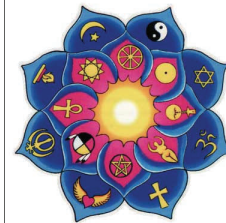




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Sunday Morning Worship Service begins at 10:00am

SUNDAY MARCH 7:
Rev. John-Otto Liljenstolpe (aka Joshua) shares **“The Cross — it’s Meaning for Everyday Life.”** Each of the Abrahamic Faiths has its own readily recognizable symbol: Judaism’s six pointed star and Islam’s crescent moon and star and Christianity’s cross. All of these symbols have a history and a deeper meaning. The historical context of the cross is generally well known; but what is its [deeper] meaning?

Rev. Liljenstolpe, M.Div. is an ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He began his justice and peace ministry in ‘65 when he traveled to Selma Alabama to march with Dr. Martin Luther King. First Sunday **Interfaith Worship Series: Exploring Diverse Faith and Spiritual Traditions** is co-created with Rev. Karen Lindquist. To learn more see the ICC website.

UNIVERSAL WORSHIP at NOON with Cherag Michael Douglas
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SUNDAY MARCH 14:
Rev. Debra Lajimodiene *Rev. Debra honors her First Peoples ancestry and Christian upbringing.* Our **GUIDING COUNCIL** meeting follows the morning worship. *The GC is the decision-making body of our community. We need members, officers and minister to attend—in that order!*

SUNDAY MARCH 21:
Jamal Rahman honors his Muslim Sufi spiritual tradition and weaves insights from the Eastern Wisdom traditions within this worship service. *Inspirational music by Yanadevi.* **A Community Potluck follows the morning service.** Website: www.jamalrahman.com.

SUNDAY MARCH 28:
Rev. Steven Greenebaum **“An Interfaith Passover”** We will celebrate the Passover in the Social Hall with an Interfaith Seder. *(Read more on page 2 of this issue.)* The Interfaith Community Choir offers song. *Steven honors his Jewish and Unitarian Universalist spiritual traditions. He may be reached at home: 425.778.2152. Website: www.livinginterfaith.org.*

Children’s Classes

Children's classes are held in the Lavender Room concurrent with the Sunday service. Classes focus upon the Oneness of God; the Oneness of Religion and the Oneness of Humanity using interfaith prayer and stories that aid in developing spiritual virtues. Story, music, games and crafts are used to deepen the learning experience. Children 5 through 12 welcome. Teacher, **Gita Mongate** was born & raised in Iran. She is a member of the Seattle Baha'i community. The Baha'i community places great emphasis on the moral and spiritual education of children and youth, with a focus on providing ongoing opportunities for developing a sense of world citizenship and a lifelong commitment to serve humanity.

Questions?
Call Rev. Karen Lindquist
206.783.1618.

NPR looks at Interfaith Children's Classes:
<http://bahai.us/NPR-childrens-class>

Premiere

“MARY MAGDALENE
~ The Greatest Story Never Told”
A Miracle Play by Margaret Starbird



Saturday evening March 20th

7:30pm

location; Interfaith Community Church Sanctuary

Requested Love Offering \$10.00 door opens at 7pm

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<http://charterforcompassion.org/learn/partners/>

Community Gatherings:

- **WE ARE AN ENTIRELY VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY:** We welcome your support, contribution and inspiration. Join us in creating sacred community!
- **WORSHIP SERVICES**
Sundays at 10:00 AM
- **UNIVERSAL WORSHIP**
First Sunday – noon
- **GUIDING COUNCIL**
Second Sunday
- **COMMUNITY POTLUCK:**
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Film & Dialogue Saturday March 6th

The Islamic Educational Center of Seattle, Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue and Interfaith Community Church are gathering together to share an evening of deepening friendships through film and dialogue **Saturday evening March 6th** beginning at 6:30pm with a reception and light refreshments. Following the reception, we will begin the film promptly at 7:00 pm. We will have a short break after the 90 minute film and then begin our friendly dialogue.

