

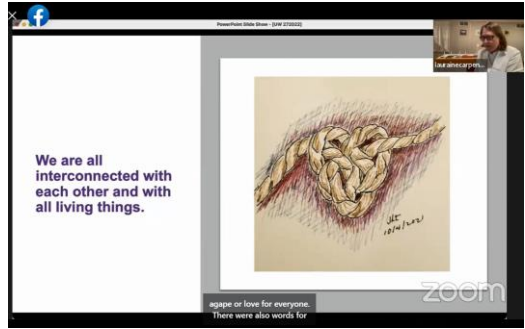
# World Interfaith Harmony Week 2022

## Service of Universal Worship

February 7, 6 PM  
MultiFaith Council of NW Ohio

Toledo, Ohio  
Modified for brevity

Cherag Judy Lee Nur-un-nisa Trautman  
Music Coordinator, Cherag Lauraine Carpenter  
from the Service of Hazrat Inayat Khan



Cherag Lauraine Carpenter



Kathy – Pagan Reading



BonaDea – Pagan Poem



Devorah --Judaism



Shokai -- Buddhism



Elizabeth -- Christianity



Imam Farooq & Granddaughters-- Islam



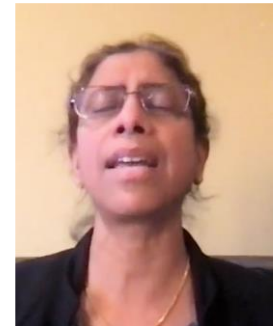
Jennifer – Baha'i



Melissa Jeter –  
Unitarian Universalism



Bindu – Hinduism

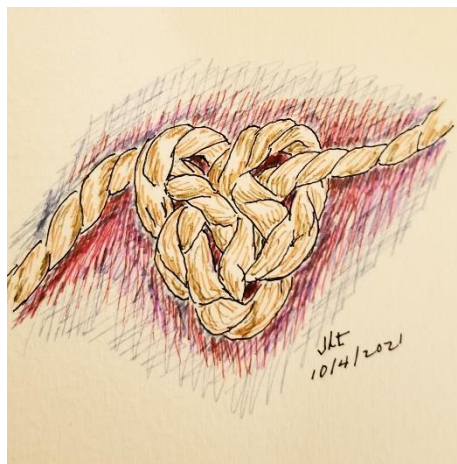


Vani -- Hinduism

The Service of Universal Worship was created in 1921 by Hazrat Inayat Khan. He wanted diverse faith traditions to discover how much they held in common. He hoped that this understanding would lead to harmony and peace among the diverse faiths of the world.

Our Services of Universal Worship are adapted to be presented monthly via Zoom to Facebook Live, in order to keep us safe during the pandemic. Each month authentic representatives of 8-9 faith traditions present short readings and music or poetry on a chosen theme. This February 7 World Interfaith Harmony Week theme was Love.

The Greeks had eight words for love. Perhaps the best known are Eros, or sexual passion, Philia, or deep friendship, and Agape, or love for everyone. There were also words for playful love, longstanding love, love of the self, familial love, and hospitality. As a language teacher, I learned that language reflects culture. Our popular culture seems to limit love to romantic love. But our language does make distinctions, by adding adjectives, such as brotherly love, or unconditional love.



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It might deepen our understanding of love, if we remembered that we are all interconnected with each other and with all living things. Indigenous people considered even rocks, the sun, and the moon, as familial beings to which we are interconnected, and which give us gifts.

Our services are sponsored by the MultiFaith Council of NW Ohio. This service was led by Cherag Lauraine Carpenter of the Inayatiyya. Her co-leader Cherag Judy Lee Nur-un-nisa Trautman of the Sufi Ruhaniat International was still in the hospital following spine surgery. We feel our services are unique because we are such a diverse community in Greater Toledo, Ohio, that we have participants who are authentically representing their own traditions.

Presenting online is ably facilitated by Crystal Taylor. While we miss meeting in person, we have greatly increased our number of viewers. And the presenters have become intimately connected and pray for each other as an interfaith family.

The service is recorded at <https://www.facebook.com/MFC.NWOH/videos/3137433649863002>.