



**FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION:
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FAITHFUL REPRODUCTIVE CHOICES**

An Interfaith Convocation

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Keynote speaker:

The Reverend Dr. George Regas

Convener of the Progressive Religious Partnership

Welcome to the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice's interfaith convocation: From Generation to Generation: Celebrating 30 Years of Faithful Choices! We are delighted to have you join us in expressing our unwavering respect for women, individual conscience, diversity of belief, and religious freedom. Tonight we celebrate the 30th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Religious Coalition, in full awareness of the many threats we face, including the attack on women's rights and religious pluralism in the courts, Congress, the states, houses of worship, and the streets. We are committed to the right to choose because of our beliefs-not in spite of them. We will not deprive our children and grandchildren of this hard-won right, so recently gained and at such great cost.

With this service of the heart, we honor women who have made difficult choices, doctors and clinic workers who have sacrificed their safety to provide reproductive health care for women, activists who have worked to preserve women's rights and clergy and lay counselors who have helped women in making difficult decisions. We celebrate the contributions of those who fought for women's rights prior to *Roe v. Wade*, those who have continued the fight over the last 30 years, and the next generation that is facing renewed threats to their rights. As we worship together this evening, let us pledge to renew our efforts and to do all we can to preserve religious and reproductive freedom!

As we gather this evening to celebrate thirty years of reproductive freedom, let us keep ever before us the faces of the generations past, who fought for this right, for the present generation that continues to work to preserve it, and the generations yet to come.

Prelude.....Thomas Tyler and Psalms Ministry Chorale

Call to Worship:

Shofar Blowing.....Shira Ziegler

**Greetings from the Host Pastor.....The Reverend Dr. Roger Gench
New York Avenue Presbyterian Church**

**Greetings from Religious Coalition for Reproductive
Choice.....Jean Stewart Berg, Chair of the Board of Directors**

Hymn: Gathered Here.....Cantor Laura Croen and Congregation
(words and music by Philiip A. Porter)

Gathered here in the mystery of the hour
Gathered here in one strong body
Gathered here in the struggle and the power
Spirit draw near.

**Memorial for Those Who Have Died...June Barrett and The Rev. Terrence
Leathers**

Rev. Leathers: Tonight we pause in our celebration of thirty years of reproductive freedom, to remember, name, and light a candle for those who have died because they did not have this freedom,. Tonight we remember with sorrow those women who died before abortion became legal, and those women who died even after abortion was legal, but who were denied access to a safe and legal abortion by legal and societal barriers. They include young women, and mature women, women who lived their lives in poverty, women of color, and women in rural communities without access to a provider. Most of these women remain unnamed, known only to their families and loved ones who miss and mourn them. They are too many to number, too many to name, but they must not be forgotten. Tonight, we remember them.

(a candle is lit by Shira)

All: They are greatly missed.

Reverend Leathers: Tonight we also remember and mourn those who were killed because they devoted their lives to protecting women's right to choose. These we name and honor for their sacrifice, and pray that this list grows no longer. Tonight, we

remember them.

June Barrett: We remember Dr. David Gunn, the first doctor slain during an anti-abortion protest since the procedure was legalized.

(a candle is lit by Deena)

All: David is greatly missed.

June Barrett: We remember Dr. John Bayard Britton. Though he was 69 years old and could have retired, he took a temporary job at Dr. Gunn's clinic because he felt that it was important that the clinics remain open.

(a candle is lit by Shira)

All: John is greatly missed.

June Barrett: We remember Lt. Col. James Barrett, who was a volunteer clinic escort as part of the community service outreach work of his church. He was killed protecting Dr. Britton.

(a candle is lit by Deena)

All: Jim is greatly missed.

Rev Leathers: We remember Leanne Nichols, a receptionist at a Massachusetts health clinic. She believed that she was supporting a woman's right to choose by her work.

(a candle is lit by Shira)

All: Leanne is greatly missed.

Reverend Leathers: We remember Shannon Lowney, a receptionist at the Planned Parenthood Clinic in Brookline not far from where Leanne was killed. A friend said of her, "she wouldn't even be able to hate the person who killed her-I know that."

(a candle is lit by Deena)

All: Shannon is greatly missed.