The film we are reviewing is, **"ARRANGED,"** a story of friendship between an Orthodox Jewish woman

and a Muslim woman who meet as first-year teachers at a public school in Brooklyn, New York, USA. Over the course of a year they learn they share much in common - not least of which is that they are both going through the process of arranged marriages.

You can read more about it at website: <http://www.arrangedthemovie.com/>

For more about IECS see website: <http://iecsseattle.org/template.php?page=interfaith.php>

For more about Bet Alef see website: <http://www.betalef.org/>

For more about ICC see website: www.interfaithcommunitychurch.org

“An Interfaith Passover” Sunday March 28th 10am

On **Sunday March 28th** we will offer our 4th annual **Interfaith Passover** led by Rev. Steven Greenebaum. The service will begin at **10:00am** as we gather together at the Seder Table in the Fellowship Hall. Passover celebrates the freedom of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery and is a time to celebrate the spirit of Freedom for all. Within a ritual of prayer, story and song, brief messages will be offered from Jewish, Tibetan, First Peoples and Islamic traditions. Readers will be chosen from those gathered and we will enjoy a ‘meal’ of Matzo Ball soup.

For this interfaith Passover and Seder meal we will be hosting a minister and youth group from St. Steven’s Episcopal Church. Let us warmly welcome these visitors and all guests this day — everyone is always welcome at the Seder Table.

Volunteers will meet at 5:00pm on Saturday to set up the Fellowship Hall and table. (There is a class in the FH that day, please do not arrive early.) There are also several cooking opportunities. Also, volunteers, please arrive by 9am Sunday morning for last minute set up and final cooking! Let Steven know if you can help; steven.greenebaum@verizon.net, 425.778.2152.

Charter for Compassion

A Call to Bring the World Together:

The principle of compassion

lies at the heart of all religious, ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves. Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the centre of our world and put another there, and to honour the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect.

It is also necessary

in both public and private life to refrain consistently and empathically from inflicting pain. To act or speak violently out of spite, chauvinism, or self-interest, to impoverish, exploit or deny basic rights to anybody, and to incite hatred by denigrating others—even our enemies—is a denial of our common humanity. We acknowledge that we have failed to live compassionately and that some have even increased the sum of human misery in the name of religion.

We therefore call upon all men and women ~ to restore compassion to the centre of morality and religion ~ to return to the ancient principle that any interpretation of scripture that breeds violence, hatred or disdain is illegitimate ~ to ensure that youth are given accurate and respectful information about other traditions, religions and cultures ~ to encourage a positive appreciation of cultural and religious diversity ~ to cultivate an informed empathy with the suffering of all human beings—even those regarded as enemies.

We urgently need

to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world. Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity. It is the path to enlightenment, and indispensable to the creation of a just economy and a peaceful global community.

See more on website:

<http://charterforcompassion.org/>

'Passover affirms the great truth that liberty is the inalienable right of every human being.'

- Morris Joseph

Root Steward Program at Interfaith Community Church—Your Chance to Help us Grow and Flourish

Now is a great time to set your intention for on-going support to Interfaith Community Church through our Root Steward Program. Root Stewardship makes it possible to support our church community by setting an intention to send a regular, monthly, tax-deductible financial gift to help with our monthly operating expenses. Your financial gift grounds and stabilizes our community, preserves our future and assures that we will continue to grow and flourish. No amount is too large or too small. It's easy to become a Root Steward or to adjust your monthly pledge. Simply talk to Sally Jo Gilbert de Vargas, ICC Treasurer, or David Heitmiller, ICC President. There are also forms available on the table in the fellowship hall.

INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERIES 2010

co-created with Rev. Karen Lindquist

The Interfaith Community Church congregation welcomes our 2010 presenters for the “Interfaith Worship Series: Exploring Diverse Faith & Spiritual Traditions.”

