We will participate in a ceremonial reading of the inspiring words of the URI Charter written through a global dialogue in ‘99. This global dialogue was based in Appreciative Inquiry: Discover, Dream, Design, Destiny! Participants include our URI Cooperation Circle members, URI Leadership Council member and newly appointed URI-NA Cooperation Circle liaison, Margie Coles, and you — Be the Change You Wish to See In the World!
See URI website for more information: www.uri.org. Or contact Rev. Karen Lindquist
interfaithcommunitychurch at yahoo dot com.

August 7
MOHAMMAD FANI “Ibn Arabi”
"It is He who is revealed in every face, sought in every sign, gazed upon by every eye, worshipped in every object of worship, and pursued in the unseen and the visible. Not a single one of His creatures can fail to find Him in its primordial and original nature.”
~ Ibn 'Arabi, Futuhát al-Makkiyya
Mystic, philosopher, poet, sage, Muhammad Ibn 'Arabi is one of the world’s great spiritual teachers. Ibn 'Arabi was born in Murcia, Al-Andalus, in 1165 and his writings had an immense impact throughout the Islamic world and beyond. The universal ideas underlying his thought are of immediate relevance today.
Mohammad Fani is Director of Interfaith at Islamic Educational Center of Seattle, Director of Interfaith dialogue and understating at Cascadia Center at Camp Brotherhood and a member of scriptural reasoning committee at Seattle University. He can be reached at pacificcascadia@yahoo.com.

September 4
The Seattle AMMA SATSANG
“Worshiping the Goddess Through Song”
This service will provide an introduction to four of the Hindu Goddesses (Saraswati, Durga, Kali and Lakshmi). Following each introduction the group will sing a devotional song to that Goddess.
The Seattle Amma Satsang is a group of people who strive to follow the teachings of Amma (Mata Amritanandamayi), an internationally known spiritual leader and humanitarian. Through Amma’s example, we are inspired to love, pray and serve.
Contact: Karuna Poole karunap108 at Comcast dot net
View website: www.seattlesatsang.amma.org

October 2
Rabbi Olivier BenHaim “Opening our Hearts to Forgiveness”
Opening our hearts to forgiveness is one of the most important spiritual practice that we could ever take-on in our life. When spirituality is understood as a path to liberate ourselves from our narrow identification with ego, then forgiveness of self and others supports the release which allows us to awaken to ever broader, ever more inclusive levels of identity. In forgiving we allow ourselves to move beyond the stories which keep us stuck, surrender the guilt, the anger and the resentments which perpetuate our identification with a separate sense of self.
Rabbi Olivier is the Rabbi of Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue in Seattle. A teacher of non-dual Judaism, anchored in Jewish tradition; he approaches Torah as a paradigm for spiritual awakening and a lens for exploring one’s Jewish identity. He fosters a Jewish spiritual practice which includes guided and silent meditations, mystical chant, ecstatic music, song & dance. You can e-mail him at rabbi.olivier@betalef.org or learn more about Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue at www.betalef.org

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December 4
REV. KAREN LINDQUIST
“Light”

There is a primary prayer practice in all the worlds faith and spiritual traditions to invoke divine Light. Is the Light we experience on earth a metaphor for Divine Illumination? Is Light the closest element available to us for understanding the Divine? We will experience some Rituals of Light to help us deepen in our experience and understanding of the uncomparable beauty of Light.

“The Light of God before me. The Light of God behind me.
The Light of God above me. The Light of God beside me.
The Light of God within me.” ~ From the Prayer of St. Patrick

Karen Lindquist is co-founder & co-minister of ICC. Call her at: 206.783.1618.

November 6
SISWINKLAE KATRINA LAUREL BOUCHER
“SISIWISS ~ Sacred Life, Sacred Breath”

Si.Si.Wiss is the medicine way of the Northwest Coastal first Peoples preserved and shared by teachers, Taqseblu, Wis.stem.men.knee, Siswinklæ and many more who have shared the wisdom of the earth with open hearts and open minds for thousands of years. Within this worship service we hope to receive teachings, hear prayers spoken in ancient languages with drumming and song and to listen to teaching stories of old.

Siswinklæ Katrina Laurel Boucher is co-facilitator of the Red Cedar Circle with Wis.stem.men.knee Johnny Moses. Gatherings are offered weekly at Interfaith Community Church on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30pm. She may be reached through email: siswinklæ at yahoo dot com.