

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

**\*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 zundet 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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**ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH**  
 Unitarian Universalist

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2018**  
**MITTEN TREE SUNDAY!**  
**ADVENT 1: HOPE**

**8** Unitarian Universalist  
**PRINCIPLES**

1. The inherent **WORTH** and **DIGNITY** of every being
2. **JUSTICE, EQUITY,** and **COMPASSION** in all relations
3. **ACCEPTANCE** of one another and encouragement of **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
4. A free and responsible search for **TRUTH** and **MEANING**
5. The right of **CONSCIENCE** and the use of the **DEMOCRATIC** process
6. The goal of world community with **PEACE, LIBERTY,** and **JUSTICE** for all
7. **RESPECT** for the **INTERDEPENDENT WEB** of which we are a part
8. Building **BELOVED COMMUNITY** by dismantling racism and oppression within ourselves and our world

Arlington Street Church  
 Boston, Massachusetts  
 Founded in 1729

*Gathered in love and service for justice and peace*

# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 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

## 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

## 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

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

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

## 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

*continued on back*