

**Area Congregations Together
Multi-Faith Thanksgiving Service
“People Who Make a Difference”
Forest Home Chapel, Ithaca, NY
3:00 pm – November 18, 2007**

Prelude The Salvation Army Brass Ensemble
 Ben Payton, Bandmaster

Welcome (Theme) Rev. Dr. Fred Kelsey
 Forest Home Chapel

Unison Prayer #456

*Go Down Moses #448 in the Hymnal, vs. 1-3

Under the Bridge:

 Making a Difference in Portland, Or
 Father Mike Mahler
 St. Catherine of Siena

A Prayer from the Baha’i Faith Patrick McMahon
 Baha’is of Ithaca

*When in Our Music God is Glorified #68

SALVATION ARMY:

 Making a Difference Worldwide
 Colonel Frank Payton
 The Salvation Army

ACT: Making a Difference in so Many Ways
 Kay Wollney
 ACT Rep, Forest Home Chapel

Offering

* Offertory/Dedication #95

HOSPICARE: Making a Difference in Ithaca

• Introduction Rita Calvo
 Temple Beth-El

• To Open Your Heart You must
 Open Your Eyes Nina Miller
 Temple Beth-El

Prayer Pastor Michael Bell
 St. James AME Zion

*Now Thank We All Our God #102

Benediction Allen Lambert
 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Postlude Salvation Army Brass Ensemble

Biographies

- Your Gifts Support the local and global services of Area Congregations Together. Representing a variety of religious perspectives within Tompkins County, ACT works to foster tolerance and sensitivity as it supports the non-profits that serve the common good. ACT sponsors food drives through Crop Walk and Kitchen Cupboard, and works with groups such as Offender Aid and Restoration, the Hospital Chaplaincy, the Family Reading Partnership, and Catholic Charities who are currently looking to resettle Iraqi translators.

- The Salvation Army Band, of which today's Brass Ensemble is but one segment, has been in existence in Ithaca for 73 years and is staffed entirely by volunteers. Originating in England in the 1800s to draw people to its street ministry, the Army's music and performance program now serves in over 100 countries, and is the largest in the world.

- Organist and choir director at Forest Home Chapel, Merilee Nord, teaches sight singing and music theory at Ithaca College, and piano lessons for youth and adults in her own studio.

- Father Mahler came to Cornell as Catholic Chaplain in 1983, and in 2003 assumed the pastorate of St. Catherine of Siena Church. For 30 years he has led a group of college students on an annual week of volunteer service to the poor of Appalachia in eastern Kentucky. He enjoys riding his Harley Davidson, mountain hiking, and playing handball. His column, "Mahler's Unfinished Symphony," appears in St. Catherine's weekly bulletin.

- Colonel Frank Payton commissioned as a Salvation Army officer in 1953. Since then, he and his wife, Yvonne who was commissioned in 1958, pastored congregations in Central and South America, Mexico, and the 16 countries of the Caribbean Territory. In 1977, they led The Salvation Army's school for the training of officers in these areas, and their final appointment was as Territorial Commanders before they retired in 1998.

- After retiring as Director of Suicide Prevention and Crisis Service of Tompkins County, Nina Miller conceived Hospicare of Ithaca as the state's first such residential program. Staffed with caring professionals and volunteers, Hospicare and Palliative Care Services brings medical expertise and compassionate, respectful care to people and their loved ones at any stage of a life-threatening illness, and provides information and education about advanced illness, dying and bereavement to the entire community.