

Rogue Valley Hiroshima-Nagasaki Vigil

August 6, 2026

A Vigil of Remembrance & Recommitment

Gathering Music • Masako Cross, You-kin harp (recorded)

8:00 am Welcome & Land Acknowledgment • Meg Wade,
Peace House Director

Lighting of Memorial Flame • Elizabeth V. Hallett
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“Cranes Over Hiroshima” • by Fred Small, arr. Dave Marston,
sung by the Rogue Valley Peace Choir in Hiroshima in 2006

City of Hiroshima Peace Declaration
excerpt read by Estelle Voeller, One Sunny Day Initiatives

8:15 am Sounding of the Gong & Silence
Jesús Ledezma, Rogue Valley Organizer with Rogue Climate,
Ella Chaddock, Rogue Climate Volunteer

*We observe a moment of silence remembering the time an atomic bomb
exploded over Hiroshima 81 years ago; and 3 days later on August 9,
over Nagasaki at 11:02 am.*

Reflection • Pastor James Matichuk, Medford Congregational UCC

City of Ashland Proclamation • read by Tonya Graham,
Mayor of Ashland

A Voice from the Downwinders • Sarah Caligiuri,
Yomba Shoshone Tribe

Water Ceremony • Rev. Norma Nakai Burton

*Prayers to soothe the souls of the departed of Hiroshima, Nagasaki,
and all those who have suffered from aspects of nuclear production,
testing and radiation – and their survivors.
Recorded music “Wind in the Pines” by Matsukaze*

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The baby blinks her eyes, as the sun falls from the sky
She feels the stings of a thousand fires, as the city around her dies
Some sleep beneath the rubble, some wake to a different world
From the crying babe will grow a laughing girl (will grow a laughing girl).

Ten summers fade to autumn, ten winters' snows have passed
She's a child of dreams and dances, she's a racer strong and fast
But the headaches come ever more often, and the dizziness always returns
And the word that she hears is leukemia, and it burns (it burns, it burns).

(Chorus)
Cranes over Hiroshima, white and red and gold
Flicker in the sunlight like a million vanished souls
I will fold these cranes of paper to a thousand one by one
And I'll fly away when I'm done (I'll fly away when I'm done).

Her ancestors knew the legend, if you make a thousand cranes
From squares of colored paper, it will take the pain away
With loving hands she folds them, six hundred forty four
'Til the morning her stumbling fingers can't fold anymore (can't fold anymore).

(Chorus)
Her friends did not forget her, crane after crane they made
Until they reached a thousand, and laid them upon her grave
People from everywhere gathered, together a prayer they said
And they wrote the words in granite so none can forget.

This is our cry
This is our prayer
Peace in the world.

Wa ga neh guy ee
Wa ga i no ri
Se kai no hei wa

Wa ga neh guy ee (No more Hiroshimas)
Wa ga i no ri (No more Nagasakis)
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