

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2018

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

La Nativité du Seigneur *Olivier Messiaen* (1908 - 1992)

VIII. Les Mages

Kelly Lenahan, organ

INTROIT

Sovereign and Transforming Grace

text: *Frederick Henry Hedge* (1805 - 1890)

music: *Jane M. Marshall* (b. 1924)

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

Sovereign and transforming Grace,

We invoke your quickening power;

Reign the spirit of this place,

Bless the purpose of this hour.

Holy and creative Light,

We invoke your kindling ray;

Draw upon our spirit's night,

As the darkness turns to day.

To the anxious soul impart hope,

All other hopes above;

Stir the dull and hardened heart

With a longing and a love.

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 1: HOPE

Waiting *Rev. David Breeden*

Sarah Foleno, Josh Bookin, and James Foleno

*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 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 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 la.

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

THE MITTEN TREE

Carol Fisher, Rev. Erica Rose Long, and our children

O Tannenbaum *16th century German carol*

arrangement: *Vince Guaraldi (1928 - 1976)*

Kelly Lenahan, piano

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Longtime Sun *Mike Heron (b. 1942)*

from *A Very Cellular Song* arranged: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

May the long - time sun shine up - on you,
All love sur - round you, And the pure
light with - in you guide your way
on, guide your way on.

*At this time, all children are welcome to leave
with Dave Egan, Director of Family Ministry!*

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

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

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.

***HYMNS**

1009 Meditation on Breathing

When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace. When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love.
Breathe in, Breathe out, Breathe in, Breathe out

People Get Ready *Curtis Mayfield* (b. 1942)

People get ready
There's a train a-coming
You don't need no baggage
You just get on board

All you need is faith
To hear the diesels humming
Don't need no ticket
You just thank the Lord

SERMON

On The Spot Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Behold a Star from Jacob Shining text: *Numbers 24:17*
adaptation: *Rev. Henry Wilder Foote* (1838 - 1889)
music: *Felix Mendelssohn* (1809 - 1847)
arrangement: *Archibald T. Davison* (1883 - 1961)

Behold a star from Jacob shining,
And a scepter from Israel rising,
To reign in glory over the nations.

Like some bright morning star is he,
The promise of the coming day,
Beyond the night of sorrow.

Break forth, O light!
We, our joyful hearts uplifting
With thanksgiving,
Hail the brightness of thy rising.

A Note on Today's Anthem

Today's Advent anthem comes from *Christus*, an unfinished oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn. Rev. Henry Wilder Foote, who adapted the words, was a Unitarian and the Minister of King's Chapel in Boston from 1861 until his death in 1889. The score was edited and arranged by Archibald T. Davison, who was the first conductor of the Harvard Glee Club.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 288 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 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 or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

Sweet Spot *Antje Duvekot (b. 1976)*

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

Mark David Buckles, guitar

Once you stood below a mountain
Now you find yourself surprised
This is the sweet spot of your life
'Cause this new view compares to nothing
Gone the hardship of your climb
This is the sweet spot of your life
And it would seem the ice is melting
It seems you've come in from the cold
This is the sweet spot of your life
And all your streams they are now fuller
Than what their riverbanks can hold
This is the sweet spot of your life
So you must hold these days like treasures
In a jewel box in your heart
This is the sweet spot of your life
For you know well they are most precious
Into an old tree you must carve them
This is the sweet spot of your life
May it only sting a moment
When you dive into that blue
This is the sweet spot of your life
'Cause by the time you hit the surface
It has rearranged you
This is the sweet spot of your life
You always wanted something solid
Just one solid thing
Oh but angels are so fickle
They only love you when you sing
But you don't need those fickle angels to shine
This is the sweet spot of your life

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 1028

Fire of Commitment

1. 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 a blaze
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.

2. From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

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

*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
'Cause your people are my people
Your people are mine
Your people are my people
Your divine, my divine

POSTLUDE

Weihnachtsbaum, S. 186 *Franz Liszt* (1811 - 1886)

I. Psallite, Altes Weihnachtslied (Old Christmas Song)

V. Man zuendet die Kerzen des Baumes an

(Lighting the Tree Candles)

Kelly Lenahan, piano

Today in Family Ministry

Today, Carol Fisher, Rev. Erica, and our children will share the story of the Mitten Tree. After the Children's Blessing, Erica and our children will gather in the Hunnewell Chapel for a chalice lighting, a song, meditation, and joys and sorrows. Then we will head down to the Perkins room to create Happy Holiday cards to give to the guests of the Friday Night Supper Program. These cards will be included with the mittens, socks, and gloves donated during today's Mitten Tree Service. The children will return to the sanctuary at the end of the service to join the Arlington Street Choir for the Recessional.

If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, you are welcome to enjoy our nursery/playroom. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery will be on your left before the stairs. The service is piped in for your listening pleasure!

Share the Plate: Friday Night Supper Program

The Friday Night Supper Program was established here at Arlington Street in 1984. Since then, every Friday night, they have provided nutritious, home-cooked meals to Boston's homeless and hungry.

Through the end of the year, our Share the Plate offering will be given to the Friday Night Supper Program. They will be serving a festive holiday meal and distributing warm clothing and goodies to their guests, and will continue to provide hot meals and outerwear throughout the winter. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Darrell Waters*

Candles Chaplain, *Art Nava*

Lead Greeter, *Queen Cheryl*

Lead Usher, *Philip Roberts*

Worship Coordinator, *Melissa Dlugolecki (Hala Hazar, shadow)*

Assistant Treasurers, *Philip Roberts & Scott Schroeder*

Urban Church Awareness

Remember to be mindful of your belongings, and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

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