The Path of Love
According to the Spiritual Tradition of Islam

Saturday, July 22, 2023
10:00 am to 2:30 pm
(no charge / lunch provided)

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Presented by The Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society
The Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society hosts a symposium each year that offers an opportunity to better understand the spiritual basis of the religion of Islam. This year, we will be presenting on the topic of Divine Love.

Islam is viewed in many ways. It is recognized as a monotheistic religion and an Abrahamic faith. It is appreciated as a rich tradition from which great historical contributions were made to the development of modern civilization. It is also accepted as a way of life and a source of spirituality for over a billion people on earth today. But what it is not normally associated with, is the concept of love.

It is rarely acknowledged that the very essence of the Islamic faith is based on the notion of love. One of the names of God expressly mentioned in the Quran is Al Wadud, or The Loving. The primary Divine attribute mentioned in the Quran, that of Rahma, defines God’s nature as lovingly compassionate and tenderly merciful, like the nurturing environment of a mother’s womb. And the very purpose of life presented in Islamic theology is to achieve an inner state of peace in which a loving relationship with the Divine is formed, the primary condition for which is kind and caring treatment to all creation.

Please join us as we explore The Path of Love, according to the spiritual tradition of Islam. In addition to presentations titled Divine Love, Union with the Beloved and A (Loving) Mercy to all Mankind, we are very pleased to also have participate:

- **Prof. Michael Birkel** (Professor of Religion at Earlham College, author of Quran in Conversation) to offer reflections from the mystical traditions of Islam and Christianity on the conception of love;

- **Prof. Omid Safi** (Director of Duke University’s Islamic Studies Center, author of Radical Love) to present a talk on the poetry by classical Muslim sages, like Rumi, that expound on the spiritual significance of love.

*We look forward to you joining us for the program!*