June Barrett: We remember Dr. Barnett Slepian. The director of the clinic where he worked said of him, "He was a physician, a man of medicine, a healer. He provided comfort to the women of Buffalo. He delivered their babies, he brought joy to countless infertile couples, he saved the lives of women."

(a candle is lit by Shira)

All: Barnett is greatly missed.

Rev. Leathers: As we remember these brave people, let us pray for an end to the rhetoric and violent acts that target health care providers, and pray for the day when health care providers, women and their families, can exercise their rights to reproductive choice in

security and peace. Let us pause now for a moment of silence to remember all who have lost their lives, and for those who have been injured in attacks all across our country

(Silence)

All: Help us, Gracious God, to stand together with these courageous and caring people who continue to do your holy work.

Buddhist Bell Ringing Ceremony.....Daniel Taisen Bruner, Amy Vitro, and Michael Senryo Roehm

(In Zen Buddhist temples, monasteries and lay practice centers, the bell is rung to call us back to this moment, to the mystery at the heart of life and death. At the coming of the new year, and at other important times, each sounding of the bell provides us a fresh opportunity to return to the still point, to open to the cries of the world, and to renew our vow to awaken and to be of service. The bell is struck a set number of times, using a number that represents infinity – to express how life and death, delusion and awakening, recur again and again without ceasing.)

Responsive Reading:

As People of God We Seek JusticeThe Rev. Dr. Roselyn Smith-Withers
(Written by The Rev. Dr. Roselyn Smith-Withers)

Leader: Today, we pray together in the presence of one another and the people of God. We remember the words of the prophets and the great teachers. We call upon the spirits of our ancestors and ask for the blessings of the First One, Creator of us all.

All: As people of God we seek justice.

Leader: We pray together, not because we must but because we may. We pray together because our commonalities are greater than our differences and because in our togetherness, our differences are honored and God's vastness is praised.

All: As people of God we seek justice.

Leader: We stand together, recognizing the risks of solidarity, affirming the power of our presence and celebrating the legacy of courage and commitment: justice and peace.

All: As people of God we seek justice.

Leader: We have heard the cries of hungry children; our hearts are opened to women who live in terror for their lives; we refuse to deny the abuses and we refuse to accept the violence that threatens our safety and profanes the name of God.

All: As people of God we seek justice.

Leader: With our eyes we see and with our hearts we feel the pain of war and oppression; poverty and homelessness; racism and sexism; homophobia and violence.

All: As people of God we seek justice. We are praying for those who stand up for social justice and equality. We have knowledge that God is with us in all of our circumstances.

Chorale.....Thomas Tyler and Psalms Ministry Chorale

The Written Word

Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 30: 19- 20.....Rabbi Marc Israel

New Testament: James 1:22-25.....The Rev. Dr. Judith Michaels

**Introduction of Speaker.....The Rev. Carlton W. Veazey, President and CEO,
Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice**

Homily.....The Rev. Dr. George Regas

Chorale.....Thomas Tyler and the Psalms Ministry Chorale

**OFFERING FOR THE WORK AND MISSION OF THE RELIGIOUS
COALITION FOR REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE.....Jean Stewart Berg**
Contributions will be donated to the National Network of Abortion Funds, which provides support and technical assistance to community-based abortion funds, aids in the creation of new abortion funds, and provides visibility and a voice for women facing financial barriers to abortion. NNAF's member funds directly help 17,000 women a year with financial assistance.

**Song:*L'Dor Vador* (From Generation to Generation).....Cantor Laura
Croen**

(music by Meir Finkelstein)

*L'-dor va-dor na-gid god-le-cha,
u-l'-ne-tsach n'-tsa-chim k'-du-shat-cha nak-dish.*

*V'-shiv-cha-cha, e-lo-hei-nu,
mi-pi-nu lo ya-mush l'-o-lam va-ed*

Ki eil me-lech ga-dol v'-ka-dosh a-tah.

L'-dor...

*Ba-ruch a-tah, A-do-nai, Ba-ruch hu
u-va-ruch sh'-mo, ha-el ha-ka-dosh. Amen*

(To all generations we will make known your greatness and to all eternity
proclaim Your holiness. Your praise, O God, shall never depart from our lips.
Blessed are You, the holy God.)

