

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 spiritual home 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. Please see our announcements insert for information about upcoming newcomer opportunities.

Music Notes: We're delighted to welcome Minnesota singer/song writer Peter Mayer back to the Cedar Lane Sanctuary. Traversing the continent for more than two decades, Mr. Mayer writes and sings songs about the beauty and mystery of the world. From his website he is described as "a magician;" one who writes "beautifully crafted songs that pose eternal questions;" one who takes on complicated topics but "strives to look beyond the easy sentiment;" and as a writer whose "songs are crafted like Shaker furniture, with no place for embellishments or superfluous lines." Welcome back to Cedar Lane, Peter!

Bell Canto honors this first day of Hanukkah with a medley of two traditional songs; *I Have a Little Dreydl* and *S'vivon*. Both songs refer to the four-sided top that is spun in a children's game of chance, each side of the top bearing a Hebrew initial from the phrase "Great Miracle Happened There."

Special thanks to the ringers of Bell Canto and to the Choir, Dr. Jasmin Lee, and percussionist Chris Mauro for creating such an exciting worship atmosphere with Peter Mayer!



CEDAR LANE
WHERE **LOVE** WORKS

December's Theme is Mystery

Where is
the Light?

*Rev. Katie Romano Griffin, Intern Minister
Christin Green, Musical Guest Peter Mayer,
& Worship Associate Ezra Towne*

December 9, 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 9, 2018

9 & 11 am

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 with the Prelude.

Welcome

The Rev. Katie Romano Griffin, Assistant Minister,
& Ezra Towne, Worship Associate

Prelude: *Spin the Dreydl*

traditional Hanukkah, arr. Michael W. Joy
Bell Canto of Cedar Lane

All are invited to silently light a candle, signifying a personal joy, sorrow or concern at the side of the Sanctuary during the Prelude.

Kindling of the Menorah

Cedar Lane's Jewish UU Affinity Group & Anne Chernikoff

* Chalice Lighting (in unison)

The Rev. Cynthia Landrum

For the wonder and inspiration
We seek from sun and stars
And all the lights of the heavens
We light this chalice.

Anthem: *Holy Now*

Peter Mayer

New Member Recognition (11 am)

Sara Davidson,
Director of Communications and Membership Engagement
Michele Suddleson, Shira Ehrlich, Ingrid Vormwald

* We Sing: *Church of the Earth*

Peter Mayer
Congregation, Choir, Dr. Jasmin Lee, piano; Chris Mauro, percussion

Community Joys & Sorrows

Ezra Towne

Silence

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

Anthem: *Beautiful Child of the World*

Peter Mayer

Reading: "Let Us Be United in Spirit" (adapted) by John Cummings

Rev. Romano Griffin

Anthem: *Do You Really Want to Know*

Peter Mayer

Homily: "Where is the Light?"

Rev. Romano Griffin

* We Sing: *Where is the Light*

Peter Mayer

Offertory: *Green*

Peter Mayer

Closing Words

Postlude: *The Longest Night*

Peter Mayer

*Please join us in the Library following the 11 am service
to greet and welcome our newest members into our spiritual community
...with some cake!*

* Please rise in body and/or in spirit