

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2016

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

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

O Little Town of Bethlehem *Lewis Redner* (1831 - 1908)

O Holy Night *Adolphe Adam* (1803 - 1856)

The First Noel *Traditional English Carol*

March, from *The Nutcracker* *Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky* (1840 - 1893)

Maya Cooleybeck, guitar

INTROIT

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, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: ADVENT 4

Love *Al Ingram and Connie Scanlon*

***CAROL 231**

Angels We Have Heard On High

LESSON

Each Night a Child is Born is a Holy Night

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

THE DEDICATION OF OWEN MICHAEL JANERO

***CAROL**

Away in a Manger text: *Anonymous 19th century*

music: *James R. Murray* (1841 - 1905)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray:
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And take us to heaven, to live with thee there.

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953)*
text adapted by *Crawford Harvie / Buckles*
music arranged by *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

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.

CANTICLE

Let it Go *Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez (b. 1975)*
from *Frozen*

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

LESSON

Snow on Standing Rock Reservation *Laura Evonne Steinman*
Director of Children's Religious Education & Artist in Residence

*CAROL

Let it Snow! text: *Sammy Cahn (1913 - 1993)*
music: *Johnny Marks (1909 - 1985)*

Oh the weather outside is frightful
But the fire is so delightful
And since we've no place to go
Let It Snow! Let It Snow!
Let It Snow!

It doesn't show signs of stopping
And I've brought some corn for
popping
The lights are turned way down low
Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

Let It Snow!
When we finally kiss good night
How I'll hate going out in the
storm!
But if you'll really hold me tight
All the way home I'll be warm

The fire is slowly dying
And, my dear, we're still goodbye-ing
But as long as you love me so
Let It Snow! Let It Snow!
Let It Snow!

LESSON

A Sunshine State Christmas *Beth Robbins, Intern Minister*

***CAROL**

I'll Be Home for Christmas text: *Kim Gannon* (1900 - 1974)
music: *Walter Kent* (1911 - 1994)

I'll be home for Christmas;
You can count on me.
Please have snow and mistletoe
And presents on the tree.
Christmas Eve will find me
Where the love light gleams.
I'll be home for Christmas
If only in my dreams.

LESSON

Jingle Bells Jaimie Dingus
Harvard Divinity School Field Education Student

***CAROL**

Jingle Bells text and music: *James Lord Pierpont* (1822 - 1893)

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way
Bells on bobtail ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight!

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way.
What fun it is to ride and sing
In a one-horse open sleigh.
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way;
Oh! what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

SONG

You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch! text: *Dr. Seuss* (1904 - 1991)
music: *Albert Hague* (1920 - 2001)

Dan Ivy, bass

LESSON

The Grinch Mark David Buckles, Director of Music

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Hope for Resolution*13th Century Christmas Plainsong Chant*
and *South African Freedom Song*
arranged: *Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory*

Matt Meyer, percussion

In its juxtaposition of a European chant melody (Of the Father's Love Begotten) and an anti-apartheid song from South Africa (Thula Sizwe), this piece celebrates our potential for peaceful coexistence and the transforming power of love.

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are,
that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

O that birth forever blessed,
When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the saviour of our race;
And the babe,
the world's redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven
adore him;
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Powers, dominions,
bow before him,
And extol our God and King!
Let no tongue on earth
be silent,
Every voice in concert sing,
Evermore and evermore!

Thula Sizwe

Nation, do not cry.
Jehovah will protect us.
We will attain freedom.
Jehovah will protect us.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 287 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

To Us is Given *Dave Brubeck (1920 - 2012)*

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 239**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

***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 (x3)

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

Joy to the World *Lowell Mason (1792 - 1872)*

piano arrangement: *Dave Brubeck (1920 - 2012)*

Linli Wang, piano

*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!*

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today, children and youth will remain in the sanctuary for the Lessons & Carols service. There is an interactive order of service by the Great Doors with puzzles, a Mad Lib, and color pages! There is childcare available in the nursery as well as an audio feed of the service. To reach the nursery, go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery is on your left before the stairs.