Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2012

ADVENT 3 ~ JOY

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Hymn 241, In the Bleak Midwinter

Mark David Buckles, guitar & vocals; Joanna Lubkin, vocals

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Joy Catie Scudera, Intern Minister

*HYMN 235

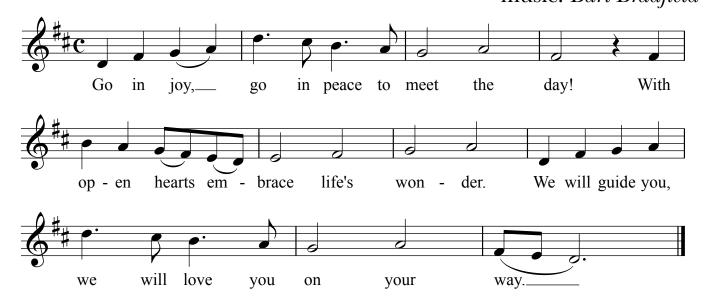
Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly

DECORATING THE MITTEN TREE

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree Johnny Marks (1909-1985) Molly Wood, piano

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction text: Barbara Pescan music: Bart Bradfield



At this time, all children are welcome to join the Children's Religious Education program!

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

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 beginning of the first hymn. After the service, Candle Cards are posted downstairs during coffee hour. You may also submit a candle by Saturday night at the church website, ASCBoston.org, by clicking on "Worship."

Some of us pray with words, some of us pray through action, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and to one another. As you feel called, please join us in singing the chorus of *Healing Prayer*.

Healing Prayer music: Nick Page (b. 1952) text: African American Spiritual "Balm in Gilead" and Nick Page Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano; Julie Gregorio, soprano



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,

El amor es el espíritu

de nuestra congregación

Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.

Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:

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.

*HYMN 55

Dark of Winter

SERMON

Turning Toward the Light Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Over 300 pledging members and friends support the work of Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Please consider a generous donation today! Contributions placed in an envelope will be credited toward your pledge or gift.

OFFERTORY

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella *Trad.*, arr. *Mark Hayes* (b. 1953) Julie Gregorio, soprano; Molly Wood, piano

*HYMN 118

This Little Light of Mine

*Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (sung twice; please join us!)

When You Walk From Here text: Linnea Good

music: Tom Witt, arr. Buckles

When you walk from here, When you walk from here, Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, And with God's humble care.

POSTLUDE

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

TODAY in CRE

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today is mitten tree Sunday and we'll make fleece scarves and write notes for our guests in the Friday Night Supper Program.

The youth group will meet after the service to make their holiday decorations for the Friday Night Supper guests.