

DEAR CEDAR LANE GUESTS & 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 main vestibule 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 NEWS UPDATES: Keep up with current events at Cedar Lane by filling out a guest form at the Welcome Center or online at www.cedarlane.org.

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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 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. Our next **new member orientation is Sunday, September 17 @ 12:15 pm.**

Music Notes: We invite our young singers front and center this morning to welcome us to a new church year, singing the familiar Jamaican folk song *Alle, Alle, Alle*. Our glorious Choir returns to the Sanctuary with a full palette of new music. *Keep on Moving Forward* is the compelling song of empowerment composed by Pat Humphries of Emma's Revolution. The addition of men's voices singing in harmony underscores the power of the lyrics. Minnesota based composer Elizabeth Alexander has embraced, lifted up, and celebrated love in her spirited, toe tapping anthem *Love is the Spirit of this Church*. Adapting the tune of a Christian hymn, Elizabeth creates stirring harmonies, an eloquent descant, and an opportunity for testimonials, all in the name of L-O-V-E.

Special thanks to our young singers who led us in this morning's gathering song. We look forward to hearing their music in this new church year! We're delighted to have our wonderful Choir back for the year and thank soloists Rachel Moore and Jenny Lynn Moyer, our fabulous accompanist, Dr. Jasmin Lee, and rocking percussionist, Chris Mauro. It's going to be a great church year!

September's Worship Theme is Welcome

"THE WELCOME TABLE"

Revs. Abhi Janamanchi, Katie Romano Griffin, & Archene Turner, Tim Atkins, Norman Allen, & Carolyn Morrissey, Worship Associate

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 | 9 & 11 A.M.



FROM LAST YEAR'S WATER COMMUNION

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

September 10, 2017

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.

* **We Sing** *Alle, Alle, Alle* Jamaican folk song, arr. Will Schmid
Children & Youth singers
Welcome back; Hand in hand; That makes us strong

Welcome Carolyn Morrissey, Worship Associate & Rev. Abhi Janamanchi

* **Kindling the Chalice** Gregory Pelley, adapted
Maureen McNulty & Jim Eaton, 11 am Chalice Lighters

We gather, from the ebb and flow of our lives,
Thirsty for connection to ourselves, to others, and
To the larger Life of which we are a part.
As we light this chalice
May all who gather here be filled
With joy and hope, compassion and love.
Here, may we be filled
So that we may pour ourselves out into the world.

Musical Offering *Keep On Moving Forward* Pat Humphries
Rachel Moore, soloist; Choir

Community Joys & Sorrows Rev. Katie Romano Griffin

Silence

We Sing #1007 *There's A River Flowin' In My Soul* teal hymnal

Story for All Ages *Sammy the Seaweed* Norman Allen, Tim Atkins

Anthem *Love Is the Spirit of this Church* Elizabeth Alexander
Jenny Lynn Moyer, soloist; Choir
Melissa Reichley, Laurie Flaherty, Sandy Dawsey - testimonials
Dr. Jasmin Lee, piano; Chris Mauro, percussion

Homily Rev. Janamanchi

Offertory *Toccata from "Organ Symphony No. 5"* Charles-Marie Vidor
Dr. Jasmin Lee, organ

The Water Ceremony

Congregational Response: *We are the stream of life.*

Blending the Waters *There's A River/Peace, Salaam, Shalom*
When invited to do so, please come forward, beginning with the front rows, to pour your water into the common vessel. Once you have poured your water, please move to the side of the room and towards the back so the community can form a circle around the sanctuary.

Blessing the Waters

* Benediction

* **We Sing** *Peace, Salaam, Shalom* Pat Humphries and Sandy O
Immediately following the service, weather permitting, please join the ministers in the Memory Garden to remember all those who have died this year in our individual lives and in our religious community.

DEPART TO SERVE

* Please rise in body and/or in spirit