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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

HAPPY CHANUKAH!

ADVENT II ~ PEACE

PRELUDE

Les Jours Tranquilles..... *André Gagnon (1936–2020)*

Grace..... *Kyungmin Son*

Hyunju Jung, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

KINDLING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ Advent II. Peace

James Foleno, Worship Coordinator

In the Depths of Solitude..... *Tupac Shakur (1971–1996)*

*Hymn 235

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

music: *16th Century Welsh Carol*

~ in honor of Elf Jefe (aka Kevin Tyrrell) and his elves ~

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

**You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.*

Fast away the old year passes
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Hail the new, and raise your glasses
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

GREETINGS

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

Hannah Shanefield, soprano

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.

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* (b. 1950) & *Randy Scruggs* (1953–2018)
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 at ASCBoston.org.
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 out 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 225

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel..... text: *Latin 12th Century*
translation: *John Neale* (1818–1866), adapted
music: *Chant c. 15th Century*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And with your captive children dwell
Give comfort to all exiles here
And to the aching heart bid cheer
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come within as Love to dwell

O come, you Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by your presence here
And dawn in every broken soul
As vision that can see the whole
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come within as Light to dwell

O come, you Splendor very bright
As joy that never yields to might
O come, and turn all hearts to peace
That greed and war at last shall cease
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come within as Truth to dwell

O come, you Wisdom from on high
From depths that hide within a sigh
To temper knowledge with our care
To render every act a prayer
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come within as Hope to dwell

SERMON

Doing Our Part for the Miracle Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Peace Variations *Nick Page* (b. 1952)
after *J. S. Bach* (1685–1750)

Peace, Shalom, Salaam, Pacem, Shanti, Peace

When the source of power is the flame of hate,
Then a world of enemies makes war.
But when the source of power is the light of love
Then a world, one family, makes peace.

Peace – in the power of love, not in the love of power

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Since 1729, the support of our community has allowed Arlington Street to thrive as a beacon of love, service, justice, and peace. This congregation is entirely self-supporting. In addition, we share each Sunday's collection with a partner in our vital mission. It's up to us to finance the beloved spiritual community we want to create! Today, we invite you to be part of Arlington Street's story of devotion, innovation, and transformational generosity. Please consider making a special gift to this morning's offering.



WAYS TO GIVE

1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC
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If you're ready to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at tinyurl.com/GiveASC or by contacting Liz Teixeira at Treasurer@ASCBoston.org. Rev. Kim, Rev. Beth, and many of our most devoted members and friends pledge 5-10% of their income each year. In addition, we encourage you to provide now for a future gift to Arlington Street by remembering the church in your will. Thank you for helping to ensure a robust future for our beloved spiritual community!

Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

DECEMBER SHARE THE PLATE: FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER PROGRAM

Friday Night Supper Program was established here at Arlington Street in 1984. Every Friday night, approximately 100 people experiencing homelessness or living in poverty are served a hot, nutritious, home-cooked dinner in our parish hall. The meal is served sit-down, restaurant-style, in a warm, welcoming atmosphere, providing a sense of dignity, choice, and abundance. For more information, please visit www.fridaynightsupper.org. Let's help feed our neighbors!

To make your gift, please visit www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC; scan the QR code above; or text the amount you want to give and the word **SHARE** (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509. *Thank you for your generosity!*

OFFERTORY

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

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
 Samuel LaGrego, tenor
 Hannah Shanefield, soprano

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.

Chorus

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.

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.

Chorus

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.

Chorus

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

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 1028**

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

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

RECESSIONAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

Improvisation
Andrew Stack, 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*