

Dear Cedar Lane Newcomers,

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today! If you are visiting us for the first time, we invite you to return often and make Cedar Lane your spiritual home. Here's how you can connect with our community after the service:

Ask Questions: The Welcome Center in the Lounge is a great place to find more information about the Cedar Lane congregation and Unitarian Universalism. Our greeters are waiting for you!

Sign-Up for our eNews: Keep up with current events at Cedar Lane by filling out a guest form at the Welcome Center in the Lounge.

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Interested in Membership? If you want to join our movement by becoming a member of Cedar Lane, see a minister after worship. If you have questions about membership, please connect with Sara Davidson, Director of Communications & Membership Engagement, at sdavidson@cedarlane.org or 301-493-8300 x202. If you would like to meet with a minister before joining, please contact the Rev. Katie Romano Griffin, Assistant Minister, at kromanogriffin@cedarlane.org or 301.493.8300 x204. If you are able, please join us for Cedar Lane 101 today in the Library from 10:15 – 10:55 am. Details are in today's insert.

Music Notes: On this first day of Advent the Children's Choir sings *So Many Colors*, a song reflective of how the rich diversity of our beloved community can come together as one. *Morning Star! How Fair and Bright* was first composed by Philipp Nicolai in the 16th century. The melody became well known through J. S. Bach's famous chorale setting, from his cantata "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern," BWV 1. Craig Courtney's *In the Silence* is a contemplative anthem for Advent that employs wind chimes and is sung a cappella. The plaintive Appalachian Folk tune *I Wonder as I Wander* is counterpoint to Pamela Martin's questioning lyrics: "Have you ever wondered in the silence, wondered at his birth, of how the Son of God was born, a Child upon the Earth."

Special thanks to the Children's Choir, Director Jenny Crane, and pianist Susan Easterly for their beautiful singing in today's service.



CEDAR LANE
WHERE LOVE WORKS

December's Theme is Mystery

Bow to the Mystery

*Revs. Abhi Janamanchi & Katie Romano Griffin,
Tim Atkins, & Worship Associate Mary Farrar*

December 2, 2018 // 9 & 11 am

Live Streaming at 11 am

We welcome the presence of young children and their spontaneous outbursts of the spirit of life in our worship.

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

December 2, 2018

9 & 11 am

ENTER TO WORSHIP

Tolling the Bells

A recording of the bells ringing in our Partner Church in Dicsöszentmárton, Transylvania (Romania) signifies the time for quiet as we prepare for worship.

Welcome

The Rev. Katie Romano Griffin, Assistant Minister,
& Tim Atkins, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

* **We Sing #1003: *Where Do We Come From?***

teal hymnal

Kindling the Flame

We kindle the chalice, symbol of wisdom, freedom, and community.
May its flame remind us that new life beckons to us each day.
May its light remind us that this is a community of warmth,
Of wisdom and welcoming of multiple paths to Truth.

Musical Offering: *So Many Colors*

Jim Schattauer, arr. Patrick Liebergen
Children's Choir; Jenny Crane, Director; Susan Easterly, piano

Time for All Ages: *The Student & the Elephant: An Indian Wisdom Tale*

* **We Sing #8: *Mother Spirit, Father Spirit***

Children/youth leave for their religious education classes during the second verse.

gray hymnal

Community Joys & Sorrows

Mary Farrar, Worship Associate

Prayer

Rev. Romano Griffin

Silence

During the silence, those grieving a loss or commemorating an anniversary are invited to rise in mourning and memory.

Musical Offering: *O Morning Star! How Fair and Bright*

arr. J.S. Bach
Choir

Reading

from Rainer Maria Rilke

Anthem: *In the Silence*

lyrics, Pamela Martin, music Craig Courtney
Choir; Leslie Backus, wind chimes

Reflection: "Bow to the Mystery"

The Rev. Abhi Janamanchi,
Senior Minister

Offertory: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Eric Roland Larson
Dr. Jasmin Lee, organ

*This morning we share our offertory plate 50/50 with Interfaith Works Women's Center.
Please see the insert for information about how to make out checks and/or give via text.
Thank you for your generosity!*

* **We Sing #1008: *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place***

teal hymnal

* Closing Words

Postlude: *Sonata No. 7, mvmt 3*

Sergei Prokofiev
Dr. Jasmin Lee, piano

DEPART TO RESIST & SERVE

* *Please rise in body and/or in spirit*