

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2019

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candle Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candle Cards are collected until the end of Greetings.

PRELUDE

You've Got a Friend in Me

from *Toy Story* R. Newman (b. 1943)

Yulia Yun, piano

INTROIT

Oh! Had I Jubal's Lyre music: *G. F. Handel* (1685 - 1759)

from *Joshua* text: *Thomas Morell* (1703 - 1784)

Hana Omori, soprano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

KINDLING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent I: Hope John Markham O'Connor

GREETINGS

THE MITTEN TREE Carol Fisher

O Tannenbaum *16th century German carol*

arrangement: *Vince Guaraldi* (1928 - 1976)

Yulia Yang, piano

*HYMN 235

Deck the Hall

1 Deck the hall with boughs of holly, fa la la la la, la la la la.

'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la, la la la la.

Don we now our gay apparel, fa la la la la, la la la.

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, fa la la la la, la la la la.

2 See the blazing Yule before us, fa la la la la, la la la la.

Strike the harp and join the chorus, fa la la la la, la la la la.

Follow me in merry measure, fa la la la la, la la la.

While I tell of Yuletide treasure, fa la la la la, la la la la.

3 Fast away the old year passes, fa la la la la, la la la la.

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, fa la la la la, la la la la.

Sing we joyous all together, fa la la la la, la la la.

Heedless of the wind and weather, fa la la la la, la la la la.

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson* and *Randy Scruggs* (b. 1953)

adaptation: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*

arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Open my heart to be a sanctuary

All made holy, loved and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for you

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit
of this congregation,
And service is our gift.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To speak our truths in love,
And to help one another.

El amor es el espíritu
de nuestra congregación
Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
Convivir en paz,
Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*HYMN 410

Surprised by Joy

1 Surprised by joy no song can tell, no thought can compass, here
we stand to celebrate eternal love, to reach for one another's hand.

2 Beyond all other gifts is this, best gift, alone to mortals given; the
love of parent, lover, friend attunes our hearts to bliss of heaven.

3 Faith, hope, and love here come alive; life's deepest treasure is
made known when in forgiving, giving all, inseparably, two are as
one.

SERMON

Spiritual Friendship Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

That's What Friends Are For *Burt Bacharach* (b. 1928)
and *Carole Bayer Sager* (b. 1947)

In honor of those lost to AIDS and those who carry on

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and
engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 290 years,
the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington
Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in
downtown Boston. Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the
church and the larger community – half of the unpledged offering



is shared with a partner in our mission of love, service,
justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may
text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509 (all texted gifts
support church operations) or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

Ue o Muite Aruko *Kyu Sakamoto* (1941 - 1985)

(I look up when I walk)

Hana Omori, soprano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*Director of Music Mark David Buckles and the Arlington Street Choir
are away today and look forward to being with you next Sunday!*

***HYMN 354**

We Laugh, We Cry

1 We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our song. We need to feel there's something here to which we can belong. We need to feel the freedom just to have some time alone. But most of all we need close friends we can call our very own. And we believe in life, and in the strength of love; and we have found a need to be together. We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts to receive; and we believe that sharing is an answer.

2 A child is born among us and we feel a special glow. We see time's endless journey as we watch the baby grow. We thrill to hear imagination freely running wild. We dedicate our minds and heart to the spirit of this child. And we believe in life, and in the strength of love; and we have found a time to be together. And with the grace of age, we share the wonder of youth, and we believe that growing is an answer.

3 Our lives are full of wonder and our time is very brief. The death of one among us fills us all with pain and grief. But as we live, so shall we die, and when our lives are done the memories we shared with friends, they will linger on and on. And we believe in life, and in the strength of love; and we have found a place to be together. We have the right to grow, we have the gift to believe that peace within our living is an answer.

4 We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life. We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife. We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind. And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find. And we believe in life, and in the strength of love, and we have found a joy being together. And in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see: even to question, truly is an answer.

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

***RECESSIONAL** (*sung twice; please join in!*)

Where You Go (I Will Go) *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)
choral arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Where you go I will go, beloved
Where you go I will go
Where you go I will go, beloved
Where you go I will go
For your people are my people
Your people are mine
Your people are my people
Your divine, my divine

POSTLUDE

English Suite No. 6 in D Minor BWV 811 *J.S. Bach* (1685 - 1750)
VI. Gavotte I & II
Yulia Yun, piano

Welcome, Families!

There are activity pages and Sermon Bingo cards in the children's pew, on the right aisle in the front of the sanctuary. If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, there's a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your listening pleasure. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery is on your left before the stairs.

Today's Share the Plate: The Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal (CFELSJ)

Founded by the three New Orleans area Unitarian Universalist congregations, CFELSJ was born during the August that followed Hurricane Katrina. Arlington Street helped to gut and rebuild the flooded downstairs of First Church, where the Center housed and fed thousands of volunteers that poured in from all over the country to help with rebuilding efforts throughout the city. When the worst was over, CFELSJ partnered with The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, and, building on decades of work for racial justice, hosted conversations about the history of white supremacist ideology and classism in New Orleans and created transformational political education workshops for guests from across the country.

The Center's initial model of service was built on housing volunteers. As rebuilding tapered off and revenue from volunteers needing room and board dried up, CFELSJ became unsustainable. This week, after fourteen years of serving the greater New Orleans area, the Center is closing its doors. Unitarian Universalists across the country are joining in thanking them and helping to raise \$10,000 to finish paying their staff.

The work of the Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal will live on through its founding congregations and through the extraordinary work they've done and the lives they've touched ... including ours. *Thank you for your generosity!*