

12/17/23

Holidays & Holy Days



Enter to Worship

^Please rise in body and/or in spirit.

Ingathering

*Solstice Carol
A La Nanita Nana*

Cedar Lane Quartet, Dr. Jasmin Lee, piano
Traditional Latin American, Cedar Lane Choir, Jenny Crane, guitar

^Greet your Neighbor

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

Rev. Abhi Janamanchi

Prelude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel Traditional, arr. Kevin McChesney
Cedar Lane Bell Choir, director Libby Wiebel

Invocation

from Jan Richardson

^Kindling the Chalice

Ezra Towne, Worship Associate

We gather together on this day as fellow sojourners
Looking for light, for hope, for peace, and for love.
We gather as people from many backgrounds, many faiths,
Many cultures, and many spiritual paths.
As we light this chalice, we gather as one body
Looking for a message to all of humanity.
A message that there is hope, peace, and love

^Hymn #243

Jesus, Our Brother
Words: Bruce Findlow/Music: Patrick L. Rickey

Celebrating the Nativity

Haunting House Class

^Hymn #226

People Look East
Words: Eleanor Farjeon, Music: Traditional French carol

New Member Recognition

Rev. Abhi Janamanchi, Nicolle Singer, Michael Thoryn

New Members:

We join this religious community with joy and hope in our hearts, pledging to support and participate in the mission and ministries of this congregation. We covenant to join you in a common quest for religious and spiritual understanding, and for the common purpose of co-creating the beloved community. We seek your welcome as we join you on this journey.

Congregation:

We welcome you as you come with anticipation and joy as we were once welcomed. We hope that you will find here, room to grow and flourish, in mind, body, and spirit. We accept you into our community as companions in the spiritual journey. We covenant to rejoice with you in times of happiness, to grieve with you

in times of sorrow, and, when we fall short of our covenant, to work together to restore it. We share with you all the blessings of our free faith as we co-create the beloved community.

Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

Ezra Towne

Silence

Musical Offering

Still, Still, Still German Carol, arr. Ann Buys, Libby Wiebel, piano

Reading *Winter Solstice* - Rebecca Parker

Kathleen Reedy

^Hymn #1063

Winter Solstice Chant
Words & Music: Phillip Palmer

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Janamanchi

Our Give the Plate Offering supports **Shepherd's Table**. 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

One Light by Evan Ramos,
Cedar Lane Choir, Dr. Jasmin Lee, piano, Libby Wiebel, director

Reading *The Miracle* - Mark Belletini

Ezra Towne & Rev. Abhi Janamanchi

Musical Offering

The Christians & the Pagans, by Dar Williams
Jenny Crane, vocal & guitar

Reading *The Emperor's Tea* - Harold Stewart

Rev. Abhi Janamanchi

^Hymn #241

In the Bleak Midwinter
Words: Christina Georgina Rossetti, Music: Gustav Theodore Holst

Announcements

Closing Words *RipCORDS & Zipcodes* - Jane Rzepka

Rev. Abhi Janamanchi

Postlude

Frosty the Snowman, arranged by Dan Coates, 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 each and every one of you in person and at home. Thank you,
 - our ministry and worship team, music ministry and our A/V team 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.
 - Kate Harrison for the beautiful flower arrangement.
- ❖ **Next Sunday, December 24, 2023**
 - **10:30 am Christmas Eve Morning: Season's Callings- Abhi Janamanchi & Libby Wiebel**
 - **4 pm Christmas Eve Pageant - Rev. Dayna Edwards, Children's Choir, Steve Jones Trio**
Join us in the Sanctuary for a Christmas service designed especially for families with young children, as well as the "young at heart" of all ages!
 - **8 pm Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols - Abhi Janamanchi, CL Choir, String Quartet**
Join us both in-person in the Sanctuary and online for this service of lessons and carols.