

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2011

LESSONS & CAROLS

WAITING FOR THE LIGHT

PRELUDE

Good King Wenceslas Traditional, Arr. *Ovid Young*
Molly Wood, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Angels from the Realms of Glory .. text: *James Montgomery* (1771-1864)
music: *Henry Smart* (1813-1879)
arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

WELCOME

CHALICE LIGHTING

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent 4: May the Love *Frederick E. Gillis*

CANTICLE

Light These Lights (Hear My Prayer) *Debbie Friedman* (1951-2011)
Mark David Buckles and Joanna Lubkin

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

*HYMN 239

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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 our words, some of us pray through our actions, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and 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; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

Drone

Melody

We pray We

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.

*CAROL

Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer text: *Robert May* (1905-1976)
music: *Johnny Marks* (1909-1985)

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer had a very shiny nose.
And if you ever saw him, you would even say it glows.
All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names.
They never let poor Rudolph join in any reindeer games.
Then one foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say: "Rudolph with
your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"
Then all the reindeer loved him, as they shouted out with glee,
"Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, you'll go down in history!"

LESSON

Into the Dark Rebecca Froom

*HYMN 55

Dark of Winter

LESSON

Dwelling on 90 Laura Evonne Steinman

*SONG 118

This Little Light of Mine

LESSON

By Spirit Alone Joanna Lubkin

*HYMN 223

Rock of Ages Trad. arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

J. Jacob Krause, baritone

Introduction: Choir

Verse 2: Soloists

Verse 1: Congregation

Verse 3: Congregation

LESSON

War Is Over (If You Want It) Mark David Buckles

SONG

Happy Xmas (War Is Over)

John Lennon (1940-1980) & *Yoko Ono* (b. 1933)

Mark David Buckles, guitar

arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

LESSON

Ring Out, Wild Bells! Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

*CAROL 253

O, Come, All Ye Faithful

CANTICLE

O Magnum Mysterium *Francis Poulenc* (1899-1963)
Julie Gregorio, soprano; Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo
Jonathan Price, tenor; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

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

Christmas Time is Here *Vince Guaraldi* (1928-1976)
Molly Wood, piano

***CAROL 231**

Angels We Have Heard on High

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

We Wish You A Merry Christmas *trad. 16th century English Carol*

We wish you a Merry Christmas (3)
and a Happy New Year.

Good Tidings we bring to you and your kin.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

POSTLUDE

Christmas Don't Be Late *Ross Bagdasarian* (1919-1972)
Molly Wood, piano (The Chipmunk Song)

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

TODAY – December 18th, 2011

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

We're so happy that the children are celebrating Lessons and Carols with us this morning! There are special activity bags for the children to enjoy during the service. If your child becomes restless, feel free to ask an usher for directions to our nursery just off the sanctuary, where you can listen to the service, which is piped in.

After the Service, please enjoy potato latkes in honor of the Jewish Holiday of Chanukah, which starts on Tuesday night. During Chanukah, Jews eat food made with oil to remind them that the last of the sacred oil for the temple menorah stayed lit for 8 whole days, when the people thought it would last for just one. Magical for sure!

After latkes, join us from 12:30-2:30 in the Perkins Room for some Sewful fun! Come create quilts for the homeless and other fabric/textiles, sewing crafts. All ages are welcome.

**LET'S COME TOGETHER TO
CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS !**

Holiday Events, Holiday Services

Dec. 20, 8PM Winter Solstice Vespers ~ Beautiful readings,
meditation by candlelight, songs, & wassailing
the trees in the Public Garden

Dec. 24, 5PM Christmas Eve by Candle Light family service

7 & 9PM Community Services with the Boston Gay
Men's Chorus

For more information, visit www.ASCBoston.org. All Are Welcome!

At Your Service:

- * If you would like a large print order of service and hymns,
or Brailled hymns
- * If you are having trouble hearing the service and would
appreciate an assistive listening device
- * If you have mobility challenges and would like assistance

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

Service is Our Gift

Assistant Treasurers, Carol Fisher and Ellen Spencer

Candles Coordinator, Art Nava

Lead Greeter, Reese Millican

Lead Usher, Ellen Spencer

Worship Coordinator, John M. O'Connor

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**IF YOU FELT THIS WAS A GREAT SERVICE,
NEXT WEEK, BRING A FRIEND TO SHARE IN THE JOY!**

SONG

Happy Xmas (War Is Over)

John Lennon (1940-1980) & Yoko Ono (b. 1933)

Mark David Buckles, guitar arr. *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

A very merry Christmas
And a happy New Year,
Let's hope it's a good one,
Without any fear.

War is over if you want it
War is over now.