



# Keeping Faith in the Face of Empire

## *A Service of Worship and Witness*

### *Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab*

#### Good Friday — 2019

Morning Song

Daniel Zwickel ben Avram MacJean & Benjamin Mertz

Welcome

Janet Cordes Gibson

Honoring the Land and the Ancestors

Pennie Opal Plant

Invocation — anticipation of Passover

Daniel Zwickel ben Avram MacJean

Song: "Love's in Need of Love Today" by Stevie Wonder

Benjamin Mertz

Nuclear Update

Marylia Kelley

Sung Call and Response

*The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blesséd be the Lord (2x)*

music led by Benjamin Mertz

sacred movement led by Carla De Sola & Kathleen Robbiano

**A young person speaks in defense of the planet:** *the words of Greta Thunberg*

read by Isaiah Mertz

Song: "Canticle of the Turning" by Rory Coony, to traditional Irish folk tune

Benjamin Mertz

Scripture: Luke 23:26-49

Fr. Ivan Tou

Sermon: Keeping Faith in the Face of Empire

Rev. Will McGarvey

Offering (please make tax-deductible checks out to EPI)

Janet Cordes Gibson

Offertory: Tony Scarr, clarinet

Dances of Universal Peace — introducing the dance at the gate  
to "Mir Miru Mir/ Spirit of Peace" lyrics by Elisa S. Keeler

led by Heather MacLeod

Benediction

Khalil W. Islam

Call to Action

Sherry Larsen-Beville

Procession to gate

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Stations Of the Cross:

1. Homelessness
2. Immigration
3. Palestine
4. Haiti & Latin America
5. Iran — sanctions, nukes & keeping promises
6. Nuclear

**Response at each Station:** *Take my hand. If you see me stumble, hold me up. If I feel you weaken, I will support you. Let us trust one another, keep faith with one another, and never falter.*

Jean-Bertrand Aristide

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Mir Miru Mir/ Spirit of Peace

Elisa S. Keeler

*Spirit of Peace / to your cause we give our strength,  
That love may reign and war shall cease./ Mir, Miru, Mir.*

*(Russian for "Peace, Earth, Peace.")*

## Participants Include:

**Rev. Will McGarvey**, Pastor at Community Presbyterian (PCUSA-UCC) in Pittsburg,  
Executive Director of the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County

**Daniel Zwickel ben Avram MacJean**, Ecumenical Peace Institute/CALC board, Mt. Diablo Unitarian  
Universalist Church, *Peacehost.net*

**Benjamin Mertz**, music director: Skyline Community Church UCC, Joyful Noise! Gospel Singers

**Janet Cordes Gibson**, board president of Ecumenical Peace Institute/CALC

**Pennie Opal Plant**, co-founder of Idle No More SF Bay, Movement Rights & a signatory on the  
Indigenous Women of the Americas Defending Mother Earth Treaty. She has worked for over  
35 years to ensure that the sacred system of life continues in a manner that is safe, sustainable  
& healthy. Her mother is Yaqui and Mexican, her father undocumented Choctaw, Cherokee &  
European. No members of her family have ever lived on a reservation.

**Marylia Kelley**, Executive Director of Tri-Valley CAREs

**Carla De Sola**, liturgical dancer, choreographer and teacher of sacred dance, for many years at the  
Pacific School of Religion and the Center for the Arts & Religion, GTU, Berkeley

**Kathleen Robbiano** has a love for all Creation, and expresses it in this life as dancer, midwife,  
naturalist and hospice nurse. Peace to all on this sacred life journey.

**Isaiah Mertz**, 3rd grade student

**Fr. Ivan Tou**, Newman Hall, Holy Spirit Parish, Berkeley

**Tony Scarr**, Trinity United Methodist Church, Berkeley, Ecumenical Peace Institute/CALC

**Heather MacLeod**, Dances of Universal Peace

**Khalil W. Islam**, Muslim Community Center (MCC) East Bay

**Sherry Larsen-Beville**, Livermore Conversion Project

**Carl Anderson** (coordinator), Livermore Conversion Project

**Jon Oldfather** (brings stage), Social Justice Center of Marin

**Carolyn Scarr** (coordinator), Ecumenical Peace Institute/CALC board

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## After the Action:

All are invited to the community gathering to be held today from 10:00 to 12:00 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave. This will be an opportunity for us to share with each other our ongoing work for justice and peace. Coffee and snacks and conversation.

- From the corner, drive down Vasco to East Ave. Turn right. Asbury is on the left hand side of the street.