

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2021

ADVENT III. JOY

PRELUDE

Die ersten Kinderlieder (The First Songs) Op. 206, Vol. III

Carl Reinecke (1824 – 1910)

XIII. Weihnachtslied (Christmas Carol)

XIV. Was bringt der Weihnachtsmann? (What Shall Santa Claus Bring?)

XV. Christkindleins Wiegenlied (The Infant Jesus' Lullaby)

Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song) ... *Amy Grant* (b. 1960) & *Chris Eaton* (b. 1958)

Gesù Bambino (The Infant Jesus) *Pietro Yon* (1886 – 1943)

Cheng Cheng, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Dark of Winter text and music: *Shelley Jackson Denham* (1950 – 2013)

Hannah Shanefield, soprano

Natalia St Jean, soprano

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

Andrew Stack, baritone

Dark of winter, soft and still, your quiet calm surrounds me
Let my thoughts go where they will; ease my mind profoundly
And then my soul will sing a song, a blessed song of love eternal
Gentle darkness, soft and still, bring your quiet to me

Darkness, soothe my weary eyes, that I may see more clearly
When my heart with sorrow cries, comfort and caress me
And then my soul may hear a voice, a still, small voice of love eternal
Darkness, when my fears arise, let your peace flow through me

GREETINGS Patrick Cooleybeck, Worship Coordinator

KINDLING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ Advent 3: Joy

[little tree] *E. E. Cummings* (1894 – 1962)

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)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

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 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 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 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

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.

HYMN 352

Find a Stillness text: Rev. Carl G. Seaburg (1923 – 1998),
(based on a Transylvania text)
music: *Transylvanian Hymn Tune*
arrangement: *Larry Phillips* (1948 – 2018)

Find a stillness, hold a stillness, let the stillness carry me.
Find the silence, hold the silence, let the silence carry me.
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,
I will find true harmony.

Seek the essence, hold the essence, let the essence carry me.
Let me flower, help me flower, watch me flower, carry me.
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,
I will find true harmony.

SERMON

Breathe Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

Meditation on Breathing *Sarah Dan Jones* (b. 1962)
Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals
Julie Metcalf, viola

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

ANTHEM

From the State of Emptiness. *Catherine Dalton* (b. 1963)

Om Mani Padme Hum*

From the state of emptiness,
the self flows freely to the sky
breathing the sweet breath of life

From the state of emptiness,
the self flows deep within the earth
awakening what once was asleep

From the state of emptiness,
I becomes the We,
Self becomes the Whole

From the state of emptiness
the self flows free

Om Mani Padme Hum

**The mantra Om Mani Padme Hum is inscribed on rocks, musical instruments, prayer flags, and prayer wheels in Tibet. Though it cannot be easily translated, it is said to contain the entire teachings of the Buddha.*

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

Breathe (2AM) *Anna Nalick* (b. 1984)

Natalia St Jean, soprano; Mark David Buckles, piano

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 226

People, Look East music: *Traditional French Carol*

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

text: *Eleanor Fargeon* (1881 – 1965)

People, look east, the time is near
Of the crowning of the year
Make your house fair as you are able
Trim the hearth and set the table
People, look east and sing today:
Love the Guest, is on the way!

Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare
One more seed is planted there
Give up your strength the seed to nourish
That in course and flower may flourish
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way!

Stars, keep the watch when night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim
Shining beyond the frosty weather
Bright as sun and moon together
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way!

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

Livre de Noël
VIII. Noël étranger *Louis-Claude Daquin* (1694 – 1772)
Cheng Cheng, piano



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*Our Christmas decorations were a labor of love—a handmade gift from Robert Holley.
Thank you, Robert!*