

Reading on unity by Bahá'u'lláh

read by Arkham Shafiq:

The tabernacle of unity hath been raised; regard ye not one another as strangers. Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. We cherish the hope that the light of justice may shine upon the world and sanctify it from tyranny. If the rulers and kings of the earth, the symbols of the power of God, exalted be His glory, arise and resolve to dedicate themselves to whatever will promote the highest interests of the whole of humanity, the reign of justice will assuredly be established amongst the children of men, and the effulgence of its light will envelop the whole earth.

Eitz Chaim

Tyler Simmons

I Rise Above

a musical tribute to Jacob Schwartz and all the disabled children and adults, performed by Stacy Zosky, Don Denaburg, Ben Schwartz, Cole Perelmuter, Jennifer Zosky, Alex Gouchtchina, Tyler Simmons, & Ethan Young

Allah Hu: World Music Mast Mast presents the Shahid Ali Khan Music Band

Sajid Ali Khan, lead singer
Shahzaib Ali Khan, first harmonium
Amanat Ali, second harmonium
Waris Ali, tabla
Wajid Ali Khan, Majid Ali Khan, & Rahil, chorus

Closing Singalong: Unity House

Jack Lenz & Youth Singers lead audience



One Human Family

October 14 2017, 7:30 p.m.
288 Bloor St. West, Toronto
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Birth of Bahá'u'lláh—a musical meditation

Anwar Khurshid, sitar & bansuri flute
Jack Lenz, piano

Welcome & Introduction

from Louise Profeit LeBlanc

Prayer for Humanity by 'Abdu'l-Bahá

read by Shadi Laghai:

O Thou kind Lord! Thou has 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, O 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 overlooks the shortcomings of all mankind!

Prayer by 'Abdu'l-Bahá

chanted in Persian by Shohreh Haghiri Howard

Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen

Ethan Young & Tyler Simmons

Reflections from NASA astronauts

read by Arman Pakravan, Jilahn Menshari,
Lua Hariri, & Jason Alizadeh:

In December 1968, the crew of Apollo 8 became the first humans to leave Earth orbit and head for the moon. They also became the first to look back at their home planet and see the entire world in one glimpse.

“We have a beautiful view of Florida now, we can see Cape Canaveral, just the point. And at the same time, we can see Africa. West Africa is beautiful. I can also see Gibraltar at the same time I'm looking at Florida.”
“We came all this way to explore the moon, and the most important thing is that we discovered the Earth.”

“When you see the beauty of our planet, it is striking, it's sobering. For the 50 years that we've been flying humans in space, astronauts and cosmonauts have always commented about how beautiful, how fragile and how peaceful our planet looks from space.”

“It's hard to get a sense that this planet is populated by humans, except at night. That's when all the cities come to life with lights that show up at night.” “When you see our whole planet like this, you realize we are altogether citizens of the world.”

Singalong: Song of the Prophets

Jack Lenz & Youth Singers lead audience

Vocalise by Rachmaninoff

Madeleine Smith, cello
Julian Cruz, piano