

# Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</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**

Passacaglia in D minor, BuxWV 161

*Dieterich Buxtehude (1637 - 1707)*

Kelly Lenahan, organ

## **INTROIT**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

text: *James Montgomery (1771 - 1864)*

music: *Henry Smart (1813 - 1879)*

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

## **WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS**

*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.*

## **LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 4: LOVE**

The Best Christmas Ever ..... *Orlanda R. Brugnola*

Dave Egan, Director of Family Ministry

## **\*CAROL 231**

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

*(Chorus)* Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?

What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?

*(Chorus)*

3 See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. *(Chorus)*

## **LESSON**

Haul Out the Holly

Rev. Joanna Lubkin, Chaplain, Wellesley College

## **SONG**

We Need A Little Christmas ..... *Jerry Herman (b. 1931)*

Haul out the holly

Put up the tree before

My spirit falls again

Fill up the stocking

I may be rushing things

But deck the halls again now

For we need a little Christmas

Right this very minute

Candles in the window

Carols at the spinet

Yes, we need a little Christmas

Right this very minute

It hasn't snowed a single flurry

But Santa, dear, we're in a hurry

So climb down the chimney

Put up the brightest string

Of lights I've ever seen

Slice up the fruitcake

It's time we hung some tinsel

On that evergreen bough

For I've grown a little leaner

Grown a little colder

Grown a little sadder

Grown a little older

And I need a little angel

Sitting on my shoulder

Need a little Christmas now

For we need a little music

Need a little laughter

Need a little singing

Ringling through the rafter

And we need a little snappy

'Happy ever after'

Need a little Christmas now

Need a little Christmas now

## 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	El amor es el espíritu
of this congregation,	de nuestra congregación
And service is our gift.	Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
This is our great covenant:	Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
To dwell together in peace,	Convivir en paz,
To speak our truths in love,	Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
And to help one another.	Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

### LESSON

A Moon and A Star to Guide Us  
Rev. Liz Weber, Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital

### \*CAROL

Do You Hear What I Hear  
*Noël Regney (1922 - 2002) and Gloria Shayne (1923 - 2008)*

Said the night wind to the little lamb,  
“Do you see what I see?  
Way up in the sky, little lamb,  
Do you see what I see?  
A star, a star,  
Dancing in the night  
With a tail as big as a kite,  
With a tail as big as a kite.”

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,  
“Do you hear what I hear?  
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,  
Do you hear what I hear?  
A song, a song,  
High above the trees  
With a voice as big as the sea,  
With a voice as big as the sea.”

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,  
“Do you know what I know?  
In your palace warm, mighty king,  
Do you know what I know?  
A child, a child,  
Shivers in the cold  
Let us bring him silver and gold,  
Let us bring him silver and gold.”

Said the king to the people everywhere,  
“Listen to what I say!

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

Pray for peace, people everywhere,  
Listen to what I say!  
The child, the child,  
Sleeping in the night  
He will bring us goodness and light,  
He will bring us goodness and light.”

**LESSON**

This Wild and Precious Community

Mark David Buckles, Director of Music

**\*CAROL**

Children, Go Where I Send Thee ..... *African American Spiritual*  
Rev. Fred Small, Minister for Climate Justice, guitar and vocals

**LESSON**

The Angel ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

And there were Shepherds

music: *Johann Sebastian Bach* (1685 - 1750)

text: *Luke 2:8-11, Johann von Rist* (1607 - 1667)

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

And there were shepherds in the same country  
Abiding in the field, keeping watch by night over their flock  
And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them  
And the glory of the Lord shone round about them  
And they were sore afraid  
And the angel said to them...

Be not afraid  
Behold, for I bring good tidings of great joy  
Which shall be to all the people  
For unto you this day a Saviour is born  
Which is Christ the Lord, in the city of David

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light  
And usher in the morning  
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright  
But hear the angel's warning

This child, now weak in infancy  
Our confidence and joy shall be  
The power of Satan breaking  
Our peace eternal making

**OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 289 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

Rejoice Greatly ..... *G.F. Handel* (1685 - 1759)

from *Messiah*

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*CAROL 239

Go Tell It on the Mountain

(Chorus) Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and  
ev'rywhere; go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (Chorus)

2 The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the baby's birth. (Chorus)

3 Down in a lowly manger the humble babe was born, and God  
sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Chorus)

### \*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

We Wish You a Merry Christmas ... *Trad. 16th century English Carol*

We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.

Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## POSTLUDE

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

VI. Les Anges

Kelly Lenahan, organ

*Please help to prepare the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve services*

*by removing the hymnals from your pew*

*and bringing them to the library carts at the Great Doors.*

*Thank you!*

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## Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

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Today for our intergenerational Lessons and Carols, the children will be staying in the sanctuary. If they would like to join Dave in the front right box pews, they are more than welcome to do so!

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!