

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2021

ADVENT II. PEACE

HAPPY CHANUKAH!

HONORING THE MEMORY OF STEPHEN SONDHEIM

PRELUDE

I Must Be Dreaming, from *All That Glitters* *Stephen Sondheim* (1930 – 2021)

Losing My Mind, from *Follies*

Good Thing Going, from *Merrily We Roll Along*

Anyone Can Whistle, from *Anyone Can Whistle*

Cheng Cheng, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

HYMN 235

Deck the Hall text: *Thomas Oliphant* (1799 – 1873)

music: *16th Century Welsh Carol*

Deck the halls 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 la

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol

Fa la la la la, la la la la

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 la

While I tell of Yuletide treasure

Fa la la la la, la la la la

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 la
Heedless of the wind and weather
Fa la la la la, la la la la

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ Advent 2: Peace Lucy Humphrey
The Peace of Wild Things *Wendell Berry* (b. 1934)

GREETINGS

KINDLING OF THE CHANUKIAH *Traditional Hebrew Text*
translation: *Rev. Joanna Lubkin*

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

Baruch atah Adoshem, Elokeinu melech ha'olam,
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu
l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.
Baruch atah Adoshem, Elokeinu melech ha'olam,
sheh-asah nisim lavoteinu bayamim hahem baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Source of All,
who brings moments of holiness to our lives
through the ritual of lighting the Chanukah lights.
Blessed are You, Source of All,
who brings our attention to miracles
from ages past to this very moment.

HYMN 223

Rock of Ages music: *German Synagogue Melody*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
text: *Leopold Stein* (1810 – 1882)
translation: *Marcus Jastrow* (1829 – 1903) & *Gustav Gottheil* (1827 – 1903), alt.

Angela Yam, soprano
Bek Zekr, mezzo soprano
Daniel Rosensweig, tenor
Andrew Stack, baritone
Cheng Cheng, piano

Maoz tzur y'shuati l'cha naeh l'shabeach
Tikon beit t'filati v'sham todah n'zabeach
L'eit takhin matbeach mitzar hamnabeach
Az egmor b'shir mizmor chanukat hamizbeach

Rock of Ages, let our song praise your saving power
You amidst the raging foes were our sheltering tower
Raging they assailed us, but your arm availed us
And your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us

Kindling new the holy lamps, priests, unbowed by suffering
Purified the nation's shrine, brought to G*d their offering
And in lands surrounding hear the joy abounding
Happy throngs singing songs with a mighty sounding

Children of the prophet's word whether free or fettered
Wake the echoes of the songs where you may be scattered
Yours the message cheering that the time is nearing
Which shall see nations free, tyrants disappearing

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

To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit it in advance [here](#). During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.

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.
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HYMN 221

Light One Candle *Peter Yarrow (b. 1938)*
from *Peter, Paul, and Mary*

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor
Angela Yam, soprano
Mark David Buckles, baritone

Light one candle for the Maccabee children with thanks
that their light didn't die.
Light one candle for the pain they endured
when their right to exist was denied.
Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice justice and freedom demand.
But light one candle for the wisdom to know
when the peacemaker's time is at hand.

Don't let the light go out, it's lasted for so many years.
Don't let the light go out, let it shine through our love and our tears.
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Don't let the light go out, let it shine through our love and our tears.

Light one candle for the strength that we need to never
become our own foe.
Light one candle for those who are suff'ring the pain
we learned so long ago.
Light one candle for all we believe in, that anger won't tear us apart.
And light one candle to bring us together with peace
as the song in our heart.

Don't let the light go out, it's lasted for so many years.
Don't let the light go out, let it shine through our love and our tears.
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What is the mem'ry that's valued so highly we keep it alive in that flame?
What's the commitment to those who have died
when we cry out they've not died in vain?
Have we come this far always believing that justice would somehow prevail?
This is the burden and this is the promise and this is why we will not fail.

Don't let the light go out, it's lasted for so many years.
Don't let the light go out, let it shine through our love and our tears.
Don't let the light go out, it's lasted for so many years.
Don't let the light go out, let it shine through our love and our tears.

