

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 2014

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

PRELUDE

Christmas Medley Special arr. *Kyle Landry* (b. 1990)
Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

INTROIT

Rejoice! Alleluia! *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
Justin Hicks, bass

GREETINGS

***CAROL 233**

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 4

Love Erin, Alex, and Grady Frost

***HYMN 223**

Rock of Ages arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
Introduction: Choir and Soloist
Verse 1: Congregation
Verse 2: Soloist (Justin Hicks, bass)
Verse 3: Congregation

KINDLING THE CHANUKIAH

LESSON

Peace and Darkness *Laura Evonne Steinman*

SONG

Salaam (Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu) *Mosh Ben-Ari* (b. 1970)
arr. *Gayanne Geurin* and *Will Robertson*

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Od yavo' shalom aleinu	Again peace will come upon us
Ve'al kulam	and on everyone.
Salaam	Peace
Aleinu ve'al kol ha olam	Among us and on all the world
Salaam, Shalom	Peace, Peace

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*

Julie Gregorio, soprano; Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

The image shows musical notation for 'Healing Prayer'. It consists of two staves: 'Drone' and 'Melody'. Both are in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The Drone staff has a constant note (G4) with lyrics 'We pray We'. The Melody staff has a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) followed by a quarter note (C5), a half note (B4), a quarter note (A4), a quarter note (G4), a quarter note (F4), and a quarter note (E4).

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.

***CAROL**

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

Oh the weather outside is frightful	When we finally kiss good night
But the fire is so delightful	How I'll hate going out in the
And since we've no place to go	storm!
Let It Snow! Let It Snow!	But if you'll really hold me tight
Let It Snow!	All the way home I'll be warm
It doesn't show signs of stopping	The fire is slowly dying
And I've brought some corn for	And, my dear, we're still goodbye-ing
popping	But as long as you love me so
The lights are turned way down low	Let It Snow! Let It Snow!
Let It Snow! Let It Snow!	Let It Snow!
Let It Snow!	

LESSON

Meditation on the Red-Nosed Reindeer *Chris Alburger*

***CAROL**

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

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

LESSON

Keep Christmas With You Erica Rose Long

*CAROL

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

Hugh Martin (1914-2011) & Ralph Blane (1914-1995)

Have yourself a merry little
Christmas,
Let your heart be light
From now on,
our troubles will be out of sight

Here we are as in olden days,
Happy golden days of yore.
Faithful friends who are dear to us
Gather near to us once more.

Have yourself a merry little
Christmas,
Make the Yuletide gay,
From now on,
our troubles will be miles away.

Through the years
We all will be together,
If the Fates allow
Hang a shining star upon the
highest bough.
And have yourself a merry little
Christmas now.

LESSON

Here's My Heart, O Take and Seal It Mark David Buckles

CANTICLE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

text: *Robert Robinson (1735-1790)*

music: *John Wyeth (1770-1858)*, arr. *Julie Metcalf/Mark David Buckles*

Julie Metcalf, fiddle; Mark David Buckles, guitar

LESSON

Every Day, the Glory is Ready to Emerge from its Debasement

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming text: *Theodore Baker (1851-1934)*

music: *Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)*

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming,
From tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As men of old have sung;
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind;
To show God's love aright,
She bore to men a savior,
When half spent was the night.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

We share half of the morning's offering with a community partner
in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace.

Over 300 pledging members and friends also support the work of
Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week
plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY

Wexford Carol *Traditional Irish Christmas Carol*
arr. *Julie Metcalf/Mark David Buckles*
Julie Metcalf, viola; Mark David Buckles, guitar

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***CAROL 239**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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

Gesù Bambino *Pietro Alessandro Yon (1886-1943)*
Rodger Clinton Vine, piano

*Following this morning's service, Rev. Kim looks forward to greeting you
at the great doors. Mark David Buckles invites those interested
to join him in listening to the postlude.*

*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, CRE will remain in the sanctuary for the Lessons and Carols service. Children and youth may sit with their families or to come together around the white table in the front of the sanctuary.

If your child needs a break from the service, childcare is provided in the Nursery.