Dedication of the Offering.....The Rev. Dr. Judith Michaels

Buddhist Bell Ringing

The Prayers of the People

Leader.....Sandra Sorensen

Holy God, we gather here tonight to form a community that seeks your truth and asks for your guidance and strength. Direct us in all our doings that they may be offered to your honor and glory and for the well-being of all people.

Leader: As we bless the source of life,

All: so are we blessed.

Prayer for Women with Problem Pregnancies.....Gusti Newquist

We pray for women who know that life is beginning within them, who face the agony of wondering what to do in difficult circumstances. Some of them are women we know already. Some are women we have yet to meet. Some are in our own places of worship. Some are in our families, workplace, and neighborhoods.

The reasons for their dilemmas are as varied as the women themselves. None of us can walk in their shoes, nor can we know all that they face. Each woman struggles with what to do, knowing each option brings its own pain, as well as its own relief.

Help them, Gracious God, to find wise counsel, an understanding friend, and caring and compassionate clergy.

But most of all, give them strength to meet what they must face.

Leader: As we bless the source of life,

All: so are we blessed.

Prayer for Clergy and Lay Counselors Who Counsel Women...Rabbi Leila Gal Berner

Source of Wisdom, Spirit of Love, we pray for all those persons, both lay and clergy, who do your holy work of listening to women and helping them sort out their options.

Give them a portion of your gentle and nurturing spirit so that their guidance will uphold and respect each woman's own conscience and beliefs. Help them to withhold judgment

and offer hope. Help them to listen carefully and speak wisely. Help them open themselves to new ideas and put away their prejudices. And may they never themselves wound those already in pain.

Leader: As we bless the source of life,
All: so are we blessed.

Prayer for Those Who Choose Adoption.....Dr. Mary Hunt
(This prayer was sent to the Religious Coalition from Kansas by Jackie Heil, a foster mother who has cared for more than 100 babies waiting to be adopted.)

God of the Universe:

We pray for birth parents. We ask for informed maturity, compassionate ears and shoulders, and fierce tenderness, to help them make good choices for themselves and their children. Comfort those who grieve and give them faith and confidence in the future.

We pray for foster parents. We give thanks for the willing hands and hearts of those who choose to care for babies and children in foster care. Give them patience and understanding and wisdom for the role they have chosen as temporary and long-term caretakers of little people.

We pray for the families who find joy and fulfillment in choosing to adopt. Be with those who come to terms with the pain of infertility, and inspire all of us who have room in our hearts and homes to welcome children, especially those with special needs, into our families.

Bless all our children and families, and grant that we may find and reflect your love as we care for each other.

Amen.

Leader: As we bless the source of life,
All: so are we blessed.

Prayer for Children in Need.....The Right Rev. Jane Holmes Dixon
Most Gracious God, who is to us both father and mother, it is never easy to look into the face of a child desperately in need. But we know we are quicker to help when we can actually see that desperation; see first hand the plight and witness ourselves the conditions and sources of misery.

Help us, Creator of All, to open our hearts and hands to those children in our world whom we can see are motherless, fatherless, hungry, ill, abandoned, oppressed, violated, without hope, addicted, violent, homeless, imprisoned, and victimized.

Help us also to keep before us always even those children who we cannot see, whose lives are hidden from our view. May we always be aware of their pain, hear their cries, and respond with loving care. May we all work together to ensure that every child comes into this world wanted, loved, and cared for.

Leader: As we bless the source of life,
All: so are we blessed.

Prayer for Young Women..... Jenny Lin, Maury Mendenhall and Jessica Tate

God who supports us in times of transition – be with young women as they make the transition from youth to maturity, from the world of school to the world of work, from dependence to independence. God who nurtures us in times of struggle, be with young women as they struggle to realize their full potentials.

We pray for young women who are the daughters of the Women’s Movement. They have inherited the fruits of their mothers’ and grandmothers’ labors – access to higher education and to professional life, and the freedom to choose. With these gifts come high expectations and responsibilities. We pray for young women to discern in themselves a person “awesomely and wondrously” created in the image of God, as did their foremothers before them, as we pray their daughters will after them.

