

Music by Bass Soloist ~ Alex Moran  
• Praise Him My Way

Introduction ~ Kathy Tobin

*Remembering our Homeless Friends During This Holiday*

Music & Offering (envelopes / basket also available in back of church)  
Proceeds to benefit the Emergency Fuel Fund

Benediction ~ Rev. J. Willard Cofield, Jr.

“Let There Be Peace on Earth” ~ Song by All

Let there be peace on earth  
and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth,  
the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, Brothers all are we.  
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this by my solemn vow.

To take each moment and live each moment in peace  
eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin  
with me.

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*Thanksgiving Eve  
Springfield Worships Together*

*A Service of Unity*

*Wednesday, November 25th, 2009*

*7:00 PM*

*Old First Church — Court Square*

*Springfield, MA*

*Main Address:*

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We Come Together in Fellowship to Give Thanks

• Christian • Jewish • Muslim • Baha’i • Unitarian Universalist

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**Organ Prelude** ~ Larry Picard

**Baha'i Persian Chant** ~ Nina Dini

O thou who art turning thy face towards God! Close thine eyes to all things else, and open them to the realm of the All-Glorious.

Ask whatsoever thou wishest of Him alone; seek whatsoever thou seekest from Him alone. With a look He granteth a hundred thousand hopes, with a glance He healeth a hundred thousand incurable ills, with a nod He layeth balm on every wound, with a glimpse He freeth the hearts from the shackles of grief. He doeth as He doeth, and what recourse have we? He carrieth out His Will, He ordaineth what He pleaseth. Then better for thee to bow down thy head in submission, and put thy trust in the

All-Merciful Lord.

(Selections from the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Baha, Section 22)

**Blowing of the Shofar** ~ Scott Sherman

**Invocation** ~ Elliot Stratton

**Welcome** ~ Rev. Dr. Everett W. Frye Sr.

**“Psalm 133”** ~ Read By All

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes.

It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

**“We Gather Together”** ~ Sung by All

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

**Greetings from the Mayor** ~ Mayor Domenic J. Sarno

**Readings from Sacred Texts**

- **Baha'i** ~ Hailey Robbins
- **Muslim** ~ Imam Rasul F. Seifullah
- **Catholic** ~ Sr. Ramona William, SP
- **Unitarian Universalist** ~ Rev. Phlox Laucher

**Freedom Choir** ~ Director Ethel Hudson, Velma Brown at organ, & Dr. Ruth Loving lead singer 2nd song.

- Walk Together Children
- There's a River Flowing Through My Soul

**More Readings from Sacred Texts**

- **Muslim** ~ Amam Abdul- Baki
- **Christian** ~ Rev. Mark E. Flowers
- **Jewish** ~ Rabbi Mark Shapiro