GLOBAL ONENESS DAY
SUNDAY SERVICE
OCTOBER 25TH, 2015

1. MUSICAL OPENING BY ____

2. WELCOME AND INVOCATION BY ______

3. MUSICAL NUMBER BY __________

4. (Leader) STATEMENT & PURPOSE OF THIS ONENESS SERVICE:

A. Intro to the importance of Interfaith-Intercultural celebration
In hundreds of spiritual centers around the world today, people are reflecting on the proposition that interfaith and intercultural understanding is what forms the foundation of global peace-building to which we are all so deeply committed.

The late Bro. Wayne Teasdale, wrote in his book: The Mystic Heart…

“Humanity stands at a crossroads between horror and hope. In choosing hope, we must seed a new consciousness, a radically fresh approach to life drawing its inspiration from perennial spiritual and moral insights, intuition and experience. We call this new awareness Interspiritual, implying not the homogenization of religion, but the recovering of the shared mystic heart beating in the center of the world’s deepest spiritual traditions.”

Spiritual and religious belief systems shape worldviews that, in turn, determine cultural norms. We believe that discord between and among cultures is a symptom of human woundedness catalyzed by failed understanding. When compassionately understood, the diverse wisdom of our spiritual legacies give rise to healing. WE DO have a hand in determining whether cultures evolve, or merely change.

Today, we’re right in the middle of a planet-wide values shift. Its implications for religion, spirituality, inter-cultural healing and personal development are profound, indeed. At its very heart lie new understandings of peace and nonviolence, social / economic justice, human rights, and ecological sustainability.

B. Intro to Global Oneness Day
October 24th is the fifth annual Global Oneness Day. (YOUR ORGANIZATION HERE) joins The Association for Global New Thought and Humanity’s Team in a worldwide celebration of unity, diversity, harmony and compassion, and to explore the profound realization that we are one!

This is also United Nations Day. Ambassador Chowdhury, the leading emissary of the U.N. Culture of Peace initiative since his presentation at the inaugural launch of the Gandhi King
Season for Nonviolence at the UN in 1998, received the Global Oneness Day petition signed by over 50,000 people in over 150 countries. He said, “I believe that unless we have the sense of solidarity among the peoples of the world, all our efforts of peace and security will go nowhere.”

Erwin Schrodinger, who won the Noble Prize for Physics in 1933, said “Quantum physics this reveals a basic oneness of the universe.” Eighty years have passed but few have this awareness.

Today we can participate in taking a giant step forward in our pursuit of meaningful interfaith and intercultural understanding—the only path to lasting peace. We can hold the vibration for Oneness together.

Global Oneness Day was created to awaken the world to Oneness in this generation so we create a culture of solidarity that serves humanity and all of life on Earth. Currently, less than 5% of the world's population understand and live in alignment with Oneness, but we're changing that by reaching out to the networks of 100,000 or more people attending this event.

* If you feel moved to do so, you are invited to REGISTER for the FREE live Global Oneness Day telesummit, October 24th. From 8:15 am to 7:30 pm PST, this virtual event is open to international callers and web-users. You can see the current program and early line-up for Global Oneness Day and REGISTER here: [http://www.globalonenesssummit.org/](http://www.globalonenesssummit.org/)

Your presence and support for this event will make a huge difference and will directly impact the transformation to Oneness you have already begun.

C. Video with Michael Bernard Beckwith and Neale Donald Walsch

5. GLOBAL ONENESS DAY PLEDGE: THE TEXT

I declare:

1. That the message We Are All One, inter-related, inter-connected and inter-dependent, with God/Life/One-another, is the one spiritual message that the world has been waiting for to bring about loving and sustainable answers to humanity’s challenges.

2. That the world does not have to be the way it is – and that individual people can change it, using the power of spiritual citizenship.

3. That humanity is good and has unlimited potential, and that social transformation starts with personal transformation. I therefore recognize the importance of connecting with my divine essence and inner wisdom throughout my life’s journey; allowing the finest and the highest levels of human potential to flourish for the benefit of all.

4. My aspirations to support spiritual principles, global ethics, and universal values such as respect, justice, peace, dignity, freedom, responsibility and cooperation, that underlie this declaration.

5. That human beings need each other to survive on this planet. I recognize that we are all in this together and that community flourishes as we learn about each other and
revel in the wonder and beauty of our diversities. I declare that I am playing my part to help to bring about a culture in which we, the peoples of the world, can address our common global concerns in an holistic, positive and transforming way and live together in peace with one another.

6. That Oneness contains All of life – also the parts that we regard as the “other”. I realize that wholeness and togetherness can only be experienced through the recognition of the uniqueness, beauty and purpose of all aspects of life, and that this recognition starts with my Self.