We pray for young women, single or in a relationship, wrestling with cultural messages and body image, sexual activity and abstinence, sexual orientation and reproductive health. We particularly pray for young women facing unplanned pregnancy, and pray that they have the access and safe space to make their own considered, moral, choices. God of peace and love, help us to live up to our moral responsibilities to respect and support young women in their times of decision.

Leader: As we bless the Source of Life
All: So are we blessed.

Prayer for Teenagers.....Deena Feinstein

Gracious God, we pray for teens, whose emerging sexual maturity sets in motion many new feelings, new body awareness, and for many, fears, and uncertainties.

We pray for teens that lack the resources to explore their expanding world in wise and careful ways. We pray for teens that lack access to reliable information about their changing bodies, about contraception, about ways to safeguard their health.

We pray especially for pregnant teen girls. Help us to care for and guide them as they explore the consequences of their choices. Let them see that they have a future that is

their own, a future that will be determined by their own choices. Open the possibilities of fullness of life to them.

Leader: As we bless the source of life,
All: so are we blessed.

Prayer for Families of Choice.....The Rev. Meg Riley
(written by The Rev. Meg Riley)

Holy Mystery, Loving Lord, we pray this evening that every parent will be filled with your bold and ceaseless love.

We pray for single parent families; for multi-racial families, for multi-generational families; for families of every religion, no religion and mixed religion; for families with gay and lesbian members, for childless families, adoptive families, for blended families; for every family.

May each know that it is a holy family.

May each be filled with abundant love, shaped by care and commitment of its members and of you, Most Gracious Parent of All.

May each family choose to be faithful to its own experience of your presence and honor you in every aspect of its life.

Leader: As we bless the source of life,
All: so are we blessed.

Prayer for Providers of Women's Health Care.....The Rev. Philip Wogaman

Gracious Provider of Care and Protection, we remember and stand with health care professionals who furnish health care for women. We give thanks for their commitment to protect the privacy of their patients and to treat them with the dignity and respect they deserve.

We give thanks especially for the doctors and nurses and other health care workers who serve the reproductive health care needs of women, who train women to use contraception safely and responsibly, who educate teenagers about intercourse and its consequences, who counsel women at risk to conceive children with genetic and hereditary problems, who explore options with women who have problem pregnancies, who refer women to responsible adoption agencies, who support women through abortion services, who recognize the rights of women to make reproductive choices. We pray for their safety, and we pledge to work for a world where health professionals can help women without fearing for their own lives.

Leader: As we bless the source of life,
All: so are we blessed.

Prayer for Women Coerced and Forced Against Their Will....The Rev. Elenora Giddings Ivory

(adapted from a prayer by the Rev. Elenora Giddings Ivory)

God of our lives, help us to find ways to break the silence that perpetuates the cycles of sexual abuse and violence in our families and in our communities and religious institutions. Help us break that silence when we see the evidence of the abuse of the beautiful gift of sexuality you have given us. Help us break that silence when we see this abuse throughout the world -- forced sterilizations and forced abortions.

Give us the courage to speak out and break the silence that surrounds the abuse of your gift of sexuality in the name of culture -- genital mutilation, rape and incest.

Help us find the voice of our outrage and denounce the violence against women and girls in the name of war and ethnic cleansing.

God, we know that you do not want us to misuse this beautiful gift of sexuality you have given us. Let us be loving and faithful to one another. We know that you would have us speak the truth to ourselves and one another. Let us speak that truth lovingly and faithfully so that the secrets will no longer have power over generation after generation.

But most of all, God, let us be loving and faithful and supportive of the children we bring into this world.

Leader: As we bless the source of life,
All: so are we blessed.

Prayer for Women Who Struggle to Feed and House Their Families.....Maureen Fiedler

(written by the Rev. Linda Morgan Clark)

God of all, we believe that your sufficiency is for everyone. We know also that you require that we feed the hungry and clothe the naked from the bounty you have provided to us all.

But we also acknowledge that there are so many -- especially women -- who struggle to keep food on their tables and roofs over their heads. And we especially remember women caught in the tattered and torn remnants of the social safety nets that have aided them in the past to feed and house themselves and their families.

We lift up for your special care those women and their children who wander among us hungry and homeless. May their sojourn lead them to caring people who will nurture them into dignity and link them with others who will share their resources with them.

