

WORLD AIDS DAY
2018 COMMEMORATION INTERFAITH SERVICE
SOUTH DIVISION HIGH SCHOOL
1515 W LAPHAM BLVD, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53204

DECEMBER 1, 2018 – 6:00PM

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Larry Wheelock, Artist in Resident, Plymouth Church, Milwaukee

OPENING SONG AND PROCESSION OF AIDS RIBBON, AIDS CANDLE, FAITH LEADERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

LAY YOUR HANDS

CAREY LANDRY

Refrain

Lay your hands gently upon us.
Let their touch render your peace.
Let them bring your forgiveness and healing.
Lay your hands gently, lay your hands.

Verse 1

You were sent to free the broken hearted.
You were sent to give sight to the blind.
You desire to heal all our illness.
Lay your hands gently, lay your hands.

Verse 2

God, we come to you through one another
God, we come to you in our need.
God, we come to you seeking wholeness.
Lay your hands, gently, lay yours hands.

WELCOME

Jose Salazar, Director of Health Education & Community Programs, Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers

Mike Gifford, President/CEO, AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin

Mayor Tom Barrett, Mayor of the City of Milwaukee

LIGHTING OF THE AIDS CANDLES

First Candle – As we are reminded of the HIV epidemic that has devastated so many lives across the world, we know that we must persevere and keep the light on HIV. As we do this, we are also reminded that you are our God. In the midst of crisis, we turn to you and light this candle as a reminder that our Hope is in you.

Second Candle – We light the second candle in remembrance of the millions of people who have died of AIDS-related conditions. We especially remember those who have died in our midst—our fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, friends, colleagues, employees and neighbors. In many cases we might not even have known the cause of their death.

Third Candle – We light the third candle for the millions of people in our world who are living with HIV. We specifically also light this candle for those of us in this community who are living with HIV, and for their loved ones.

Fourth Candle – We light the fourth candle to keep the light on HIV, especially for those of us who have become weary of the topic, and even more so for those of us who still think that HIV is not the concern of the faith community. Let us continue to live life, and work to bring hope and reconciliation to a world with HIV.

THE RED RIBBON

The Red Ribbon is the international symbol of AIDS awareness: a symbol of respect for HIV positive people and people living with AIDS, and it reminds us all of the constant needs to keep up with the fight against AIDS.

It was created in early 1991 by Visual AIDS in New York for a global symbol in the fight against AIDS. A symbol for solidarity and tolerance with those often discriminated by the public – the people living with HIV and AIDS. In the style of the yellow ribbons which were popular in the USA as a symbol of awareness of those soldiers fighting in the gulf war, the “Red Ribbon” was born.

One: The Red of our ribbons is Love, a symbol of our passion and tolerance towards those affected.

All: The Red of our ribbons is our Pain from the loss of so many.

One: The Red of our ribbons is our Anger about the lack of a cure, the disparity of treatments, and the ignorance that still persists.

All: The Red of our ribbons is a Warning to the world that we will never give up Hope and never stop fighting.

One: We pray that your love will unite us into a community of grace and discovery. Cleanse from us anything that would sap our strength for togetherness. Free us from negative imaginations and the barriers that sometimes keep us apart. In this time, refresh in us the dream of a better world and put before us new possibilities for service. Renew in us your compassion so that we may be a people with loving purposes. We come together to be your miracles in a troubled world.

All: Encircle us, O God. Keep love within, hatred out. Encircle us, O God. Keep joy within, despair out. Encircle us, O God. Keep hope within, discouragement out. Encircle us, O God. Keep peace within, disharmony out. Encircle us, O God, and may we go forth in peace.

MUSIC RESPONSE

Light a Candle

Avalon, arranged by David Maddux

MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF FESTIVAL MEN'S CHORUS

THIS EVENING'S SPEAKERS

Marcus Maichle

MEMBER, POZ SPIRIT GATHERING OF MKE

AND

David Huibregste

MEMBER, POZ SPIRIT GATHERING OF MKE

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

One: Spirit of the living God, you breathe on all that is fragile and strong, competent and inadequate, broken and whole. You lead us from the places of pain and difficulty to your cool living waters of health and wholeness. Through you every tear is wiped away and we are transformed by your wellsprings in life.

