

## Service of Universal Worship Feb 1, 2021, dedicated to World Interfaith Harmony Week

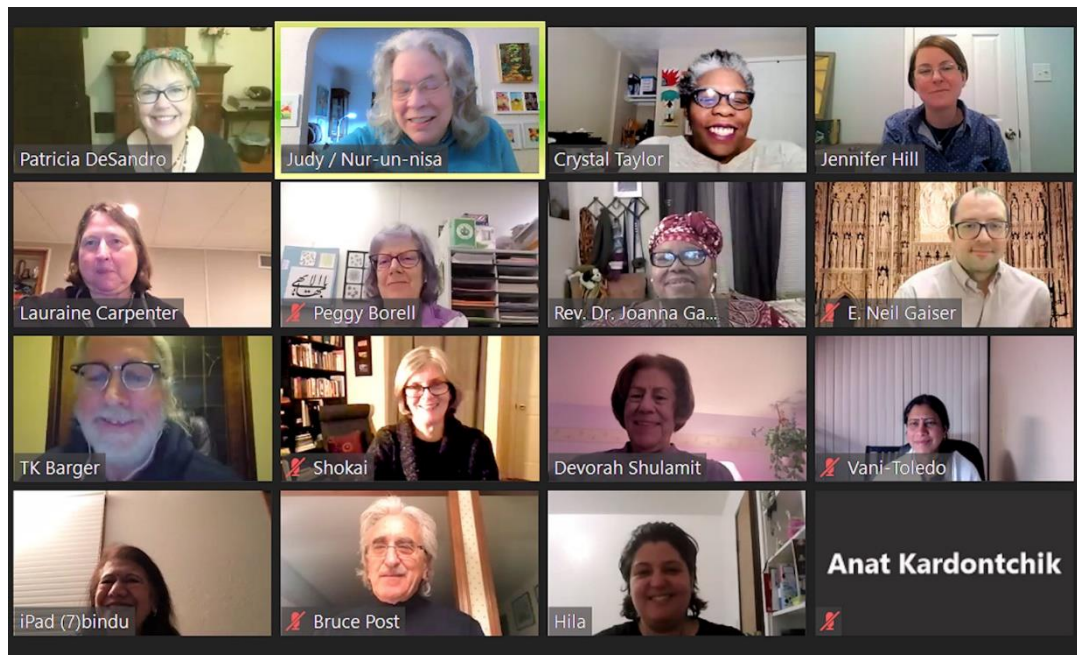


Figure 1 Screenshot of most of the participants

The regular monthly Universal Worship Service, hosted by the MultiFaith Council of NW Ohio, was held on Zoom streamed to Facebook Live, on February 1, 2021, at 6 PM. The service was dedicated to World Interfaith Harmony Week with the theme of Patience, so needed in this time of pandemic isolation and social unrest.

Authentic representatives of eight faith traditions presented readings from sacred scriptures and music or poetry based on the theme. Sixteen participants presented from Pagan traditions, Hindu Faith, Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Baha'i Faith, and Unitarian Universalism. **Much interfaith work involves education by speakers or panels about the things we hold in common. In Universal Worship, by hearing from these diverse traditions on a particular theme, participants and attendees personally discover our common ground.**

The service was recorded live at <https://www.facebook.com/MFC.NWOH/videos/2789044024641397>. The estimated reach is 377 viewers. The Facebook event link is [here](#).

Many of our participants deeply miss the services that we used to present in person. We shared joys and tragedies and came to know each other in a familial way. After the service we usually shared fellowship and refreshments together. COVID has forced us to share the services virtually. We have managed to keep that familial intimacy as we gather on Zoom for our audio and visual tech check. We also celebrate a bit afterwards as we do a screenshot.

**When we met in person, our attendance topped at about 75. Our cumulative online viewer numbers are well over 3,000 since we have streamed to Facebook. We need this spiritual solidarity perhaps even more now when we are so isolated.**