

# Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</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

*Weihnachtsbaum* ..... *Franz Liszt* (1811 - 1886)

II. O Holy Night

III. The Shepherds at the Manger (In Dulci Jubilo)

Kelly Lenahan, piano

## INTROIT

Wolcum Yole ..... text: *Anon. 15th century Middle English*  
from *A Ceremony of Carols* music: *Benjamin Britten* (1913 - 1976)

Wolcum, Wolcum,

Wolcum be thou hevenè king.

Wolcum Yole!

Wolcum, born in one morning.

Wolcum for whom we sall sing!

Wolcum be ye Stevene and Jon.

Wolcum Innocentes every one.

Wolcum, Thomas marter one.

Wolcum, be ye, Good Newe Yere.

Wolcum Twelfth Day both in fere,

Wolcum, seintes lefe and dere,

Wolcum Yole!

Candelmesse, Quene of bliss.

Wolcum bothe to more and lesse.

Wolcum be ye that are here.

Wolcum Yole!

Wolcum alle and make good cheer.

Wolcum alle another yere.

Wolcum Yole! Wolcum!

## WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

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

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 3: JOY

Third Sunday of Advent ~ Joy ..... *Rev. Megan Ruth Dowdell*

Sharon Gentges, Rohn MacNulty, and Alden MacNulty

## \*HYMN 236

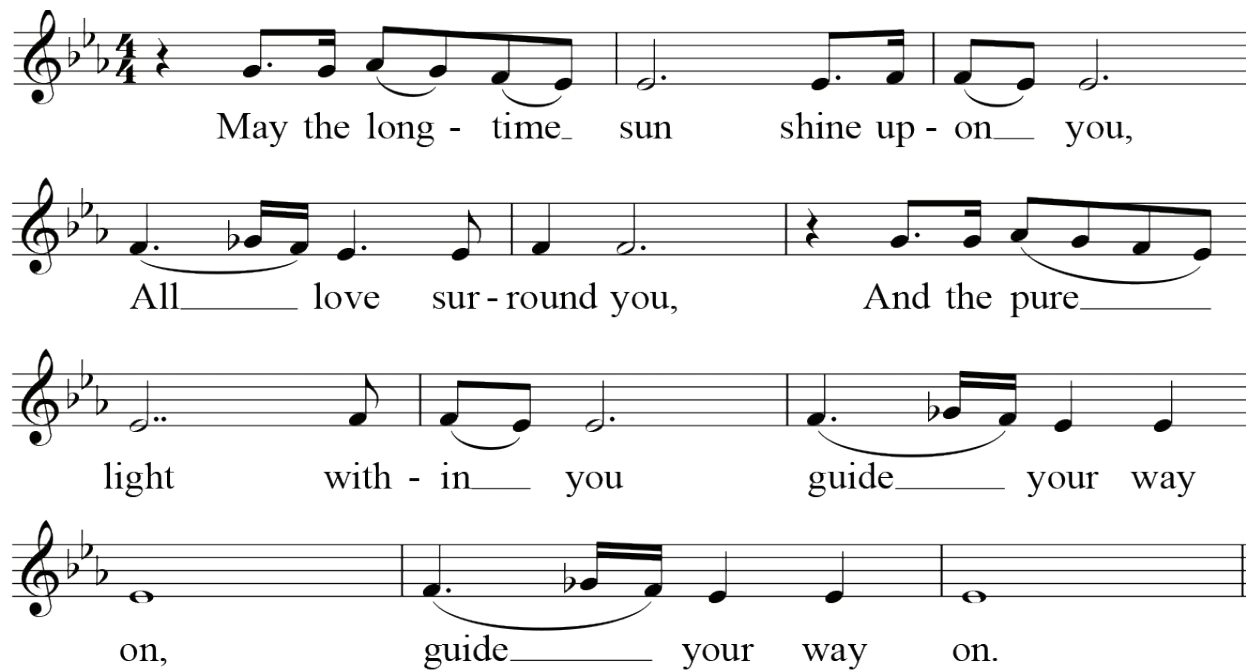
O Thou Joyful Day

1 O thou joyful day, O thou blessed day, gladsome, peaceful  
Christmas-tide. Earth's hope awaken, Love life has taken. Joy, O,  
joy to all at Christmas-tide.

2 O sanctissima, O sanctissima, gladsome, peaceful Christmas-  
tide. Light now is beaming, our souls redeeming. Joy, O, joy to all  
at Christmas-tide.

## 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.
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## \*HYMN 225

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

## SERMON

The Gift of Presence ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

## ANTHEM

Reach Out and Touch (Somebody's Hand)

*Nickolas Ashford* (1941 - 2011) and *Valerie Simpson* (b. 1946)

arrangement: *Mac Huff* (b. 1955)

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor: Jennifer Soloway, soprano

### *Chorus*

*Reach out and touch*

*Somebody's hand*

*Make this world a better place*

*If you can*

Take a little time out of your busy day

To give encouragement

To someone who's lost the way

Or would I be talking to a stone

If I asked you

To share a problem that's not your own

We can change things if we start giving

### *Chorus*

If you see an old friend on the street

And he's down

Remember his shoes could fit your feet

Try a little kindness you'll see

It's something that comes very naturally

We can change things if we start giving

### *Chorus*

## 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

Open the Door ..... *Judy Collins* (b. 1939)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Sometimes I remember the old days  
When the world was filled with sorrow  
You might have thought I was living  
But I was all alone  
In my heart the rain was falling  
The wind blew and  
The night was callin'  
Come back, come back, I'm all you've ever known

### ***Chorus***

*Open the door and come on in  
I'm so glad to see you my friend  
You're like a rainbow comin' around the bend  
And when I see you smiling  
Well, it sets my heart free  
I'd like to be as good a friend to you  
As you are to me*

There were friends who could always see me  
Through the haze their smiles would reach me  
Saying okay, saying goodbye, saying hello  
Soon I knew just what I was after  
Was life and love, tears and laughter  
Hello, my good friend, hello my darlin'  
What do you know

### ***Chorus***

I used to think it was only me feeling alone  
Not feeling free to be alive to be a friend  
Now I know we all have stormy weather  
The sun shines through when we're together  
I'll be your friend right through to the end

### ***Chorus***

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

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*HYMN

Put a Little Love in Your Heart ..... *Jackie DeShannon* (b. 1941)  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Think of your fellow man	And the world will be a better place
Lend him a helping hand	And the world will be a better place
Put a little love in your heart	For you and me, just wait and see
You see it's getting late	Just wait and see
Oh, please don't hesitate	Take a good look around
Put a little love in your heart	And if you're lookin' down
And the world will be a better place	Put a little love in your heart
And the world will be a better place	And I hope when you decide
For you and me, just wait and see	Kindness will be your guide
Another day goes by	Put a little love in your heart
And still the children cry	Put a little love in your heart ( <i>repeat</i> )
Put a little love in your heart	
If you want the world to know	
We won't let hatred grow	
Put a little love in your heart	

### \*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

Sonata No. 11 in A Major, K. 331 ..... *W. A. Mozart* (1756 - 1791)  
II. Menuetto  
Kelly Lenahan, piano

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## Today in Family Ministry

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Today, after the Children's Blessing, Dave 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 learn about some of our Unitarian Universalist social justice champions and how they helped make the world a fairer place. 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!



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## **Share the Plate: Friday Night Supper Program**

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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 hungry and unhoused people.

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!*