

**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL
BUDDHIST SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
VESAK GATHERING**

SUNDAY, MAY 21ND 2023

BATHING THE BABY BUDDHA

ZEN CENTER OF PITTSBURGH

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRESS YOUR PALMS TOGETHER AND BOW, THEN USE THE LADLE TO POUR WATER INFUSED WITH FLOWERS AND FRAGRANT SPICES OVER THE STATUE OF THE BABY BUDDHA THREE TIMES. THE BATHING OF THE BABY BUDDHA IS AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE, BRINGING YOUR INTENTION TO THE MOMENT.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO THE CEREMONY AND THE THEME

JOHN BOGAARD

VESAK IS THE MAJOR BUDDHIST HOLIDAY OF THE YEAR AS IT CELEBRATES THE BIRTH, ENLIGHTENMENT AND PASSING AWAY (PARINIRVANA) OF THE HISTORICAL BUDDHA. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS AWAKENING THE COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY.

SALUTATION TO THE BUDDHA

LAUGHING RIVERS SANGHA

NAMO TASSA BHAGAVATO ARAHATO SAMMA SAMBUDDHASSA (3 TIMES)

THE DHARMA IS DEEP AND LOVELY.

WE NOW HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE, STUDY, AND TO PRACTICE IT.

WE VOW TO REALIZE ITS TRUE MEANING.

TALK ON THE THEME: "AWAKENING COMPASSION"

STEPHANIE ROMERO, EDD

MEDITATION FOR WORLD PEACE

BHANTE PEMARATANA

THREE REFUGES IN PALI

PITTSBURGH BUDDHIST CENTER

BUDDHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI
DHAMMAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI
SANGHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI

DUTIYAMPI BUDDHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI
DUTIYAMPI DHAMMAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI
DUTIYAMPI SANGHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI

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CHILDREN'S SONG ON THE BIRTH OF THE BUDDHA

PITTSBURGH BUDDHIST CENTER

CHILDREN'S SONG ON THE BUDDHA'S GIFT TO US

CLEVELAND BUDDHIST VIHARA

DEDICATION OF MERIT

REV. KOTOKU CRIVELLO

DIRECTIONS

JOHN BOGAARD

WATER PEACE CEREMONY AT NORTH SHORE RIVERFRONT PARK

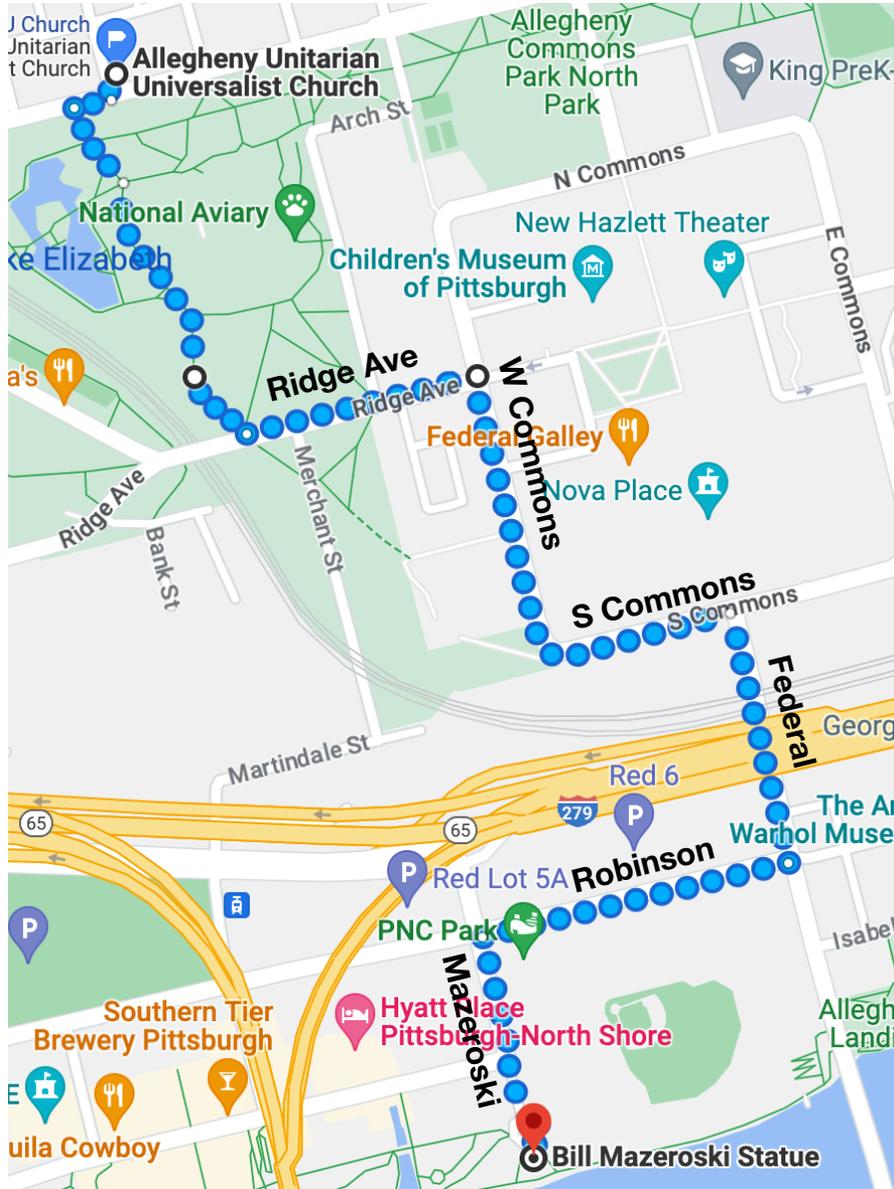
EVERYONE

ALL ARE INVITED TO WALK TO THE RIVERS TO RELEASE WATER SENDING OUR INTENTIONS FOR PEACE THROUGH THE RIVERS, TO THE OCEANS, ACROSS PLANET EARTH AND FOR ALL BEINGS.

SOCIAL TIME & REFRESHMENTS

EVERYONE

ROUTE OF THE PROCESSION



May all beings awaken and dwell in peace

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