Gracious God, open our hearts to these, the least among us, and let us hear their cries and respond.

Leader: As we bless the source of life,
All: so are we blessed.

Prayer for Pro-Choice Individuals Who Have Not Found Their Voices....The Rev. Aubrey Lewis

Many religious people who are pro-choice believe, Eternal Word, that they have nothing to say. Others believe that if they speak they will not be heard. Still others of us are afraid to speak for fear that we will be taunted and made to feel foolish. Each is silent. And in our silence we remain isolated, alone, fearful.

But our holy writings teach us that even when we remain silent, our hearts burn within us. For we know that to remain silent makes us part of the problem, not part of the solution. To remain in our isolation, paralyzed by our fears, keeps us safe, -- or does it?

Boldly we would ask that you use that holy fire in our bellies to empower us to break our silence. Put that fire into our silent, pro-choice religious leaders as well as their silent, pro-choice followers. Help them to know that if they but speak the truth of their lives that it will light the world.

Leader: As we bless the source of life,
All: so are we blessed.

Prayer for Men.....The Rev. Cedric Harmon

Creator God, we pray for men whom you have created to share in the conception of life, and to share in the responsibility of raising children.

We ask that you would help them be all that you have created them to be. Help them to see themselves as whole persons, so that they can help their partners and their children be themselves as well. Help them to be present to their families if they've been too long absent. Help them to speak out against injustice where they've been silent; help them to be understanding and supportive of the pro-choice decisions of their sisters, mothers, wives, and female friends.

But most of all God, give them the love and tenderness they need to be loving and faithful partners. May they welcome the opportunity to be supportive of the children they

help bring into this world. Give them courage and strength to live according to your guidance and wisdom always.

Leader: As we bless the source of life,
All: so are we blessed.

Prayer for Wise and Compassionate Leadership.....Sarah Lipton-Lubet

Sovereign One, we pray for the leaders of our nation. May they direct our country with justice, wisdom, and compassion. May they be moved by the desire for service rather than power, integrity rather than rhetoric, freedom for all rather than privilege for the few.

O merciful Source of strength, continue to challenge us to be involved in our communities. Grant us the discernment to select leaders whose sense of integrity will make us proud, and whose work will be of benefit to society. Uphold us when our leaders are in error that we may have the wisdom to understand human frailty, and the courage to act to set us back on course.

Grant, O God, in your great wisdom, that all those whose grave responsibility it is to create and implement public policy, would be faithful to the hopes of your people, so that all may prosper and live together in peace.

Leader: As we bless the source of life,
All: so are we blessed.

Prayer from the Ethical Humanist Community.....Edd Doerr

We are gathered here in this special place on this special day from all points of the religious compass.

We are gathered here to commemorate the Supreme Court's ruling thirty years ago that declared that women have a constitutional right to choose, a ruling that ranks in importance with Magna Charta, the Declaration of Independence, and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

We are gathered here to honor the heroic women and men who labored and sacrificed to liberate women from the chains of misguided patriarchy.

We are gathered in gratitude to this nation's founders who wisely understood that combining the power of religion with the power of government all too often leads to lockstep conformity, hypocrisy, intolerance, persecution, and tyranny; we are grateful for those founders who erected a wall of separation between religion and government.

We are gathered to renew our pledge to continue for as long as is necessary the struggle for the emancipation of all women and the preservation of the free exercise of conscience.

The prayers conclude with:

Sandra Sorensen: Let us take a moment of silence to pray for our own needs and those of others not named here tonight.

Leader: As we bless the source of life,

All: so are we blessed.

Buddhist Bell Ringing Ceremony

Hymn.....Cantor Laura Croen and congregation
(Mi shebeirach.....words and music by Debbie Friedman)

Mi shebeirach avoteinu
M'kor habracha l'imoteinu
May the source of strength
Who blessed the ones before us
Help us find the courage
To make our lives a blessing
And let us say, Amen

Mi shebeirach imoteinu
M'kor habracha l'avoteinu
Bless those in need of healing
With *r'fua shleima*
The renewal of body
The renewal of spirit
And let us say, Amen.

