Stanford Memorial Church
University Public Worship
30 September 2012
10:00 a.m.
Multifaith Celebration of Spiritual Life at Stanford

OPENING DRUMMING Tatsumaki Stanford Taiko

WELCOME Rev. Joanne Sanders

*PRAYER TO THE FOUR WINDS Chance Carpenter ’15
(Responses of the people are in italics)

THE NORTH
(Turn toward the North)

We greet you, Spirit of the North.
You are the cold, biting wind that blows across our land,
That strips the earth of all that is dead and decayed, that robs us of the false securities, so easily blown away.

Teach us to plant our feet securely on the earth and to see things as they really are, that the coming of your Spirit may find us standing firm in integrity.

It is your Spirit whose winds bring the snows of winter, with their fury and their solitude.

Teach us, Spirit of the North, in the solitude of winter, to wait in darkness with the sleeping earth, believing that we, like the earth, already hold within ourselves the seeds of new life.

THE EAST
(Turn toward the East)
We greet you, O Spirit of the East.
You usher in the dawn on your breeze; you stretch forth your fingers and paint our skies.

Awaken in us with each day new hopes, new dreams of colors, love and joys never before imagined. Fill our bodies with your breath; invigorate us. Carry us to the farthest mountains and beyond.

In-spirit us that we might reach out to you boldly to grasp the miracles that are given birth with each new dawn.

THE SOUTH
(Turn toward the South)

We greet you, Spirit of the South.
You bring the warm winds of summer and breathe on us the warmth of the sun to soothe and heal our bodies and our spirits.

You thaw and soften the coldness of our world; you nudge the seedlings to break through the soil to light.
Quicken us, draw us by the urgings of your warm breath to break through the soil of our barrenness and fear.
Drive our roots deep into the earth and stretch our branches full out into the sky.

Teach us to hold sacred the memory of the spring rains that we might have the strength to withstand the heat of the day and not become parched and narrow in our love.
Lead us to accept fatigue with resignation, knowing that life is not to be rushed, that there is no flower of the field that grows from seed to blossom in a single day.

THE WEST
(Turn toward the West)

We greet you, Spirit of the West.
You cool our hot and tired bodies, refresh and bring laughter to our hearts.

It is you who usher in the setting sun.
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LUNCH DISCUSSION
After the service, join students engaged in interfaith dialogue and service in the Round Room (at the rear of the church) for a light lunch and informal discussion of the themes from today’s Multifaith Celebration of Spiritual Life at Stanford.

OFFERINGS
today by cash and check are in support of the Chaplaincy Program Fund at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital. They will be received at the side and main doors after today's service. Please make checks payable to Lucile Packard Foundation. The interfaith Chaplaincy Service at Packard provides spiritual support for a religiously and culturally diverse population of patients. This Fund directly supports the spiritual care needs of hospitalized children, pregnant women, and their families.

PLEASE NOTE Checks written to Stanford University will be considered gifts to Stanford Memorial Church to support the programs and events in this Church. These gifts will not be formally acknowledged in writing, unless your gift check is $250.00 or greater. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in giving.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HARMONY FOR HUMANITY: DANIEL PEARL WORLD MUSIC DAYS CONCERT
The Office for Religious Life, Stanford Live and Music at Stanford co-present this 10th annual concert—a tribute honoring the life and memory of the slain Wall Street Journal reporter, musician, and Stanford graduate Daniel Pearl. This year’s theme is "Four Seasons and Three Microclimates,” featuring the St. Lawrence String Quartet and Stanford Chamber Strings playing Vivaldi’s beloved Four Seasons with a non-string interlude separating each movement. Wednesday, October 3, 8:00 pm, Memorial Church.

COMPLINE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY
The first of this quarter’s peaceful 30-minute contemplative musical services features the Palo Alto High School Choir in the candle-lit ambiance of Memorial Church.

Fall Quarter 2012 Compline dates: Sundays, October 7, 14, 21 and 28, November 4, 11 and 18, December 2, 9:00 – 9:30 pm, Memorial Church. All are welcome.

VOTER REGISTRATION
is happening all over campus now! Students, staff, faculty, anyone can register to vote at various locations all over campus. Voter registration will continue in the Haas Center, 1st floor Bing Information Resource Center, through Oct. 22nd. Hours are Monday-Friday 11:30am - 5:30 pm. The last day to register to vote in California is October 22nd. For more information, please contact Maria Framboni at mfraboni@stanford.edu.

SOULS Students Organizing Unique Liturgical Settings is a group of undergraduate, graduate and professional students who would like to be more involved in University Public Worship (UPW) that has been offered at Memorial Church since 1903. An opportunity for students to build community and gather for dinner, fellowship, and wide-ranging conversation about religion and spirituality takes place monthly at Dean Scotty McLennan’s residence on campus. Additionally, there is opportunity for involvement with UPW by reading, helping with Communion and ushering. All students from diverse religious and spiritual traditions are welcome to join SOULS. Information is available from Associate Dean Joanne Sanders at joannesanders@stanford.edu or Dean Scotty McLennan at mclennan@stanford.edu.

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THANK YOU

A warm welcome and sincere thanks to today’s Multifaith Celebration special guests:

CHANCE CARPENTER ’15 is a member of the Hupa tribe of Northern California. He grew up on the tribal reservation where he participated in tribal ceremonies and events. Chance was valedictorian of his class at Hoopa Valley High School and is a recipient of the Gates Millennium scholarship. At Stanford, his major is undeclared, but he is very interested in studying race and ethnicity, mentoring peers and younger students and is active with the Native American Cultural Center on campus.

