

2/24/24

Igniting Community



Enter to Worship

^Please rise in body and/or in spirit.

Ingathering Music

“A Promise I Will Keep”

“There Is A Love”

“We Are One”

by Nick Page, Cedar Lane Choir

by Rebecca Parker and Elizabeth Norton, Cedar Lane Quartet

by Brian Tate, Cedar Lane Quartet

^Greet your Neighbor

Tolling the Bells

We are called into worship with a recording of the bells ringing in our Partner Church in Dicsöszentmárton, Transylvania (Romania).

Welcome

Rev. Ali K.C. Bell

Invocation from David Blanchard, adapted

Rev. Abhi Janamanchi

^Kindling the Chalice

Mmamohau Tswaedi Narasimhan, Worship Associate
from Stephan Papa, adapted

As we kindle the chalice flame,
we connect with all who have gone before us
adding their light of truth and love to our community.
As the flame grows, so grows our faith in life and love.
As the flame grows, so grows our faith in the future,
in one another, and in the good we can do together.
May we grow our faith.

^Hymn 360

Here We Have Gathered
Words: & Music: Alicia Carpenter/Genevan Psalter

Joys and Sorrows

Mmamohau Tswaedi Narasimhan

Silence

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

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Bell

Hymn

Lean On Me
Words & Music: Bill Withers

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Janamanchi



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Paypal <https://bit.ly/cedarlanepaypal>, QR Code, or the offering plate.
Thank you for your generosity and support!

Offertory	By Linda Spevacek, Cedar Lane Choir, Dr. Jasmin Lee, piano, Libby Wiebel, director	<i>Anyway</i>
Affirmation		Roger Santodomingo
Anthem	By Mark Miller, Cedar Lane Choir, Dr. Jasmin Lee, piano, Libby Wiebel, director	<i>Draw the Circle Wide</i>
Reflection		Rev. Janamanchi
^Hymn 1064	Words - Peter Mayer / Music - Roland Hugh Prichard	<i>Blue Boat Home</i>
Announcements		Revs. Bell and Janamanchi
Benediction	from Mark Morrison Reed	Rev. Janamanchi
Postlude		Dr. Jasmin Lee, piano

DEPART TO SERVE

- ❖ Join us for coffee and fellowship after service!
- ❖ We are grateful for everyone
 - who creates this community - for every one of you in person and at home.
 - whose generosity and support ensure financial support for our worship services and ministries - our Annual Fund Campaign pledgers and contributors.
 - to our worship team, music ministry team, and our A/V team for preparing and co-creating worship together with the congregation today.
 - to our facilities and office staff, our membership and faith formation staff, ushers, greeters, and caring team volunteers, for engaging with and caring for our community.
 - Cathy Houston for the beautiful flower arrangement.
- ❖ **Next Sunday, March 3, 2024**
 - **9 AM: Quiet Callings with Rev. Abhi Janamanchi**
 - **10:30 AM: Rev. Abhi Janamanchi “Change is Constant”** - Change. The word is enough to make some people shudder in anticipation – like waiting for the other shoe to drop. For others, it’s the juice that makes life most interesting. No matter what your feelings, there is one truth about change: change is constant. How we choose to risk – or resist – change, determines what transformations take place in our own lives.

Lean on Me

Words & Music - Bill Withers

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow.
But if we are wise we know that there's always tomorrow.

Lean on me when you're not strong
and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Please swallow your pride if I have things you need to borrow,
For no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show.

Lean on me when you're not strong
and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry,
I'm right up the road, I'll share your load if you just call me.

Lean on me when you're not strong
and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Just call on me brother when you need a hand.
We all need somebody to lean on.
I just might have a problem that you'd understand.
We all need somebody to lean on.

Blue Boat Home

Words - Peter Mayer / Music - Roland Hugh Prichard

Though below me, I feel no motion
standing on these mountains and plains.
Far away from the rolling ocean
still my dry land heart can say:
I've been sailing all my life now,
never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder
as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder,
casting questions into the deep.
Drifting here with my ship's companions,
all we kindred pilgrim souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens
in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves up holding me,
hail the great winds urging me on,
greet the infinite sea before me,
sing the sky my sailor's song:
I was born up on the fathoms,
never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel,
and the earth is my blue boat home.