March 7; “**The Cross — it’s meaning for everyday life**” ~ John-Otto Liljenstolpe.

April 4; “**Easter; Ancient Roots & Mystical Meaning**” ~ Karen Lindquist.

May 2; “**Harmonizing Science and Religion**” ~ Shirin Venus.

June 6; “**Healing the Earth One Place at a Time**” ~ Anne Fitzgerald.

July 4; “**Spiritual Liberty**” ~ Tsukina Blessing

August 1; “**Resting in God: Guided Meditation for Cultivating Compassion**” ~ Timothy J. Malone.

September 5; “**The Tribe of Ibrahim, a dervish perspective**” ~ Haji rifaat Osborne.

October 3; “**Blessings of the Mother**” ~ Suzanna McCarthy.

November 7; “**The Bahai Faith**” ~ presenter tba

December 5; “**Approaching Midwinter — the Light Born of Darkness**” ~ Cherag Michael Douglas

For more information about this important interfaith worship series, contact Rev. Karen Lindquist 206.783.1618.

BENGALI VILLAGE Free Medical Clinic

In January, Kamal Rahman distributed blankets to the people of the Bengali Village of Mahdipur!

The Bengali Village of Mahdipur is the ancestral village of Kamal, Aysu, and Jamal Rahman. Their great grandfather, Maulana Hedayatullah, a revered spiritual teacher and healer, established a school for women and a boy's orphanage within the village many years ago.

In '94, Karen Lindquist and Jamal Rahman began interfaith home worship gatherings called "Circle of Love" and one of the charitable activities of the congregation was an annual fundraising dinner in support of the village. A "Trust of Maulana Hedayatullah" was established within Bangladesh to receive donations raised at the dinner.

In August '09 Kamal and Aysu Rahman were special guests of Interfaith Community Church and they shared about the needs of the people within the village of Mahdipur during a worship service. We were delighted and excited by Aysu's vision -- and the Rahman family's longtime dream -- of establishing a free medical clinic within the village. As a medical doctor, Aysu's understanding of what is needed within the village, with our help and her network of professional colleagues willing to offer their expertise is making this dream a reality!

Kamal, currently living in Dhaka, Bangladesh, is beginning construction on a building that will serve as housing for visitors and house the medical clinic.

Contributions to the village may be made to ICC.

Soldier's Heart

Soldier's Heart is a national veteran's return and healing project addressing the emotional and spiritual needs of veterans, their families and communities. Soldier's Heart promotes and guides community-based efforts to heal the effects of war based on methods developed by Dr. Edward Tick, author of the book *War and the Soul*. (www.soldiersheart.net.)

Soldier's Heart Seattle (SHS) is working on ways to educate and inform the general public about the psycho-spiritual needs of veterans, and to address these needs locally as a community.

For more info, email Sally Jo Gilbert de Vargas at sallyjogilbert@gmail.com, or call 206-420-2723. View the local webpage on the ICC website:

