

3/17/24

# Spirit Experience: Ramadan



## *Enter to Worship*

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

### **Ingathering Music**

*An Nabi (The Prophet)  
Al Burdah (The Cloak)*

Zaynab Ensemble  
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### **^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).*

### **Prelude**

*"Ramadan"* by Maher Zain, arr. Pratama Alamsyah  
Libby Wiebel, piano

### **Welcome**

Rev. Abhi Janamanchi

### **Call to Worship** *from Mawlānā Jalāl ad-Dīn Rūmī*

Rev. Janamanchi & Kamyar Arsani

### **^Kindling the Chalice**

David Devlin-Foltz, Worship Associate  
*from Mawlānā Jalāl ad-Dīn Rūmī*

There came a lock, but the key is with us.  
Ramadan shut our mouths and opened our eyes, and now,  
the light that the eyes beheld is with us forever.  
We have purified our heart and soul by fasting,  
even though the body is still with us.  
Even though there is suffering in fasting,  
the unseen treasure of the heart is with us.  
Ramadan came to serve the heart.  
As for the One who created the heart,  
the One is with us.

### **^Hymn**

*Come, Come Whoever You Are*  
Words: Adapted from Baba Afzal Kashani, Music: Lynn Ungar

Though you have broken your vows a thousand times

Come, Come Whoever You Are, Wanderer Worshiper,  
Lover of Leaving,  
Ours is no caravan of despair, come, yet again come.

### **Affirmation**

Jill Russ

### **Joys and Sorrows**

David Devlin-Foltz

## Silence

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

## Guided Meditation

Rev. Janamanchi

## Musical Offering

Kamyar Arsani

## Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Janamanchi



Our Give the Plate Offering supports our efforts to assist Afghan refugee families. You can give by texting CLUUC \$ to 73256, online <https://bit.ly/CedarLaneGiveNow>, Paypal <https://bit.ly/cedarlanepaypal>, QR Code, or the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity and support!

## Offertory

Kamyar Arsani

## Reflection

Imam Tarif Shraim

## Musical Offering

Kamyar Arsani

## Announcements

Rev. Janamanchi

## Benediction

Rev. Janamanchi

## Postlude

### **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.
- ❖ Thank you to
  - our ministry and worship, music ministry, our A/V teams, and our guests Kamyar Arsani & Imam Tarif Shraim for preparing and co-creating worship together with the congregation today.
  - our facilities and office staff, our membership staff, ushers, greeters, and Caring Team volunteers, our faith formation staff and volunteers for engaging with and caring for our community.
  - Sheila Advani for the beautiful flower arrangement. The flowers are in memory of Betty May Cleary and donated by her friends.
- ❖ **Next Sunday, March 24, 2024**
  - **10:30 AM: Celebration Sunday: Building a New Way with Rev. Bill Sinkford-** Through stories, music, and reflection, we'll discover how each of us plays a vital role in co-creating a religious community rooted in justice, compassion, and inclusivity. Don't miss this opportunity to be uplifted and empowered as we envision and build a new way forward together.