

Holiday-Themed Service of Universal Worship

December 10, 2017, 5PM

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral

3754 Woodley Rd, Toledo, Oh, 43606



Participants from Universal Worship Service 9/10/2017

Judy Lee Trautman, Susan Modarai, Devorah Shulamit, Rev. Joanna Gabriel, Dipti Vyas, Paul Laffartha, Tony Khoury Nadeem Khoury, Wafeek Khoury, Jennifer Hill, Lauraine Carpenter, Sara Tarana Jobin. Not pictured are Shamsuddin Waheed and Vandita Prasad.

The **Universal Worship Service** was created in 1921 by Inayat Khan, the Indian mystic, musician, and Sufi teacher who brought Universal Sufism to the west. Candle lighting is followed by readings from the sacred texts of the traditions represented.

November and December are blessed with many faith-based holidays. Readers and musicians from six faiths will present scriptural references and music for a major holiday of their tradition. The service will be led by Judy Lee Trautman and Sara Tarana Jobin.

At a time when faith traditions are challenged to offer solidarity to one another in the face of hate, we feel it is important that we find ways to pray together, not to sacrifice the beauty of our own traditions, but to unite them in love for all. The service encourages people of diverse faiths to pray together, each in their own way, for peace and harmony in our community and in the world.

Judy was ordained a *Cherag* to lead this worship in 2002. Sara recently encountered Universal Worship in Switzerland and was inspired to collaborate to bring it here.

We hope to continue to offer the service about once a month. If your faith space would like to offer to host, please contact Judy Trautman jltrautmanATsbglobal.net. [Substitute the appropriate symbol for the word AT.]

All are welcome to this free service, sponsored by the MultiFaith Council of NW Ohio.