A Time to Grieve, Hope, and Act:  
Marking A Year Since Tufts’ Campus Closure 
Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. ET

A TIME TO GATHER

Welcome. Everything that you need to know about today is in this program.

“Valse Triste” by Jean Sibelius

Thomas Dawkins
Music Director and Organist

Welcome

Rev. Elyse Nelson Winger
University Chaplain

Juanita Asapokhai A24
Catholic Community at Tufts

Remarks

Dr. Anthony P. Monaco
President of Tufts University

Invocation: Buddhist mettā meditation

Harsha Menon
Interim Buddhist Chaplain

Kayleigh Ford A21
Buddhist Mindfulness Sangha

A TIME TO GRIEVE

What are you grieving right now?

Reflection

Walker Bristol
Assistant Director and Humanist Chaplain
“Elul Niggun” by Nava Tehila

Guitar by Micah Kraus A22
CAFE 2021 Coordinator

Vocals by Georgia Kay A22

This is a time to name the loss of family and friends, the impact of systemic violence and racism on multiple communities, the realities of loneliness and uncertainty, and so much more from the past year. Please share in the chat function any names, events, or moments you'd like to have shared. The moderator will post these submissions anonymously in the chat.

A Sharing of Remembrances

As you listen to these remembrances, please utilize the chat function to lift up any names, moments, or events that are on your heart and mind.

Rev. Daniel Bell, Protestant Chaplain
Harsha Menon, Interim Buddhist Chaplain
Iman Abdul-Malik Merchant, Muslim Chaplain

Candle Lighting

Rev. Daniel Bell, Protestant Chaplain
Curry Brinson A22, University Chaplaincy Student Worker
Walker Bristol, Assistant Director and Humanist Chaplain
Ryan Dreher A21, Buddhist Mindfulness Sangha
Kayleigh Ford A21, Buddhist Mindfulness Sangha
Euguene Henninger-Voss A21, Unitarian Universalists
Akshita Rao A21, Hindu Student Council
Neha Ratnapuri A2, Interfaith Student Council
Jane Romp A23, COFFEE Tufts Interfaith Student Coalition
A TIME TO HOPE

What from your life, or religious or philosophical tradition, offers you hope?

Reflection
Dr. Preeta Banerjee
Hindu Community Advisor

Poem
Violet Kopp A24
Tufts Hillel

Reflection
Neha Ratnapuri A23
Interfaith Student Council

A TIME TO ACT

What calls you to action at this moment?

Musical Interlude
"Our Power” by Rena Branson

Reflection
Liz Aeschlimann
Interim Director of Community Building at Tufts Hillel

Community Art Project
Violet Kopp A24
Tufts Hillel
Neha Ratnapuri A23
Interfaith Student Council

Closing Words
Lynd Cooper
Chaplaincy Team Supervisor and Catholic Chaplain

Sebastian Fernandez A24
Catholic Community at Tufts

Sending Music

“This Joy”
Composed by Shirley Caesar
Lead vocals, Abena Koomson-Davis Vocals
Resistance Revival Chorus

Hosted by Tufts University Chaplaincy and Tufts Hillel

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Invocation
Buddhist mettā meditation

Picture a lotus blooming in your heart and remaining there throughout this recitation. You can repeat each verse, or just focus on the peace in your heart spreading out as we recite each verse.

MAY I BE WELL, HAPPY, PEACEFUL, AND PROSPEROUS
(repeat)
MAY NO HARM COME TO ME
(repeat)
MAY NO DIFFicultIES COME TO ME
(repeat)
MAY NO PROBLEMS COME TO ME
(repeat)
MAY I ALWAYS MEET WITH SUCCESS
(repeat)
MAY I HAVE PATIENCE
(repeat)
COURAGE
(repeat)
UNDERSTANDING
(repeat)
AND DETERMINATION
(repeat)
TO MEET AND OVERCOME
(repeat)
INEVITABLE DIFFICULTIES, PROBLEMS, AND FAILURES IN LIFE
(repeat)

MAY MY TEACHERS BE WELL, HAPPY, PEACEFUL, AND PROSPEROUS
(repeat)
MAY NO HARM COME TO THEM
(repeat)
MAY NO DIFFICULTIES COME TO THEM
(repeat)
MAY NO PROBLEMS COME TO THEM
(repeat)
MAY THEY ALWAYS MEET WITH SUCCESS
(repeat)
MAY THEY HAVE PATIENCE
(repeat)
COURAGE
(repeat)
UNDERSTANDING
(repeat)
AND DETERMINATION
(repeat)
TO MEET AND OVERCOME
(repeat)
INEVITABLE DIFFICULTIES, PROBLEMS, AND FAILURES IN LIFE
(repeat)

MAY MY PARENTS BE WELL, HAPPY, PEACEFUL, AND PROSPEROUS
(repeat)
MAY NO HARM COME TO THEM
(repeat)
MAY NO DIFFICULTIES COME TO THEM
(repeat)
MAY NO PROBLEMS COME TO THEM
(repeat)
MAY THEY ALWAYS MEET WITH SUCCESS
(repeat)
MAY THEY HAVE PATIENCE
(repeat)
COURAGE
(repeat)
UNDERSTANDING
(repeat)
AND DETERMINATION
(repeat)
TO MEET AND OVERCOME
(repeat)
INEVITABLE DIFFICULTIES, PROBLEMS, AND FAILURES IN LIFE
(repeat)

MAY MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS BE WELL, HAPPY, PEACEFUL, AND PROSPEROUS
(repeat)
MAY NO HARM COME TO THEM
MAY NO DIFFICULTIES COME TO THEM
MAY NO PROBLEMS COME TO THEM
MAY THEY ALWAYS MEET WITH SUCCESS
MAY THEY HAVE PATIENCE
COURAGE
UNDERSTANDING
AND DETERMINATION
TO MEET AND OVERCOME
INEVITABLE DIFFICULTIES, PROBLEMS, AND FAILURES IN LIFE
MAY THOSE WHO ARE UNFRIENDLY BE WELL, HAPPY, PEACEFUL, AND PROSPEROUS
MAY NO HARM COME TO THEM
MAY NO DIFFICULTIES COME TO THEM
MAY NO PROBLEMS COME TO THEM
MAY THEY ALWAYS MEET WITH SUCCESS
MAY THEY HAVE PATIENCE
COURAGE
UNDERSTANDING
AND DETERMINATION
TO MEET AND OVERCOME
INEVITABLE DIFFICULTIES, PROBLEMS, AND FAILURES IN LIFE

MAY ALL BEINGS BE WELL, HAPPY, PEACEFUL, AND PROSPEROUS
MAY NO HARM COME TO THEM
MAY NO DIFFICULTIES COME TO THEM
MAY NO PROBLEMS COME TO THEM
MAY THEY ALWAYS MEET WITH SUCCESS
MAY THEY HAVE PATIENCE
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