

Calendar of Commemorative and Special Devotional Programs

— All are Welcome —

Bahá'ís commemorate eleven Holy Days each year.

Birth of the Báb	6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.*	October 19
	7:00 a.m.	October 20
Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.*	November 11
	7:00 a.m.	November 12
Winnetka Interfaith Council Thanksgiving Service	7:30 p.m.	November 25
Day of the Covenant	6:30 p.m.	November 25
	7:00 a.m.	November 26
Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá (1:00 a.m.)	1:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m.	November 28
Ayyam-i-Ha gathering for children	Details to be decided	February 26 to March 1
Naw-Rúz (Bahá'í New Year)	7:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	March 21
	Refreshments	
First Day of the Festival of Ridván (April 21-May 2)	7:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	April 21
Ninth Day of Ridván	7:00 a.m. Details to be decided	April 29
Twelfth Day of Ridván	8:00 p.m.	May 1
	7:00 a.m.	May 2
Declaration of the Báb (two hours after sunset)	10:00 p.m.	May 22
	7:00 a.m.	May 23
<i>Choral Festival</i>	9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	May 24
Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (3:00 a.m.)	4:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m.	May 29

** Program followed by refreshments and presentation in the Welcome Center*

PROGRAM FOR DEVOTIONS WITH MUSIC



7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 28, 2014

*Foundation Hall
The Bahá'í House of Worship
Wilmette, Illinois*

❖ Didgeridoo Meditation-Kyle Servais ❖

#1

Intone, O My servant, the verses of God that have been received by thee, as intoned by them who have drawn nigh unto Him, that the sweetness of thy melody may kindle thine own soul, and attract the hearts of all men. Whoso reciteth, in the privacy of his chamber, the verses revealed by God, the scattering angels of the Almighty shall scatter abroad the fragrance of the words uttered by his mouth, and shall cause the heart of every righteous man to throb. Though he may, at first, remain unaware of its effect, yet the virtue of the grace vouchsafed unto him must needs sooner or later exercise its influence upon his soul. Thus have the mysteries of the Revelation of God been decreed by virtue of the Will of Him Who is the Source of power and wisdom.

~ Bahá'í Sacred Writings

❖ Sitar-Peter Manzella ❖

#2

O Thou compassionate Lord, Thou Who art generous and able! We are servants of Thine sheltered beneath Thy providence. Cast Thy glance of favor upon us. Give light to our eyes, hearing to our ears, and understanding and love to our hearts. Render our souls joyous and happy through Thy glad tidings. O Lord! Point out to us the pathway of Thy kingdom and resuscitate all of us through the breaths of the Holy Spirit. Bestow upon us life everlasting and confer upon us never-ending honor. Unify mankind and illumine the world of humanity. May we all follow Thy pathway, long for Thy good pleasure and seek the mysteries of Thy kingdom. O God! Unite us and connect our hearts with Thy indissoluble bond. Verily, Thou art the Giver, Thou art the Kind One and Thou art the Almighty.

~ Bahá'í Sacred Writings

#3

O Thou kind Lord! We are servants of Thy Threshold, taking shelter at Thy holy Door. We seek no refuge save only this strong pillar, turn nowhere for a haven but unto Thy safekeeping. Protect us, bless us, support us, make us such that we shall love but Thy good pleasure, utter only Thy praise, follow only the pathway of truth, that we may become rich enough to dispense with all save Thee, and receive our gifts from the sea of Thy beneficence, that we may ever strive to exalt Thy Cause and to spread Thy sweet savors far and wide, that we may become oblivious of self and occupied only with Thee, and disown all else and be caught up in Thee.

O Thou Provider, O Thou Forgiver! Grant us Thy grace and loving-kindness, Thy gifts and Thy bestowals, and sustain us, that we may attain our goal. Thou art the Powerful, the Able, the Knower, the Seer; and, verily, Thou art the Generous, and, verily, Thou art the All-Merciful, and, verily, Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, He to Whom repentance is due, He Who orgiveth even the most grievous of sins.

~ Bahá'u'lláh

Morning Devotions	Daily 9:15 a.m.
Afternoon Devotions (with a <i>cappella</i> music on Sundays)	Daily 12:30 p.m.
Presentation on the Bahá'í Faith (in the Welcome Center)	Sundays 1:00 p.m.
Devotions in Spanish	1st Sunday of the month 1:15 p.m.

Brief Devotional Programs and Presentation

“Set your faces towards
and let the radiance of its

~Bahá'u'lláh



unity,
light shine upon you.”

The Bahá'í House of Worship for North America

Welcome to the Bahá'í House of Worship, one of eight continental Bahá'í temples in the world at present.

The House of Worship stands as a symbol of the oneness of humanity. It elevates the spirit and is a magnet for the hearts of all who long for peace and harmony.

The primary function of the Bahá'í House of Worship is to join worship of God with service to humanity. The profound relationship between worship and service is strengthened through prayer.

The House of Worship is open daily to all people for prayer and meditation.

The Bahá'í House of Worship
Visiting hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The Bahá'í House of Worship Welcome Center is open
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
May 15 through September 15 and
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
September 16 through May 14.
Bookshop summer hours are 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 pm and
winter hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

❖ Touch the Hand of Love— by Blossom Dearie ❖
Piano: Jon Hey, Voice: Kathy Hey, Bass: Michael Maratea,
Cell: Lilianna Wosoko

#4

○ SON OF SPIRIT! The best beloved of all things in My sight is Justice; turn not away therefrom if thou desirest Me, and neglect it not that I may confide in thee. By its aid thou shalt see with thine own eyes and not through the eyes of others, and shalt know of thine own knowledge and not through the knowledge of thy neighbor. Ponder this in thy heart; how it behooveth thee to be. Verily justice is My gift to thee and the sign of My loving-kindness. Set it then before thine eyes.