All: *We praise you, O God, and give you thanks for the gift of life and the life-giving power of your Spirit, which renews and refreshes us with hope.*

One: We thank you that by the life-giving power of your spirit you bestowed upon us, your people, such gifts as are needed to respond to the situation at hand. Pour on us all that we need to stop AIDS and reach out to everyone affected with compassion, by giving healing and hope.

All: *May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle and employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given to respond to HIV and AIDS.*

One: We pray for the leadership of those living with or affected by HIV and give thanks for the courage you give us to share our stories. We thank you that our stories raise awareness, invite solidarity and challenge us to join with one another in the struggle.

All: *May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle and employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given to respond to HIV and AIDS.*

One: We pray for your churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, and all other faith traditions. Be with us and guide us as we respond to the needs of person living with or affected by HIV and AIDS. We pray especially for our Pastors, Rabbis, Imams and other Faith Leaders as they provide pastoral services. Inspire and empower them to provide the leadership our faith communities need to respond effectively.

All: *May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle to employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given to respond to HIV and AIDS.*

One: We pray for our public officials. Be with them and guide them in their response to HIV and AIDS. Give them courage, wisdom and resources that they may create effective and just public policies so that everyone may receive the information they need to stop the spread of HIV and everyone may access the treatment and care required for their health and wholeness.

All: *May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle and employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given to respond to HIV and AIDS.*

One: We give thanks, O God, that you have raised-up leaders throughout the ages – reluctant leaders, courageous leaders, surprising leaders, humbling leaders, servant leaders – bestowing on each one gifts of service. Raise up among us such leaders today who will create universal access to medical treatment and health care, effective education and prevention programs, advocacy for strong and just public policy, and the funds and other resources needed to stop AIDS.

All: *May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle and employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given to respond to HIV and AIDS. Amen.*

MUSIC RESPONSE

Prayer of the Children

Words & Music by Kurt Bestor, Arranged by Andrea S. Klouse

MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF FESTIVAL MEN'S CHORUS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES AND REMEMBERING

We light our candles as we remember those living with HIV or AIDS, and friends and loved ones who have died, who we believe are joined in God's Light.

READING OF NAMES

Names will be read from those who have written names in the Book of Remembrance. Following the reading of those names, individuals from the congregation will be invited to recite aloud additional names as lead.

RECITING THE MOURNER'S KADDISH PRAYER

וְתִגְדַּל וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמוֹהָ רַבָּא בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי-בְרָא כְרַעֲיָתָהּ, וְיִכְלִיף מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיִּיכוֹן
*Yit-ga-dal ve-yit-ka-dash she-mei ra-ba be-al-ma di-ve-ra chi-ru-tei, ve-yam-lich mal-chu-tei
be-cha-yei-chon*

וּבְיִמְיֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל-בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזֶמֶן קָרִיב, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.
u-ve-yo-mei-chon u-ve-cha-yei de-chol beit Yis-ra-eil, ba-a-ga-la u-vi-ze-man ka-riv, ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.

יְהִי שְׁמוֹהָ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעַלְמֵי עֲלְמֵינָא. יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם
וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא,

*Yebei shemei raba mevarach le-a-lam u-le-al-mei al-ma-ya. Yit-barach ve-yish-tabach, ve-yit-pa-ar
veyit-romam vejitnasei,*

וְיִתְהַדַּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלַּל שְׁמוֹהָ דְקוּדְשָׁא, בְּרִיף הוּא, לְעֵלָא נוֹרָכָל בְּרַבְתָּא
וְשִׁירְתָּא,

*ve-yit-ba-dar ve-yit-a-leh ve-yit-ba-lal she-mei de-ku-de-sba, be-rich hu, le-ei-la min kol bi-ve-cha-ta
ve-sbi-ra-ta,*

תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא וְנִחְנַתָּא דְאִמְיִין בְּעֵלְמָא, וְאִמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

tush-be-cha-ta ve-ne-che-ma-ta, da-a-mi-ran be-al-ma, ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.

יְהִי שְׁלָמָא רַבָּה כּוּן-שְׁמֵינָא וְחַיִּים עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Y-bei she-la-ma ra-ba min she-ma-ya ve-cha-yim a-lei-nu ve-al kol Yis-ra-eil, ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלֹם עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

O-seh sha-lom bi-me-ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom a-lei-nu ve-al kol Yis-ra-eil, ve-i-me-ru: amein.