Prayers for the Generations Past, Present, and Future.....The Rev. Deborah Mero and Amy Hetrick

(written by The Rev. Deborah Mero)

Leader:

We are gathered together to celebrate a generation of the legal right to choose abortion. For generations we have passed on the gifts and burdens of the call for women's rights. Tonight we are answering the call to protect and ensure reproductive freedom for all women, rich and poor, old and young as we prepare for another generation of faithful choices.

There was a time when women had no choice. The Comstock laws labeled contraception as obscene and immoral. Women could choose only between accepting an unwanted pregnancy or facing dangerous alternatives.

All:

We honor those unknown people who brought wisdom and safety to those in need. And we vow to carry on their work.

Pioneers:

We came of age in a time when brave men and women defied the laws to take care of desperate women. Doctors, midwives, nurses, and clinicians risked all to relieve desperate women of unwanted pregnancies.

All:

We honor those like Alys Griff, Ruth Barnett, Margaret Sanger, and Jane Hodgson who brought safe family planning and abortion services to those in need. And we vow to support and protect those who now legally carry on their work.

Senior Activists

We came of age in a time when brave clergy, laity, and legislators stepped forward to help women with unwanted pregnancies by offering counsel, referrals and fighting to legalize the right to choose. We organized, we lobbied, we came forward and we took risks.

All:

We honor those who bravely took a stand like Rev. Howard Moody, Arlene Carmen, and George Michaels and those among us who namelessly witnessed for choice. And we vow to carry on their work.

Bridge Generation:

We came of age in the time of the pill, the IUD, and Roe v. Wade. We saw the transition from the fear and panic of an unwanted pregnancy to the ability to make reproductive choices. We heaved a collective sigh of relief and gratitude for the dedication of those who came before us.

All:

We honor those who brought us choice, Sarah Weddington, Fay Wattleton, Justice Harry Blackmun and all of this generation, Kate Michelman, Gloria Feldt, Dr. George Tiller, Dr. LeRoy Carhart, and Frances Kissling who have worked tirelessly to affirm women's right to choose abortion and provide safe and legal reproductive health options. And we vow to carry on their work.

Young Adults:

We now live in an age when the freedom to choose is again in peril. Restrictive and punitive legislation has limited and even taken away reproductive choice for low-income women, young women and women of color. Clinics are picketed, legislators are hostile and practitioners are threatened. Our elders have held the line for us, but they are getting weary. It is up to us to bring our energy to the movement and do all we can to protect a woman's right to choose.

All:

We honor the young people who are standing up for choice, the young activists working as clinic escorts or those raising awareness through campus pro-choice groups. In time, their names will be added to the Honor Roll for their noble contributions to the movement. And we vow to support them as they carry on the work.

Leader:

Protecting Reproductive Choice is the work of a lifetime. We must not be discouraged or lose heart as we see the mantle taken up by the next generation of worthy advocates. The work has gratified and blessed us. May it do so for generations to come until the day arrives when we no longer need to fight for what should rightly be ours, the freedom to determine our reproductive fate.

All: AMEN

Hymn: Light One Candle.....Cantor Laura Croen and Congregation

(words and music by Peter Yarrow)

Light one candle for the strength that we need to never become our own foe.
Light one candle for those who are suffering the pain we learned so long ago.
Light one candle for all we believe in, let anger not tear us apart.
Light one candle to bind us together with peace as the song in our heart.

CHORUS: Don't let the light go out.
It's lasted for so many years.
Don't let the light go out,
let it shine through our love and our tears

What is the memory that's valued so highly that we keep it alive in that flame?
What's the commitment to those who have died when we cry out, "They've not died in vain."
We have come this far always believing that justice will somehow prevail.
This is the burden and this is the promise and this is why we will not fail.

CHORUS

CODA: Don't let the light go out! (3x's)

Benediction.....Rabbi Jeremy Winaker

(Talmud: Masechet Berachot 17a)

May you live to see your world fulfilled. May your destiny be for worlds to come and may you trust in generations past and yet to be. May your heart be filled with intuition and your words be filled with insight. May your songs of praise ever be upon your tongue and your vision be a straight path before you. May your eyes shine with the light of holy words and your face reflect the brightness of the heavens.

Postlude.....Thomas Tyler and Chorale

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