Don't let the light go out!
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Don't let the light go out!

SERMON

The Miracle of Light Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Sunday text & music: *Stephen Sondheim* (1930 – 2021)
arrangement: *Mac Huff* (b. 1955)

from *Sunday in the Park with George*

Angela Yam, soprano
Bek Zekr, mezzo soprano
Daniel Rosensweig, tenor
Andrew Stack, baritone
Cheng Cheng, piano

Sunday
By the blue, purple, yellow, red water
On the green, purple, yellow, red grass
Let us pass
Through our perfect park

Pausing on a Sunday
By the cool, blue, triangular water
On the soft, green, elliptical grass
As we pass through arrangements of shadows
Towards the verticals of trees

Forever
By the blue, purple, yellow, red water
On the green, orange, violet mass
Of the grass

In our perfect park
Made of flecks of light
And dark
And parasols

People strolling through the trees
Of a small suburban park
On an island in the river
On an ordinary Sunday
Sunday...
Sunday...

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. You can text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509 or scan the QR code to give any



amount you'd like. Even more helpful for cash flow would be to set up [automatic payments](#) via bank transfer or credit card. Our treasurer, Liz Teixeira, (treasurer@ascboston.org) would be happy and grateful to assist you with this process! In addition, please consider making an extra gift to sustain Arlington Street this month. Closer than ever, we can thrive!
Thank you for your steadfastness and support!

OFFERTORY

Anyone Can Whistle, from *Anyone Can Whistle ... Stephen Sondheim* (1930 – 2021)

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor; Cheng Cheng, piano

Anyone can whistle, that's what they say – easy
Anyone can whistle, any old day – easy
It's all so simple
Relax, let go, let fly
So someone tell me, why can't I?

I can dance a tango, I can read Greek – easy
I can slay a dragon, any old week – easy
What's hard is simple
What's natural comes hard

Maybe you could show me how to let go
Lower my guard
Learn to be free
Maybe if you whistle
Whistle for me

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

DECEMBER SHARE THE PLATE: THE MEMORY PROJECT

Founded by visionary Ben Schumacher in 2004, The Memory Project (memoryproject.org) began with the idea of providing handmade, heartfelt portraits as special mementos to children in orphanages around the world. Since then, it has expanded its mission to connecting youth through art to help build cultural understanding and international kindness.

When Afghanistan fell to the Taliban this September, The Memory Project organized flights to Pakistan for seven families who had been working with them and were in grave danger as “collaborators” with Americans. The Memory Project rented two houses in Islamabad, where 33 Afghan refugees — 20 children, 7 women, and 6 men — are now entirely in their care.



One hundred percent of our gifts will be used for food and basic needs while they await visas to the United States, where host families are waiting to receive them. Our own Rebecca Mesgil has been working with The Memory Project for many years. Thanks to Rebecca for connecting Arlington Street with this extraordinary organization! *Thank you for your generosity!*

HYMN 1028

The Fire of Commitment music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)
text: *Rev. Mary Katherine Morn* (b. 1961) & *Rev. Jason Shelton*

From the light of days remembered
Burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits
Into faith set free from fear

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin

From the stories of our living
Rings a song both brave and free
Calling pilgrims still to witness
To the life of liberty

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin

From the dreams of youthful vision
Comes a new, prophetic voice
Which demands a deeper justice
Built by our courageous choice

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

For our benediction, you are invited to put your hands over your heart in Namaste

I bow to the Divine in You.

RECESSIONAL

Where You Go (I Will Go) *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)
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

Broadway Baby, from *Follies*.....*Stephen Sondheim* (1930 – 2021)
Cheng Cheng, piano

** Out of respect for Arlington Street Church members and friends who are Jewish,
we follow the tradition of not spelling out G*d's name.*



Need help? The Tech Team will be monitoring Arlington Street's Facebook page on Sunday morning. If you need assistance, please post a comment to www.facebook.com/ArlingtonStreetChurch, send a Facebook message, or email Outreach@ASCBoston.org.

Our Christmas decorations were a labor of love—a handmade gift from Robert Holley.

Thank you, Robert!