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 Avrám MacJean & Benjamin Mertz

Welcome
Janet Cordes Gibson

Honoring the Land and the Ancestors
Pennie Opal Plant

Invocation — anticipation of Passover
Daniel Zwickel ben Avrám MacJean

Song: “Love's in Need of Love Today” by Stevie Wonder
Benjamin Mertz

Nuclear Update
Marylia Kelley

Sung Call and Response
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
Benjamin Mertz

Song: “Canticle of the Turning” by Rory Coony, to traditional Irish folk tune
Fr. Ivan Tou

Rev. Will McGarvey

Sermon: Keeping Faith in the Face of Empire
Janet Cordes Gibson

Offering (please make tax-deductible checks out to EPI)
offertory: Tony Scarr, clarinet

Dances of Universal Peace — introducing the dance at the gate
led by Heather MacLeod
to “Mir Miru Mir/ Spirit of Peace” lyrics by Elisa S. Keeler

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

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 Avräma 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

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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.