<http://www.interfaithcommunitychurch.org/soldiersheartseattle.html>

A Request: Please **always park in the parking lot** before parking on the street. Our neighbors Thank You!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1 9-10am [FH] Stroller Strides</p> <hr/> <p>\$ Esta'furullah Zikr 7:30PM 1706 NW Market St. 98107</p>	<p>2 ACIM Study Group 7-9PM [L]</p>	<p>3 9-10am [FH] Stroller Strides</p> <p>Red Cedar Circle 7-9PM [F]</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 9-10am [FH] Stroller Strides</p>	<p>6 10:00-4:00 Blush of the Be- loved Retreat (F) (\$)</p>
<p>7 <u>10am Worship:</u> Rev. John-Otto Liljenstolpe "The Cross— it's meaning for everyday life" Children's Class [L] <u>Noon:</u> Universal Wor- ship [S] Reflections [L]</p>	<p>8 9-10am [FH] Stroller Strides</p> <p><i>Blush of the Beloved</i> 7-9 PM (F) [\$]</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9-10am [FH] Stroller Strides</p> <p>Red Cedar Circle 7-9PM [F]</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 9-10am [FH] Stroller Strides</p>	<p>13 all day play rehearsal [S]</p> <p>Dances of Universal Peace 7:30 pm [FH] hosted by Yanadevi</p>
<p>14 <u>10am Worship:</u> Rev. Debra Lajimodiene Children's Class Guiding Council mtg Dialogue: Reflec- tions [L]</p>	<p>15 9-10am [FH] Stroller Strides</p> <p><i>Blush of the Beloved</i> 7-9 PM (F) [\$]</p>	<p>16 ACIM Study Group 7-9PM [L] 7:00—Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>17 9-10am [FH] Stroller Strides</p> <p>Red Cedar Circle</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 9-10am [FH] Stroller Strides</p>	<p>20 all day play rehearsal [S]</p> <p>PLAY PREMIERE: "MARY MAGDALENE ~ the Greatest Story Never Told." Doors open at 7pm.</p>
<p>21 <u>10am Worship:</u> Jamal Rahman Yana Devi Children's Class POTLUCK</p> <p>Noon: Dialogue: Reflections [L]</p>	<p>22 9-10am [FH] Stroller Strides</p> <p><i>Blush of the Beloved</i> 7-9 PM (F) [\$]</p>	<p>23 7:00—Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>24 9-10am [FH] Stroller Strides</p> <p>Red Cedar Circle 7-9PM [F]</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 9-10am [FH] Stroller Strides</p>	<p>27 1-5pm Group Breathe [FH] Sahila ChangeBringer</p> <p>Set up for Seder 5pm</p>
<p>28 <u>10amWorship:</u> Interfaith Passover and Seder in Fellowship Hall with Rev. Steven Greenebaum Children's Class Noon: Reflections [L] 1:30-3:30 Soldier's Heart Healing Circle [L]</p>		<p>When we meet with love, we shall be whole. ~Hawaiian Proverb</p>		<p>"Truly, in the remembrance of God do hearts find rest." [Qur'an: 13:28]</p>		

Please, use hair products, personal products, perfumes and essential oils sparingly when attending gatherings. Our chemically sensitive individuals thank you!

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"A Center of Light of all Seekers of Divine Wisdom"

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Our Spiritual Focus for 2010;
The Charter for Compassion
A call to bring the world together...
<http://charterforcompassion.org/>

Our Mission: *To create a home of Love and Truth as a center of light for all seekers of divine wisdom.*
Our Goal: *To encourage personal growth in unconditional spiritual love.*



"MARY MAGDALENE ~ The Greatest Story Never Told"
a Miracle Play by Margaret Starbird

Join us **Saturday March 20th** at **7:30pm** for the premiere of a new and original play written and produced by Margaret Starbird: **"MARY MAGDALENE ~ The Greatest Story Never Told"**
Requested Love Offering \$10.00.
Door opens at 7pm.

Our Vision

We are a truly interfaith community dedicated to healing and education.

We desire our Worship Celebrations and the life of the community to reflect our interfaith openness and welcoming spirit.

Through our openness, welcoming spirit, and mutual respect, we are a center for healing.

We Believe Interfaith Includes the Following:

We consider all faith and spiritual traditions as paths toward One God.

We believe each expression of God valuable.

We honor all expressions of God.

We welcome individuals from all faith and spiritual traditions.

We consider each person's path valid for him or her.

We honor the personal path of each sincere, open, honest seeker.

We Offer the Following Affirmations:

We seek the truth and speak our truth without fear.

We are open to hearing and learning from each other.

We reflect on our interfaith vision and nurture it in our hearts.

We pray for the realization of our interfaith vision!

