

# The First Parish in Portland, Maine

A Warm & Welcoming Place in the Heart of the City

February 5, 2012 10:00 AM

Ring the Bell

Prelude *Nay Taqsim* (Improvisation on the Arabic flute)

*Bashraf Bulbul al Afra* Ibrahim Sahlun  
Eric LaPerna, nay; Megumi Sasaki, violin; Dorothy Barker, tabla

Welcome and Announcements Reverend Christina Sillari

\*\*Opening Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* #115

## Opening Prayers

Al-Adhan Call to Prayer Madeleine Hanna

The Dhikr  
La'ilaha 'illa-ILah Repetition of Divine Names  
*There is no God but God*

Al-Fatihah Opener of the Book, Qur'an 1  
Members of the First Parish Choir

Lighting Our Chalice

Unison Affirmation

*Love is the doctrine of this church  
The Quest for truth is our sacrament  
And service is our prayer  
This is our great covenant  
To dwell together in peace,  
To seek truth in love,  
And to help one another  
To the end that all souls shall grow  
Into harmony with the divine.*

Time for All Ages

Candles of Joy and Sorrow

Centering Hymn Spirit of Life #123

Andrew Sawyer, cello

Silent Meditation

Offering to Support Our Shared Ministries

Offertory *Nay Taqsim*  
*Sama'i Aryan* Ibrahim al'Aryan  
Eric LaPerna, nay; Megumi Sasaki, violin; Madeleine Hanna, duff

Responsive Reading *Beloved Presence* #607  
From Shams Ud-Dun  
Mohammad Hafiz

**Sermon Islam Reverend Christina Sillari**

## Closing Ceremony

The Dhikr  
La'ilaha 'illa-ILah *There is no God but God*  
'Ala Baladil Mahbub' *Take me to the Land of the Beloved*  
Riadh al-Sunbati

Closing Hymn *Alhamdulillah (Thanks be to God)* #180

\*\*Benediction *Alla humma anta Salam* *Oh God You are Peace*  
from the Salah (ritual prayer)

\*\*Extinguishing the Chalice

*We extinguish this Flame, but not the Light of Truth,  
the Warmth of Community, or the Fire of Commitment.  
These we carry in our hearts, until we are together again.*

Postlude *Hat Ayyuha-ssaqi'* *Serve us oh Cupbearer*  
muwashshah  
Madeleine Hanna, Eric LaPerna and Megumi Sasaki

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\*Please see the insert that accompanies today's Order of Service for a translation of this song.

\*\*Standing in body and/or spirit.

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Thank you.

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