Exalted and hallowed be God's great name
In the world which God created, according to plan.
May God's majesty be revealed in the days of our lifetime
And the life of all Israel and all who dwell on earth –
Speedily, imminently to which we say Amen.
Blessed be God's great name to all eternity.
Blessed, praised, honored, exalted, extolled, glorified, adored, and lauded
Be the name of the Holy Blessed One, beyond all earthly words and
songs of blessing, praise and comfort. To which we say Amen.
May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and all Israel
and for all who dwell on earth. To which we say Amen.
May the One who creates harmony on high, bring peace to us and to all
Israel and to all who dwell on earth. To which we say Amen.

TOLLING OF THE BELL

THE BELL WILL TOLL A TOTAL OF **31** TIMES

The AIDS epidemic, caused by HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), found its way to the United States as early as 1960, but was first noticed after doctors discovered clusters of Kaposi's sarcoma and pneumocystis pneumonia in young gay men in Los Angeles, New York City, and San Francisco, and others cities around the world in 1981.

While the first World AIDS Day Commemoration didn't commence until 1988, we continue to this day to remember those we've lost, while celebrating those who continue to live a vibrant and healthy life in our world today!

Tonight the bell will toll **THIRTY** times as we remember and commemorate all those in our lives, as well as the Thirtieth Anniversary of the first World AIDS Days Service held around the world.

There will be a moment of silence, with **ONE** additional toll representing the hope and vision, that one day a cure will be found!

(Please extinguish candles)

STATEMENT OF PROCLAMATION

One: Gracious God, we celebrate your love for us all, and give thanks that You listen to us when we pray to You. Send your Spirit upon us now and lift us up. Encourage and strengthen us. Instill in us your wisdom, and increase our faith. Hear us, O God, as we pray on this World AIDS Day:

All: *We strive together to Focus, Partner, and Achieve an AIDS free generation.*

One: Hear us, O God, on this World AIDS Day as we pray for the over 15 million children who have lost parents, and for the over 3.4 million children who are themselves living with HIV. Empower us to help change conditions that put them at risk: poverty, war, lack of education, and inadequate health care. For the sake of the children:

All: *We strive together to Focus, Partner, and Achieve an AIDS free generation.*

One: Hear us, O God, on this World AIDS Day and embolden us to eliminate HIV and AIDS related stigma and discrimination. Help us break through silence that blocks effective response: let us teach all who are vulnerable about the means to prevent infection, let us encourage the frightened to know their HIV status, let us encourage all who are at risk to seek treatment. In the power of your love, which casts our fear:

All: *We strive together to Focus, Partner, and Achieve an AIDS free generation.*

One: Hear us, O God, on this World AIDS Day and empower us to nurture in ourselves and in our communities faithful stewardship of your good gift of sexuality. Help us to reclaim this powerful gift, teach us to use and enjoy this blessing so that our sons and daughters may grow in the values of love, self esteem, and sexual health, and your communities may grow in mutual responsibility, justice and inclusivity.

All: *We strive together to Focus, Partner, and Achieve an AIDS free generation.*

One: O God, embolden us with your Spirit, so that we can stop AIDS and keep our promise. Grant that your church may be a healing presence in the face of HIV and AIDS. Show us your vision and guide us to the words and action that will make a difference. One this World AIDS Day, we raise our prayers to You, placing our trust in You for compassion, healing, and courage in the struggle to stop AIDS, to keep the promise. Hear us and answer us according to the richness of your mercies. Amen

CLOSING REMARKS AND PRAYER

Rev. Tory V. Topjian, Sr. Pastor, Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church, Milwaukee

CLOSING SONG AND RECESSION

Let There Be Peace on Earth

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 our creator,
children all are we.
Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me;
let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
let this be 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.

World AIDS Day

Remember. Hope. Act.

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**UNDETECTABLE
=
UNTRANSMITTABLE**

A PERSON LIVING WITH HIV
WHO HAS AN UNDETECTABLE
VIRAL LOAD DOES NOT
TRANSMIT THE VIRUS TO THEIR
PARTNERS.