ROSS FEEHAN is a MS candidate in Earth Systems. He enjoys studying and experiencing religions, and he has been active in Stanford's interfaith community since the 2011-2012 academic year. Ross invites today's listeners to contact him after the service and/or by email at rfeehan@stanford.edu.

VICTORIA HURST ’13 is a senior majoring in English. She is a member of the Latter-Day Saint Student Association, and in 2010-11 she served a mission in Salt Lake City, Utah. She loves to write and visit national parks.

RASHEDAT ZAKARE-FAGBAMILA ’13 is a senior from Tallahassee, Florida majoring in Human Biology with a minor in Chemistry. She was previously Financial Officer and is currently President of the Islamic Society of Stanford University. She first became involved with interfaith programming as a sophomore and has enjoyed sharing knowledge about Islam and learning about other religious traditions ever since. When not working on classwork, labwork, or ISSU programming, she enjoys cooking, reading, singing, and job-hunting.

TALISMAN is a group of Stanford student singers dedicated to the sharing of stories through music. The group was created to explore and perform substantive, cultural music. This has become their mantra as they strive to give voice to the vast collection of human stories told through rich and vibrant song. They appreciate the great challenge in musically expressing the genuine roots of the songs they sing, but are committed to bringing these songs to life as best their abilities allow.

STANFORD TAIKO is a student directed organization whose goal is to bring awareness of Taiko drumming to Stanford University and the greater Stanford community. In Japanese, Taiko literally means “drum,” though the term has also come to refer to the art of Japanese and Japanese-American drumming. Today’s drummers are performing “Tatsumaki”, which means “whirlwind” in Japanese. True to the nature of its title, this piece has continually swept up the artistic and creative energy of Stanford Taiko players.

THANK YOU to our ushers Rachel Kelley ’13 (Stanford InterFAITH) and Kasiemobi Udo-okoy ’15 (Fellowship for Religious Encounter) for their assistance at today’s service.

Guide our steps at end of day; keep us safe from evil.
Fill us with your peace as you enfold us with your great mystery of night that we might rest securely in your arms until morning calls us forth again.

THE EARTH (ALL)
(Turn toward the North)

We greet you, Great Spirit of the Earth.
It was from you we came as from a Mother;
You nourish us still and give us shelter.

Teach us to walk softly on your lands, to use with care your gifts, to love with tenderness all our brothers and sisters who have been born of your goodness.

And when the day comes that you call us back to yourself, help us to return to you as a friend, to find ourselves embraced, encircled, enfolded in your arms.

(An expression of Native American spirituality)

COME BUILD WITH US A HOUSE OF PRAYER

HYMN

READING

STUDENT REFLECTION

Ross Feehan, MS candidate
ANTHEM
O Be Joyful in the Lord
Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)

STUDENT REFLECTION
Rasheedat Zakare-Fagbamila ‘13

HYMN
Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

A WORD OF TEACHING
Rabbi Patricia Karlin-Neumann

MUSIC
Baba Yetu
Talisman

A BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

At this point of beginning,
we pause to summon strength,
to express gratitude,
and to invoke God's blessing.

This is a blessing about knowledge,
about those who want it, and yet are sometimes fearful of pursuing it.

This is a blessing about truth,
the hidden urge of the heart to know what is real and enduring.

This is a blessing about teachers and students—
the way they try hard to see the light,
to please one another and themselves.

UNIVERSITY PUBLIC WORSHIP
SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 7
Dean Scotty McLennan
Reunion Homecoming Alumni Memorial Service

October 14
Rabbi Patricia Karlin-Neumann

October 21*
Dean Scotty McLennan

October 28*
Rev. Rosa Lee Harden
Money and Meaning

November 4*
Ms. Mary Greene
Baptism Sunday

* Service with Communion
This is a blessing about wisdom—
about how hard it is to find,
how hard as diamond stone to teach and to be taught,
to be learned and to learn.

This is a blessing about kindness,
about simple human caring—
how a good word, a smile, an opening outward,
can matter between people.

*This is a blessing,
O, this is your blessing—*
*from me, from us, from the Eternal Spirit of the universe.*
*May you enter these arches in joyous expectation,*
*remain in strength,*
*and depart in celebration.*

Grant us peace,
Grant us blessing.
*And let us say, Amen.*

(Rabbi Sheldon Marder, adapted by Rabbi Susan Laemmle)
Come build with us a house of prayer
for a church rebuilt after a fire

Come build with us a house of prayer: bring joy, bring grief, bring praise. Bring every passion, need and care we human beings raise: our thirst for faith, our questioning, our wordless, yearning sighs, the hymns and anthems that we sing for all that God supplies.

Then let the temple of the heart find here in stone and steel a sign and symbol that impart the wonder that we feel: a thankfulness surpassing speech at knowing we survive because God’s strong, attentive reach has kept this church alive.

Let all the light that fills this place a greater light bestow: the shining of an inward grace that leads the heart to know: each building built by human hands in time to dust returns but in God’s heart a temple stands that never falls or burns.

Text: Troeger
Tune: Forest Green

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

Praise the Source of faith and learning that has sparked and stroked the mind With a passion for discerning how the world has been designed. Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey Keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.

God of wisdom, we acknowledge our science and our art And the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impact. Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound Where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought Has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets taught May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed Lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.

As two currents in a river fight each other’s undertow Till converging they delivery one coherent steady flow Blend O God our faith and learning till they carve a single course Till they join as one, returning praise and thanks to you, their Source.

Text: Troeger
Tune: Hyfrydol

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