- Bahá'í Sacred Writings

#5

○ Thou kind Lord! This gathering is turning to Thee. These hearts are radiant with Thy love. These minds and spirits are exhilarated by the message of Thy glad-tidings. O God! Let this American democracy become glorious in spiritual degrees even as it has aspired to material degrees, and render this just government victorious. Confirm this revered nation to upraise the standard of the oneness of humanity, to promulgate the Most Great Peace, to become thereby most glorious and praiseworthy among all the nations of the world. O God! This American nation is worthy of Thy favors and is deserving of Thy mercy. Make it precious and near to Thee through Thy bounty and bestowal.

- Bahá'í Sacred Writings

❖ 'Armed With the Power of Thy Love' - by Justin Baldoni ❖
Piano and Voice Marla Layton

#6

Knowledge is as wings to man's life, and a ladder for his ascent. Its acquisition is incumbent upon everyone. The knowledge of such sciences, however, should be acquired as can profit the peoples of the earth, and not those which begin with words and end with words. Great indeed is the claim of scientists and craftsmen on the peoples of the world.

- Bahá'í Sacred Writings

And the honor and distinction of the individual consist in this, that he among all the world's multitudes should become a source of social good. Is any larger bounty conceivable than this, that an individual, looking within himself, should find that by the confirming grace of God he has become the cause of peace and well-being, of happiness and advantage to his fellow men?

- Bahá'í Sacred Writings

❖ Devotional – John and Karen Mackill ❖

#7

God has given us eyes, that we may look about us at the world, and lay hold of whatsoever will further civilization and the arts of living. He has given us ears, that we may hear and profit by the wisdom of scholars and philosophers and arise to promote and practice it. Senses and faculties have been bestowed upon us, to be devoted to the service of the general good; so that we, distinguished above all other forms of life for perceptiveness and reason, should labor at all times and along all lines, whether the occasion be great or small, ordinary or extraordinary, until all mankind are safely gathered into the impregnable stronghold of knowledge. We should continually be establishing new bases for human happiness and creating and promoting new instrumentalities toward this end. How excellent, how honorable is man if he arises to fulfill his responsibilities; how wretched and contemptible, if he shuts his eyes to the welfare of society and wastes his precious life in pursuing his own selfish interests and personal advantages. Supreme happiness is man's, and he beholds the signs of God in the world and in the human soul, if he urges on the steed of high endeavor in the arena of civilization and justice.

~ Bahá'í Sacred Writings

❖ Cristofori's Dream – by David Howard Lanz ❖

Trumpet: Dan Godston, Piano: Jon Hey, Flute: Christopher Preissing
Cello: Lilianna Wosko

#8

O MY SERVANTS! Ye are the trees of My garden; ye must give forth goodly and wondrous fruits, that ye yourselves and others may profit therefrom. Thus it is incumbent on everyone to engage in crafts and professions, for therein lies the secret of wealth, O men of understanding! For results depend upon means, and the grace of God shall be all-sufficient unto you. Trees that yield no fruit have been and will ever be for the fire.

~ Bahá'í Sacred Writings

Man's merit lieth in service and virtue and not in the pageantry of wealth and riches. Take heed that your words be purged from idle fancies and worldly desires and your deeds be cleansed from craftiness and suspicion.

~ Bahá'í Sacred Writings

#9

For you I desire spiritual distinction—that is, you must become eminent and distinguished in morals. In the love of God you must become distinguished from all else. You must become distinguished for loving humanity, for unity and accord, for love and justice. In brief, you must become distinguished in all

the virtues of the human world—for faithfulness and sincerity, for justice and fidelity, for firmness and steadfastness, for philanthropic deeds and service to the human world, for love toward every human being, for unity and accord with all people, for removing prejudices and promoting international peace. Finally, you must become distinguished for heavenly illumination and for acquiring the bestowals of God. I desire this distinction for you. This must be the point of distinction among you.

~ Bahá'í Sacred Writings

❖ Between Silence Sublime – John and Karen Mackill ❖

#10

O Thou kind Lord! Thou hast created all humanity from the same stock. Thou hast decreed that all shall belong to the same household. In Thy Holy Presence they are all Thy servants, and all mankind are sheltered beneath Thy Tabernacle; all have gathered together at Thy Table of Bounty; all are illumined through the light of Thy Providence.

O God! Thou art kind to all, Thou hast provided for all, dost shelter all, conferrest life upon all. Thou hast endowed each and all with talents and faculties, and all are submerged in the Ocean of Thy Mercy.

O Thou kind Lord! Unite all. Let the religions agree and make the nations one, so that they may see each other as one family and the whole earth as one home. May they all live together in perfect harmony.

O God! Raise aloft the banner of the oneness of mankind.

O God! Establish the Most Great Peace.

Cement Thou, O God, the hearts together.

O Thou kind Father, God! Gladden our hearts through the fragrance of Thy love. Brighten our eyes through the Light of Thy Guidance. Delight our ears with the melody of Thy Word, and shelter us all in the Stronghold of Thy Providence.

Thou art the Mighty and Powerful, Thou art the Forgiving and Thou art the One Who overlooketh the shortcomings of all mankind.

~ Bahá'í Sacred Writings

We invite you to join us for refreshments and fellowship.