7. That I am part of the emerging consciousness that promotes a spirit of openness, enquiry, connection and relationship with myself and the entire universe, and who continues to recognize the wonder, beauty and mystery of it all.

8. I declare that the time for change is now, and I declare the importance of a day set aside for all of humanity to come together as one human family, to discuss, celebrate and experience Oneness.

6. OPTION: MEDITATION FOR GLOBAL ONENESS

FREE 6 minute Interfaith Peace Quotes video produced by AGNT for viewing/projection in center/sanctuary

VIEW ONLINE AT https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTQjiJrIvS8

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7. MESSAGE: WHY GLOBAL ONENESS DAY?
Global Oneness Day, October 24th, is a day to recognize and celebrate the fundamental interconnection of all people and all life. While this interconnectedness may seem intuitively obvious to many of us, for most of human history, and indeed for most people even today, the opposite is held to be true.

The mentality of “self” separate from “other,” or “us” against “them” remains the dominant perspective that underlies our thinking, policies, and institutions around the world. Thus, if we want to bring about a sustainable global society, nothing is more important than changing this outdated way of thinking.

Oneness – the realization that all of life is one inseparably connected evolutionary process – is not an idea being put forth by any one particular organization. It is a growing movement of consciousness that is being increasingly embraced by individuals and organizations all over the world.

Since the late 1960’s, when pioneering astronauts captured the first photographs of Earth from space, there has been a growing realization that everything and everyone on our beautiful blue planet are deeply connected. A realization that we are One.
And yet, the popular perspectives and dominant institutions in our society are still primarily based on a mentality of separation. The focus on “us” separate from “them”, or “me” separate from “other”, while appropriate in context, is the root cause of so many of the escalating challenges we now face. Thus, if we want to bring about a sustainable global society, nothing is more important than changing this outdated way of thinking.

Global Oneness Day was created to recognize and celebrate the fundamental interconnection of all people and all of life. It is an opportunity to join thousands of participants in the exploration not only of the idea of Oneness, but ways in which this thinking can and is being applied “on the ground” so that our global society and culture increasingly reflect it.

When we, as individuals and groups, begin to awaken to an understanding of the world as One, our fundamental motives begin to shift. We start to see the possibility of a higher ideal – for success, health, prosperity, and purpose – not just for ourselves, but for all of humanity, and indeed all of life.

Global Oneness Day brings together dozens of passionate speakers whose commitment and insight into Oneness have inspired millions. But as inspiring and important as these conversations are, Global Oneness Day is not only about the sharing of ideas and insights. It offers an opportunity for thousands of us who care deeply about our world to be together in solidarity and experience a shared consciousness as One.

Have you ever thought of the power you have as a human being sharing this planet? For example, what about touch? A loving hand on the shoulder, a hug, a pat on the back...these small gestures can let people know we really care. Sometimes words are too much or not enough and a gentle touch can be so healing. Emmet Fox said, “There is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer; no disease that enough love will not heal; no door that enough love will not open; no gulf that enough love will not bridge; no wall that enough love will not throw down; no sin that enough love will not redeem”

Or, what about kindness? Sometimes all that is needed to turn a violent thought or experience around is a bit of kindness. The Apostle Paul wrote: “Clothe yourself with compassion and kindness and gentleness and patience before each other and forgive whatever grievance you may have with one another.” And what of reverence? Where would violence go in the face of reverence? How could one be violent when someone is holding them in high esteem and valuing them.

Or, what of transformation? How do I transform violent thoughts into loving thoughts? Might I sing? I acknowledge my Truth and know there is a song in me that only I can sing. And do I have a balance between speaking and listening? Dag Hammarskjold said, “The more faithfully you listen to the voice within you, the better you will hear what is sounding outside. And only she who listens can speak.”

A Sufi proverb says, “When the heart weeps for what it has lost, the spirit laughs for what is found,” and Albert Einstein said, “There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is.”

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8. MAKING A DIFFERENCE
How can we, as individuals, One Person at a time make a difference in this large world? We can do this in three specific ways on a daily basis. The first way is personally. An example of this would be: smiling, believing, dreaming, and caring. The second way would be interpersonally, and an example of that would be: praising, listening, cooperation, and accountability. The third way would be through your community. An example would be: advocacy, action, commitment, and celebration. You see, through One Person at a time, we create oneness by one thought, word, or action at a time. Oneness creates a peaceful family, a peaceful community, and ultimately, a peaceful world. What does Oneness mean to you? Is it a word that you hear, or is it a living, breathing entity with a heart and soul of its own? Is it passive or active? Think about it as you move through your life. How can I, One Person make a difference?

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9. Closing Prayer/Meditation