

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

**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 **LIGHTING THE NOBLE PATH**.

**INVOCATION**

**BELMONT ZEN CENTER**

**THREE REFUGES IN PALI**

**BUDDHIST MEDITATION CENTER**

BUDDHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI  
DHAMMAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI  
SANGHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI

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

TATIYAMPI BUDDHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI  
TATIYAMPI DHAMMAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI  
TATIYAMPI SANGHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI

**OFFERING**

**THREE RIVERS TIBETAN CULTURAL CENTER**

**WESAK CHANT IN SANSKRIT**

**LAUGHING RIVERS SANGHA**

NAMO SHAKYA MUNAYE BUDDHAYA

**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**

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY (DOWNSTAIRS)**

**OLMO LING BON CENTER & INSTITUTE**

**DHARMA WORDS: "LIGHTING THE NOBLE PATH"**

**REV. KOTOKU CRIVELLO**

**MEDITATION FOR WORLD PEACE**

**BHANTE PEMARATANA**

**DEDICATION OF MERIT**

**PITTSBURGH BUDDHIST CENTER**

**DIRECTIONS**

**JOHN BOGAARD**

**DEVOTIONAL DANCE**

**BUDDHIST MEDITATION CENTER**

**WATER PEACE CEREMONY AT NORTH SHORE RIVERFRONT PARK**

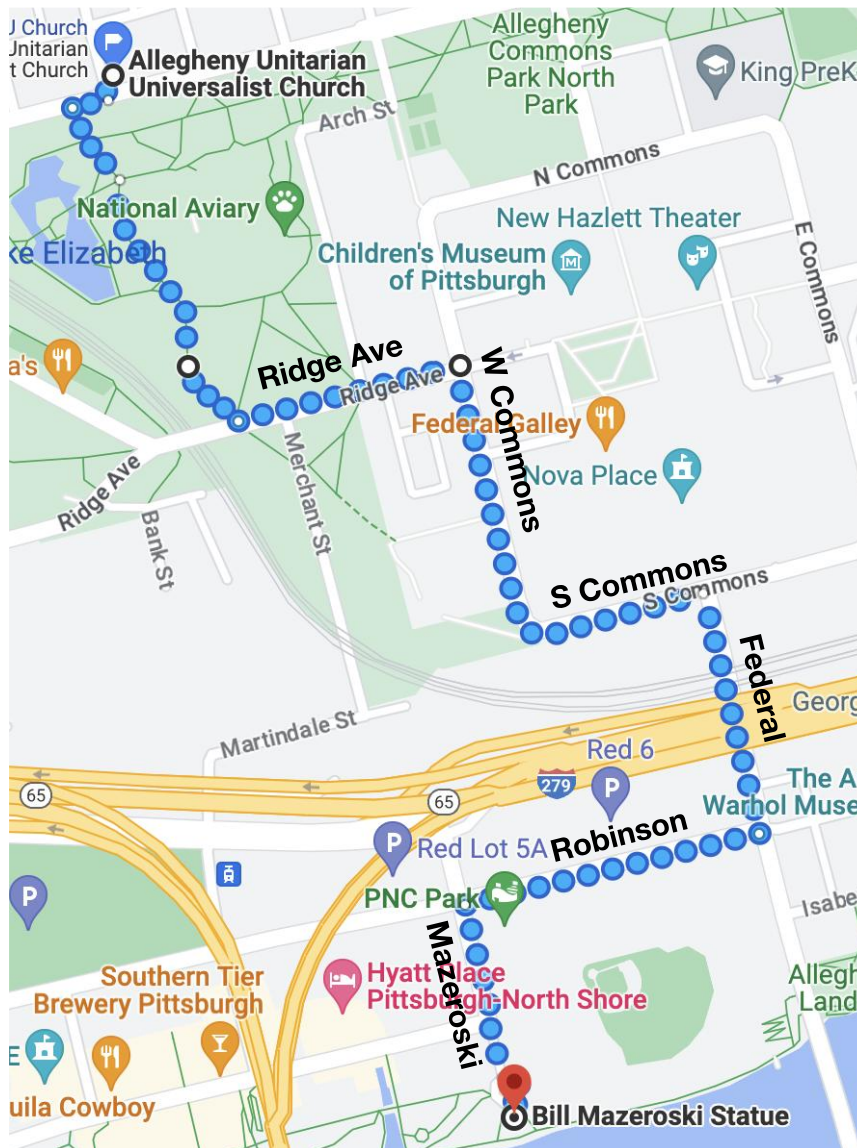
**EVERYONE**

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**

**CHANT DURING PROCESSION: TADYATHA OM MUNE MUNE MAHAMUNAYE SVA HA  
ROUTE OF THE PROCESSION**



*May all beings awaken and dwell in peace*  
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