ONGOING GATHERINGS

MONTHLY GATHERINGS:

The DANCES of UNIVERSAL PEACE:
Second Saturdays 7:30-9pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for live music, devotional song and movement. All are welcome ~ no experience necessary! **The Dances of Universal Peace** are a joyous, multi-cultural way to touch the spiritual essence within ourselves and others. The Dances use sacred and inspirational phrases and chants, music and movements from the many spiritual traditions of the world to promote peace, community and personal well-being. There are no performers or audience - new arrivals and old hands form the dance circle together. For more information, please contact Yana at yanadevi@gmail.com 206-522-1909. www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org.

UNIVERSAL WORSHIP

First Sundays at Noon in our Sanctuary with Cherag Michael Douglas. "The Universal Worship celebrates the unity and equality of all religious faiths on one altar..." Michael may be reached at: 206.769.1980 or email: icons@speakeasy.net. A "Cherag" is derived from a Persian word meaning 'lamp.' The title recognizes Michael as a minister within the Sufi Order International.)

COMPASSION FROM THE INSIDE OUT:
Group "Breathes" 4th Saturdays each month 1:00pm — 5:00PM.

Uncover compassion and love for yourself and the world, discover and release fears and blockages and 'maintain' your spiritual, emotional and physical health, using this special integrated breathing

technique.

Bring your yoga mat, blanket and pillow. Refreshments provided. \$75.00 per session (normally \$125.00 privately.) 10% discount when you book 3+ sessions (50% deposit required.) Open to bartering, flexible payment plans and scholarships. Limited to 15 participants. Call Sahila ChangeBringer on 206.679.1738 for information and to register. Visit website: www.metamind-spirit.com. *Sahila ChangeBringer has more than 20 years experience as a spiritual counselor, teacher of metaphysics, medium, channeller and therapeutic mind-body processes for healing Self. She honours all beliefs as they assist on the path around the Circle of Life towards Wholeness.*

2X MONTHLY GATHERINGS:

A COURSE IN MIRACLES:

First & third Tuesday evenings 7:00 PM.
Ongoing study group for variety of course related topics. All are welcome whether you are new to the course or a long time student. No fees or dues, Love offering for ICC. [L] For more info, contact new circle facilitators Theressia.206.999.6987 theressia@rosehedge.org, or Jonathan.206.713.1237 jonathanvanvalin@hotmail.com.

ICC CHOIR:

Celebrate with song! If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact *Choir Director Steven Greenebaum* 425.778.2152, or email: steven.greenebaum@verizon.net. Visit his website at: www.livinginterfaith.org.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS:

RED CEDAR CIRCLE: Wed. eve 7-9 PM

Song, dance, story, teaching, and ceremony of the Pacific Northwest Coast Spiritual Tradition of "SiSiWiss" ~ "Sacred Breath" (www.sisiwiss.org). Bring a potluck dish to share and drums, rattles... E Hychka Siam Mulstimulth (Thank you, high-class/ uplifting people). Facilitator: Laurel Boucher & Johnny Moses (www.johnnymoses.com). Donations accepted for the sacred space and for the teachings. For more info call 206.312.6181 and see website: www.redcedarcircle.org.

REFLECTIONS on the LIFE of the SPIRIT:

Sundays in Lavender Room. Noon to 1:00pm.
These ongoing interfaith dialogs focus on the teachings of Baha'u'llah regarding the life of the spirit and life after death. We systematically explore these teachings to increase our ability to understand our inner life using a guide developed by Baha'is in South America. Please join us. Hosted by Bill Griffith 206.351.4962, email: w.c.griffith9@gmail.com.

STROLLER STRIDES

"Stroller Strides" is a full body workout for moms or moms-to-be. We meet every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9-10am. Details can be found at our website <http://www.strollerstrides.com/northseattle>. You can bring your babies and workout with other moms. Your first class is free. Members of Interfaith Community Church will receive 20% off the registration fee to join."

To receive email announcements about our gatherings, send an email to: interfaithcommunitychurch-subscribe@yahoogroups.com