

**Moscow Interfaith Association**  
***A Palouse Celebration of Thanksgiving***  
November 18, 2010  
1912 Community Center, Moscow

***Sharing Songs & Poems of Thanksgiving Across the Faiths***

**Piano Prelude**

*Jon Anderson, Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse*

**Welcome!**

**Opening to Thanksgiving: Drumming & Smudging**

*Wilhelmina Sarai-Clark,  
Episcopal Diocese of Spokane and South Dakota  
& The Common Ministry at WSU's Interfaith House*

**We Gather in Gratefulness: Opening Words**

*Toney Driver, Baha'i Community of Moscow*

**A Gathering Song**

***Come, O Thankful People, Come***

*Come, O thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in as the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker does provide for our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the blessings of the field, all the stores the garden yield,  
All the fruits in full supply, ripened 'neath the summer sky,  
All that spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land,  
All that liberal autumn pours from its rich o'erflowing stores.*

*These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow,  
And for these our songs we raise, grateful vows and solemn praise.  
Come, then, thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home;  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.*

**A Prayer**

*Peg Appalonie, Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints*

## Songs & Poems of Thanksgiving From Across *the* Faiths

*Thanksgiving*, by George Winston

*Jon Anderson, piano, Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse*

**The Open Door: A Passover Haggadah**, by Sue Levi Elwell

*Joann Muneta, Jewish Community of the Palouse*

**A Thanksgiving Garden Litany**, by Rev. Max Coots

*Rev. Marlene Walker, Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse*

**One:** For generous friends with hearts and smiles as bright as their blossoms,  
For feisty friends as tart as apples,  
For continuous friends, who like scallions and cucumbers  
Keep reminding us that we've had them,  
For crotchety friends, as sour as rhubarb and as indestructible,  
For handsome friends, who are as gorgeous as eggplant  
and as elegant as a row of corn, and for others,  
as plain as potatoes, and so good for you;

**All:** Let us give thanks.

**One:** For funny friends, who are as silly as Brussels sprouts  
And as amusing as Jerusalem artichokes,  
And serious friends, as complex as cauliflower and as intricate as onions,  
For friends as unpretentious as cabbages,  
As subtle as summer squash, as persistent as parsley,  
As delightful as dill, as endless as zucchini,  
And who, like parsnip, can be counted on to see you through the winter;

**All:** Let us give thanks.

**One:** For old friends, nodding like sunflowers in the evening-time  
And young friends coming on as fast as radishes;  
For loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils and hold us  
Despite our blights, wilts and witherings,  
And finally, for those friends now gone,  
Like gardens past that have been harvested  
But who fed us in their times, that we might have life hereafter;

**All:** Let us give thanks.

**One:** Let us give thanks for a bounty of people;  
For children who are our second planting,  
And though they grow like weeds and the wind too soon blows them away,  
May they forgive us our cultivation  
And fondly remember where their roots are.

**All:** For all these, we give thanks.

### **Gratitude & Thankfulness,**

Interpretation of prose of Jalaludin Rumi, 13<sup>th</sup> century Islamic mystic

*Dr. Mushtaq Memon, Muslim Community of the Palouse*

### **A Community Song**

*For the Fruit of All Creation* (Tune: All Through the Night)

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.*

*In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.*

*For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

### **A Song For Parting**

*Rev. Jodie Tooley, United Church of Moscow*

*Peace, Salaam, Shalom, by Pat Humphries & Sandy Opatow*

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***Please join us for refreshments & friendship!***

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**May love, joy, and peace be yours, in abundance.  
Peace, Salaam, Shalom**