The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of our multifaith community. Our chaplains and advisors are here for you, no matter where you are in the world or how you are doing in this time. Ritual helps us as humans mark a moment, make meaning amidst complexity and take time to express gratitude and creativity. In these times, let us remember that our roots are interrelated. May the lights that illuminate the physical dimension of our lives also illuminate our root system, the community sends nourishment to a member in need.

As you read this, in our Tufts community and around the world, we have just celebrated Diwali – one of the most widely observed Hindu festivals. Diwali is a time for marking and celebrating the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and hope over despair. It is also a time for thanking the divine for the bountiful harvest and the goodness of humanity and our shared natural world. For more information about our weekly gatherings and student group meetings, you can find more information on our website or by connecting with chaplaincy@tufts.edu. The Venerable Priya Sraman, Buddhist Chaplaincy, and Aminata Diop, Africana Spirituality Advisor, are also available to dive into the wisdom each offer up through Afro-diasporic expressive culture. All genres are welcome including spoken word, dance, music, and ritual.

As you reflect on this week, please take the time to consider your own roots and the nourishment the community has supported you to grow. May we embody the diya and find ways to illuminate our lives and the lives of others.

Our main goal is to create a space where all are welcomed and valued, where we can come together to learn about and celebrate different traditions and beliefs. We believe that by coming together, we can create an interdependent, brighter future together—across faiths, traditions, and worldviews.

We hope you will join us for the following events:

- **Protestant Evening Worship (PEW)**
  - **Friday, November 20, 5:30 p.m. ET**
  - **Join Visions of Peace for a virtual screening of the documentary, **

- **Jewish Chaplaincy**
  - **For more information please connect with the Jewish Chaplaincy.**

- **Catholic Chaplaincy**
  - **The Catholic community will not be offering in-person worship this year, but will be gathering virtually at 5:00 p.m. ET each Sunday to watch and participate in a religious service.**
  - **For more information please connect with Catholic Chaplain Lynn Cooper, Catholic Chaplain.**

- **Hindu Chaplaincy**
  - **Preeta Banerjee, Hindu Advisor, is available to discuss and celebrate the Hindu festival of Diwali.**

- **Humanist Chaplaincy**
  - **For more information please connect with the Humanist Chaplain, Walker Bristol.**

- **Muslim Chaplaincy**
  - **Imam Abdul-Malik Merchant, Muslim Chaplain, is available to discuss and celebrate the Muslim festival of Eid Al-Adha.**

- **Tufts Buddhist Mindfulness Sangha Meditation and Reflection**
  - **Tufts Buddhist Chaplaincy is available to discuss and celebrate the Buddhist festival of Vesak, which commemorates the Buddha’s birth, enlightenment, and death.**

- **Tufts Hindu Chaplaincy**
  - **Preeta Banerjee, Hindu Advisor, is available to discuss and celebrate the Hindu festival of Diwali.**

- **Tufts Catholic Chaplaincy**
  - **Lynn Cooper, Catholic Chaplain, is available to discuss and celebrate the Catholic feast day of St. Francis.**

- **Tufts Jewish Chaplaincy**
  - **For more information please connect with the Jewish Chaplaincy.**

- **Tufts Islamic Chaplaincy**
  - **For more information please connect with the Islamic Chaplain.**

Please note: there are gatherings on Monday, November 23rd, and Wednesday, November 25th, and a gathering on Friday, November 27th. To hear about upcoming programs for the community, you can sign up for the new Tufts Giving Tuesday website.

We hope to see you soon and thank you for all that you do to support our community.