

# Welcome the Stranger:

An Interfaith Service  
of Song and Story



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The Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing

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7:00 pm

The Peoples Church of East Lansing

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## Gathering Music & Processional

Welcome & Introduction The Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Adhaan – Call to Prayer Imam Sohail Chaudhry

Music *This is My Song* FINLANDIA

## Readings from Many Traditions

Fr. Mark Sietsema, Proistamenos, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

Shashi Karve, member of Bharatiya Temple of Lansing

Jeanne Gazel and Sheryl Knox, Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is

Fr. Bill Lugger, retired

Rabbi Amy B. Bigman, Congregation Shaarey Zedek

The Rev. Dr. Kit Carlson, Rector, All Saints Episcopal Church

Music *I Dream a World* Dwight Bigler, Composer

Address "New Afghan Refugees in Lansing" Mohibullah Israr

Update from St. Vincent Catholic Charities Judi Harris

Invitation to Share Rev. Tom Fox

Music *O for a World* AZMON

Blessing Rabbi Amy B. Bigman

Postlude & Recessional

***This is My Song***

This is my song O God of all the nations  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine  
This is my home the country where my heart is  
Here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine  
But other lands have sunlight too and clover  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine  
O hear my song Creator of all nations  
A song of peace for their land and for mine

***O for a World***

O for a world where everyone  
respects each other's ways,  
where love is lived and all is done  
with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared  
and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared,  
equality achieved.

We welcome one world family  
and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity  
and gives our vision voice.

**Thank you** for joining us for this **Interfaith Service of Song and Story**. The offering will be divided between four organizations dedicated to assisting refugees: Global Institute of Lansing, Refugee Development Center, Samaritas, and St. Vincent Catholic Charities Refugee Services. If you would like to know more about these organizations, please visit their booths in Friendship Hall or visit <https://afarlansing.wordpress.com/>.

### **Service Participants and Organizers**

The Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe, Senior Pastor, The Peoples Church  
Imam Sohail Chaudhry, Islamic Center of East Lansing  
Fr. Mark Sietsema, Proistamenos, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
Shashi Karve, member of Bharatiya Temple of Lansing  
Jeanne Gazel, Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is  
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Rabbi Amy B. Bigman, Congregation Shaarey Zedek  
The Rev. Dr. Kit Carlson, Rector, All Saints Episcopal Church  
Mohibullah Israr, Islamic Center of East Lansing  
Judi Harris, Director of Refugee Services, St. Vincent Catholic Charities  
Rev Tom Fox, United Methodist, Care Pastor at Sycamore Creek Church  
Judy Kabodian, Musician in Residence, The Peoples Church  
Melanie Walker, Soprano  
The Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell, Associate Pastor, The Peoples Church  
The staff of The Peoples Church